**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF SMOAKS**

**NOTICE TO FILE AND GENERAL ELECTION**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Voter Registration & Elections Board of Colleton County announces the **General Election for the Town of Smoaks to be held Tuesday, November 4, 2025** for the purpose of electing **two (2) Town Council Members for terms ending in 2029.**

 Such election will be held in accordance with the statutes of the State of South Carolina and ordinances of the Town of Smoaks governing elections.

 **Anyone desiring to be a candidate for one of the above offices may file at the Voter Registration & Elections Office at 72 Bells Hwy in Walterboro.** **Filing opens noon Monday, August 18, 2025, until noon Friday, August 29, 2025. There is no filing fee.** To obtain the *'Nonpartisan Statement of Intention of Candidacy'* form, please visit [www.scVotes.gov/candidate\_information](http://www.scVotes.gov/candidate_information) and then select *'Filing for Municipal or other Nonpartisan Offices'*. All candidates must also file the ‘*Statement of Economic Interest’* and ‘*Campaign Disclosure’* forms with the State Ethics Commission. These forms must be completed online at [www.ethics.sc.gov](http://www.ethics.sc.gov).

 **This is a non-partisan election and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.**

 Only persons who live within the Smoaks town limits and are registered to vote prior to the deadline of October 5, 2025, will be eligible to vote in this election. To register in person, visit the Voter Registration & Elections Office at 72 Bells Highway, Walterboro, SC 29488 by Friday, October 3 at 5:00 p.m. or register online at [www.scVotes.gov](http://www.scVotes.gov) until Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Voter registration by mail applications will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, October 6, 2025.

Absentee ballots may be requested from the Voter Registration & Elections Office now (843-549-2842). Persons wishing to participate in Early Voting may go to the Voter Registration & Elections Office located at 72 Bells Highway in Walterboro Monday- Friday, October 20 – October 31 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. There is no Early Voting on Saturday.

**Election Day voting will be held at the Colleton County Fire & Rescue Station #7 located at 27250 Lowcountry Hwy in Smoaks. The poll opens at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 7:00 p.m.**

At 6:00 p.m. on Election Day, the Colleton County Board will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at the Voter Registration & Elections Office located in Walterboro.

On Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., the County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in this election. This will take place at the Voter Registration & Elections Office. For more information, please contact us by phone at 843-549-2842 or email us at voterregistration@colletoncounty.org.

 Any run-off will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

**BY ORDER OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS BOARD OF COLLETON COUNTY**