**PUBLIC NOTICE OF**

**CANDIDATE FILING AND ELECTION**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SALUDA

Candidate Filing Period:

The candidate filing period for the Town of Ward Election for the following Office(s) will open at 8:30 am on Monday, July 31, 2023, and close at 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 17, 2023. Any citizen desiring to be a candidate for this office must file during this period at Saluda County Voter Registration Office during regular business hours.

Mayor term expiring 2027

Council Member (2 seats) expiring 2027

Council Member (1 seat) expiring 2025

Filing Location:

Saluda Voter Registration Office, 4390 Batesburg Hwy, Saluda, SC.

Filing Hours:

Weekdays: Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Filing Form: The Statement of Intention of Candidacy – Nonpartisan form required for filing is available in the “Candidate Information” section of [scVOTES.gov](https://365sc-my.sharepoint.com/personal/abperkins_elections_sc_gov/jcatalano/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/jcatalano/Desktop/scvotes.gov) and at the county voter registration and elections office.

Filing Fee: The filing fee for this office is $0.00. Filing fees are paid at the time of filing by candidates seeking the nomination.

State Ethics Filings: Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests and a Campaign Disclosure online with the State Ethics Commission at <http://ethics.sc.gov>. Failure to file these documents may result in a candidate fine but will not disqualify a candidate from the election. Contact the State Ethics Commission for more information.

The Election for Town of Ward will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Any person wishing to vote in this special election must be registered in person no later than Friday, October 6, 2023, and online by Sunday, October 8, 2023. Mail-in voter registration forms will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, October 9, 2023.

Early Voting: Early Voting for this election will take place at the Saluda County Voter Registration Office, 4390 Batesburg Hwy, Saluda, SC starting Monday, October 23, 2023, to Friday, November 3, 2023, Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. (No Saturdays or Sundays)

At 9:00 AM on the day Monday, November 6, 2023, the Saluda County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at the Saluda County Voter Registration and Election Office at 4390 Batesburg Hwy, Saluda SC 29138.

On Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 8:45 AM, the County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in the special election. This hearing will be held at Saluda County Voter Registration and Election Office at 4390 Batesburg Hwy, Saluda SC 29138.

The following precincts and polling places will be open during the special election from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

**Precincts Polling Place**

 **Ward** Ward Town Hall

 113 E Front Street

 Ward, SC 29166