

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING & CITY OF GAFFNEY SPECIAL ELECTION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CITY OF GAFFNEY

Candidate Filing Period:

Candidate filing period for the City of Gaffney Special Election will open at noon on Friday, October 18, 2024, and close at noon on Monday, October 28, 2024. The following non-partisan offices shall be included in this election:

City Council District 1 (unexpired term)

Any person wishing to file as a candidate must be a Cherokee County registered voter and a resident of Gaffney City Council District 1 for at least 30 days prior to the election.

Filing Location:

Cherokee County Board of Voter Registration and Elections: Cherokee Administration Building, 110 Railroad Ave, Gaffney SC 29340

Filing Hours:

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Filing Forms:

Candidates must file with the Cherokee County Election Commission a Non-partisan Statement of Intention of Candidacy form – this form may be obtained from the County Election Office or from the candidate section of the following website: www.scvotes.gov.

At time of filing Candidates must also pay the following Filing Fee payable to City of Gaffney:

Gaffney City Council - \$500.00

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.

Notice of Election:

The Non-Partisan Special Election for the City of Gaffney City Council District 1 (unexpired term) will be held Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Any person wishing to vote in this election must be registered by December 1, 2024, **AND** live in City Council District 1 for at least 30 days prior to election. Please visit www.scvotes.gov for more information or call 864-487-2563.

Early voting will take place at the Cherokee County Board of Voter Registration and Elections located at 110 Railroad Ave, Gaffney, SC 29340, starting on Monday, December 16, 2024, and ending Friday, December 27, 2024. Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm. Will be closed for holidays December 24-26, 2024.

Deadline to request AND return an absentee by mail application is Friday, December 20, 2024, at 5:00pm. Please call the Voter Registration Office at 864-487-2563 for information.

Any runoff will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, January 14, 2025; early voting would be Wednesday, January 8, 2025 through Thursday, January 10, 2025, 8:30am-5:00pm

Voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs when voting in person:

- S.C Driver’s License
- ID card issued by the DMV
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
- Concealed Weapons Permit

At 9:00 a.m. on December 31, 2024, the Cherokee County Election Commission will begin examining the absentee ballot return envelopes. This examination will be held at the Cherokee County Election Commission office located at 110 Railroad Avenue in Gaffney, SC 29340.

On Friday, January 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., the County Board of Canvassers will conduct a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in these elections. This hearing will be held at the Cherokee County Election Commission office.

ONLY voters who are registered by December 1, 2024 and reside in the City of Gaffney Council District 1 for at least 30 day prior to election are eligible to vote in the Special election. Due to the limited number of registered voters, precincts will be combined for this election only. You may visit www.sevotes.gov or look at your voter registration card to locate your City Council District and precinct.

The following precincts and polling places will be open during the election from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.:

PRECINCT NAME	POLLING PLACE	LOCATION
Gaffney Ward 1	Cherokee Administration Building	110 Railroad Ave
Gaffney Ward 2**	Cherokee Administration Building	110 Railroad Ave
Limestone Mills**	Cherokee Administration Building	110 Railroad Ave

****PLEASE NOTE: ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 WITHIN GAFFNEY WARD 1 & 2 AND LIMESTONE MILLS WILL VOTE AT CHEROKEE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LOCATED AT 110 RAILROAD AVE FOR THIS ELECTION.**