

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING AND SPECIAL PRIMARY

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHEROKEE

Candidate Filing Period:

A special candidate filing period for County Council District 7 Unexpired Term will open at noon on Friday, December 12, 2025, and close at noon on Saturday, December 20, 2025. Any candidate seeking a political party's nomination for this office on the April 14, 2026, Special Election ballot must file during this period with the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections.

Filing Locations:

Cherokee County Board of Voter Registration and Elections: 110 Railroad Ave, Gaffney, SC, 29340; 864-487-2563

Filing Hours:

Friday, December 12, 2025: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 15 – Friday, December 19: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 20, 2025: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Filing Form: The Statement of Intention of Candidacy & Party Pledge (SICPP) form required for filing is available in the “Candidate Information” section of scVOTES.gov or at the county voter registration and elections office.

Filing Fee: The filing fee for this office is pro-rated at \$100.00. Filing fees are paid at the time of filing by candidates seeking the nomination. Filing fee checks should be made payable to the appropriate political party.

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 Primary:

If at the close of filing a party primary is necessary to determine the party nominee (multiple candidates file for one party's nomination), a primary will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. Any necessary runoffs will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Any person wishing to vote in these primaries and runoffs must be registered by Sunday, January 11, 2026 @ 11:59 pm. Voter registration by mail applications will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, January 12, 2026.

Registered electors who cannot vote in person may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Absentee applications must be requested and returned by Friday, January 30, 2026. Voters wishing for more information concerning absentee voting should contact the Cherokee County Voter Registration & Elections Office at (864) 487-2563.

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

- S.C. Driver's License
 - Includes standard License and REAL ID
- S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card
 - Includes standard ID card and REAL ID
 - Includes SC Concealed Weapons Permit
- S.C Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
 - Includes all Department of Defense Photo IDs and Veterans Affairs Benefits Card
- U.S. Passport
 - Includes US Passport ID Card

If you have one of these Photo IDs, you are ready to vote. Voters should remember to bring one of these IDs with them to the polling place. Voters without Photo ID can get one free of charge from the Department of Motor Vehicles or their county voter registration office. Voters who encounter an obstacle to getting a Photo ID should bring their paper voter registration card without a photo with them to their polling place. These voters can then sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and to their obstacle to obtaining a Photo ID and vote a provisional ballot. This ballot will count unless the county board of voter registration and elections has grounds to believe the affidavit is false. For more information on Photo ID, visit scVOTES.gov or contact your county board of voter registration and elections.

Early Voting – Open 8:30 AM to 5 PM Monday, January 26, 2026 – Friday, February 6, 2026. (Closed Saturday and Sunday) @ the Voter Registration and Election Office at 110 Railroad Ave, Gaffney, SC 29340. Early Voting for any Runoff, if necessary, will be open Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – Friday, February 20, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

At 9:00 a.m. on the day of the primary and day of the runoff, the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at the County Voter Registration & Election Office located at 110 Railroad Ave, Gaffney, SC. 29340.

On Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. the Cherokee County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in the primary. On Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., the Cherokee County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in the runoff. These hearings will be held at the County Voter Registration & Election Office located at 110 Railroad Ave, Gaffney, SC. 29340.

The following precincts and polling places will be open during any necessary primaries and runoffs from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.:

<u>Precincts</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Address</u>
Antioch & King's Creek	Antioch Community Bldg	339 Antioch Rd
Blacksburg Ward 1	Blacksburg Museum	100 N. Shelby St
Blacksburg Ward 2	Broad River Baptist Church	419 W. Cherokee St
Holly Grove & Buffalo	Mt. Paran Church	105 Mt. Paran Rd
99 & Cherokee Falls	CKC Fire Dept.	984 Old Chester Rd