

Chapter 6

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***Federal law references**—South Carolina municipalities are covered jurisdictions under Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 CFR 51, Appendix; covered jurisdictions must obtain federal preclearance of voting changes, 42 USC 1973c; procedure for submitting changes to U.S. attorney general, 28 CFR 51.20 et seq.

State law references—Nominations and elections for municipal offices, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-15-10 et seq.; South Carolina election law, S.C. Code 1976 § 7-1-10 et seq.; qualifications for office, dual-office-holding, S.C. Const., Art. XVII, Sec. 1A; no property qualifications; duelists prohibited, S.C. Const., Art. XVII, Sec. 1B.

Sec. 6-1. Wards.

The wards of the town are not printed herein but a description of the town's wards are on file in the clerk-treasurer's office.

(Code 1991, § 6-1)

Sec. 6-2. Nonpartisan elections.

Elections will be nonpartisan and will follow the election and runoff election method authorized by S.C. Code 1976, § 5-15-62, as amended.

(Code 1991, § 6-2; Ord. of 3-31-1992)

Sec. 6-3. Method of representation and election.

The method of election of the members of the town council is a mayor elected at large and four councilmembers, each elected from one of four separate districts.

(Code 1991, § 6-2.1; Ord. of 3-5-1992, § 1)

State law reference—Requirement to provide method, candidates to be electors of town, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-15-20.

Sec. 6-4. Terms of mayor and councilmembers.

Each term of office for mayor and councilmembers shall be a four-year term.

(Code 1991, § 6-3; Ord. of 3-5-1992, § 3)

Sec. 6-5. Place of conducting elections.

All elections shall be held at such locations as council shall by resolution otherwise direct.

(Code 1991, § 6-4)

Sec. 6-6. Voting hours.

The polls shall be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. of the day of the election and will be held open during these hours without intermission or adjournment.

(Code 1991, § 6-4)

State law reference—Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 7-13-60.

Sec. 6-7. Special elections.

Special elections shall be ordered from time to time, as occasion may demand, and when required or permitted by law and shall be ordered and conducted in the manner prescribed by law.

(Code 1991, § 6-6)

State law reference—Conducted as provided in Title 7, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-15-10.

Sec. 6-8. Date of municipal elections.

Municipal elections for the mayor and councilmembers shall be held every two years on the first Tuesday in March in every odd-numbered year.

(Code 1991, § 6-7)

State law reference—Authority to so provide, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-15-50.