



**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON
CITY OF FOLLY BEACH**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a referendum will be held in the City of Folly Beach, South Carolina (the "City"), on July 14th, 2020 (the "Referendum"), for the purpose of submitting to all persons qualified to vote in the City pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, the following question:

QUESTION

Shall the City of Folly Beach, South Carolina, be authorized to acquire by initial construction or purchase and thereafter establish, improve, operate and maintain a water utility system and plants?

Yes, in favor of the question []

No, opposed to the question []

The question is being submitted pursuant to Article VIII, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended, and an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Folly Beach, as the governing body of the City (the "City Council") enacted on December 3rd, 2019. If a majority of the qualified electors of the City voting in the Referendum approve the question, the City shall be authorized to enter into the water utility business.

Every person offering to vote must be at least 18 years of age on the date of the Referendum, must reside in the City and must be duly registered on the books of registration for the Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration (the "*County Board of Elections*") as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides and offers to vote on or before the date on which said books of registration are closed for the Referendum, and must present either a South Carolina driver's license, another form of identification containing a photograph issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, a passport, a military identification card containing a photograph issued by the federal government, or a South Carolina voter registration card containing a photograph of the voter pursuant to Section 7-5-675, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended. If a voter cannot produce any type of the aforementioned identification at his or her designated precinct, the voter may cast a provisional ballot that is counted only if the voter brings a valid and current photograph identification to the County Board of Elections before the results of the Referendum are certified.

Any person wishing to register to vote in the Referendum, if registering by mail, must either have such registration postmarked no later than 30 days prior to the Referendum, to the Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration, Post Office Box 71419, North Charleston, SC 29415, or appear in person and register at the County Board of Elections office located at 4367 Headquarters Road, North Charleston, SC 29405. Any registered elector who has moved his or her place of residence within the City after the date of the Referendum shall be entitled to vote in his or her previous precinct of residence in the Referendum; provided, however, in case any registered elector shall have moved from one precinct in the City within 30 days prior to July 14th, 2020, and shall have surrendered his registration certificate and has received a new certificate, such elector may vote in the precinct provided by such new certificate. Persons who become of age during the 30-day period preceding the Referendum shall be entitled to register before the closing of the books if otherwise qualified.

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Any person eligible to register to vote in the Referendum who has been discharged or separated from his service in the Armed Forces of the United States prior to July 14th, 2020, and has returned home too late to register at the time when registration is required, is entitled to register for the purpose of voting in the Referendum after the discharge or separation from service, up to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the Referendum. This application for registration must be made at the office of the County Board of Elections, and if qualified, the person must be issued a registration notification stating the precinct in which he is entitled to vote and should be placed on the registration rolls of the precinct.

The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the polling places designated below and shall be open during those hours without intermission or adjournment. Appropriate vote recorders will be provided at the polling places for the casting of ballots on the aforesaid question. Managers of Election will be appointed by the City's Municipal Election Commission. The precincts (or portions thereof) within the City and locations of the several polling places for such Referendum are as follows:

PRECINCT: Folly Beach 1, Folly Beach 2, James Island 1A, and James Island 1B

POLLING PLACE: **Baptist Fellowship Hall**
61 West Indian
Folly Beach, South Carolina

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration contact number is (843)744-8683.

Voters who are blind, who are otherwise physically handicapped, or who are unable to read or write are entitled to assistance in casting their ballot. This assistance may be given by anyone the voter chooses except for his employer, an agent of his employer, or an officer or agent of his union. The Managers of Election must be notified if assistance is needed. Voters who are unable to enter their polling place due to physical handicap or age may vote in the vehicle in which they drove, or where driven, to the polls. When notified, such Managers of Election will help voters effectuate this curbside voting provision. Registered voters may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Persons wishing more information concerning absentee balloting should contact the County Board of Elections by telephone at (843) 744-8683 or email at bevr@charlestoncounty.org. At 9:00 a.m. on the day of the election, the County Board of Elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at the offices of the County Board of Elections, located at 4367 Headquarters Road, North Charleston, SC 29405. Persons wishing more information concerning absentee balloting should contact the County Board of Elections by telephone at (843) 744-8683.

After the Referendum, the City's Municipal Election Commission shall hold a hearing on Thursday July 16th, 2020 at 10:00am to certify the results of the Referendum and, if necessary, to determine the validity of ballots challenged in the Referendum at Council Chambers located at 21 Center Street, Folly Beach, South Carolina. The date of the hearing is subject to change and upon any such change, due notice shall be provided by the City's Municipal Election Commission.

Laura Angermeier, Commissioner
Pat Poole, Commissioner
Mechelle Neunsinger, Commissioner