**NOTICE OF GENERAL NON-PARTISAN ELECTION**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

COUNTY OF HORRY )

CITY OF LORIS )

 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a general non-partisan election will be held in the City of Loris, South Carolina on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for the purpose of electing a mayor and three members of city council for terms of four years beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2028.

Candidates shall provide proof of residency, file a Statement of Candidacy, Statement of Economic Interest, and pay the required filing fee. The filing fee for the office of mayor is $75 and for city council is $50.00. Filing Fees shall be paid to the city clerk during regular working hours of the city. The books for filing will open at noon on August 24, 2023, and close at noon on September 7, 2023.

POLLING PLACES SHALL BE: EAST LORIS PRECINCT (Loris Elementary School on Highway 9, Business East) and WEST LORIS PRECINCT (Public Safety Building on Walnut Street). The polls will open at 7:00 o’clock in the forenoon and close at 7:00 o’clock in the afternoon on the date fixed for the election.

MANAGERS / ADMINISTRATION OF THE ELECTION. The Loris City Council has given first reading to an ordinance that will transfer authority to conduct municipal elections to the Horry County Elections Commission. A public hearing and 2nd reading vote concerning the ordinance is scheduled for August 21, 2023. If accepted by Horry County prior to the 2023 general election, administration of the election will be undertaken by the Horry County. Alternatively, if the transfer is not accepted by Horry County prior to the 2023 general election, Managers for the election shall be appointed by the Municipal Election Commission for the City of Loris. Whether or not the transfer is accepted by Horry County, the deadline and filings for candidacy will remain the same.

If the election is administered by the Municipal Election Commission for the City of Loris, the process of examining the return-addressed envelopes containing absentee ballots may begin at 2:00 pm on election day at Loris City Hall, 4101 Walnut Street, by the Municipal Election Commission. Alternatively, if the transfer is accepted by Horry County prior to the 2023 general election, the process of examining the return-addressed envelopes containing absentee ballots will begin at 9:00 am in the offices of the Horry County Elections Commission 1515 4th Avenue Conway SC 29526.

If the election is administered by the Municipal Election Commission for the City of Loris, the Municipal Election Commission will hold a hearing at 10:30 AM on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at the Loris City Hall, 4101 Walnut Street, for the purposes of ruling on challenged ballots and certifying the election results. Alternatively, if the transfer is accepted by Horry County prior to the 2023 general election, the Horry County Elections Commission will hold a hearing at 10:00 AM on Thursday November 9, 2023, in the offices of the Horry County Elections Commission 1515 4th Avenue Conway SC 29526, for the purposes of ruling on challenged ballots and certifying the election results.

Any run-off will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING**

1. REGISTRATION: Every person offering to vote must be duly registered on the Horry County Books of Registration as an elector at the precinct in which he/she offers to vote. The last day to register by mail or in person is October 6, 2023.
2. QUALIFICATIONS AS TO RESIDENCE: Every person offering to vote must have resided in the State of South Carolina, in the County of Horry, in the City of Loris, and in the precinct in which he/she offers to vote for not less than thirty (30) days prior to the election.

**CITY OF LORIS** **MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

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