



Ordinance 677

An Ordinance establishing the procedure for the 2025 Biennial Municipal Elections.

Sponsored By: Mayor and Council

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WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 900 (a), of the Charter of the Town of Elsmere requires that a regular municipal election be held on the last Saturday in April 2011, and on the last Saturday in April each two years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 900 (a), of the Charter of the Town of Elsmere requires that the Mayor and Council pass an ordinance that sets the Rules and Regulations concerning the nomination and election process for the regular municipal elections;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ELSMERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That in addition to the requirements of the Charter of the Town of Elsmere, the Code of the Town of Elsmere and the Delaware State Law, the following shall be considered the Rules and Regulations for the 2025 Municipal Elections.
2. In accordance with Section 900 (a), of the Charter of the Town of Elsmere, the 2025 regular municipal election shall be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025.
3. The hours during which the polls shall be open on this date shall be from 10:00a.m. to 7:00p.m...
4. The polling place for the election shall be held at the Elsmere Town Hall, located at # 11 Poplar Avenue, Elsmere, Delaware 19805.
5. The election shall be held only for the following offices and only the below listed individuals shall be considered candidates for those specific offices.

For the Office of Mayor:

For the Office of 1st District Council:

For the Office of 2nd District Council:

For the Office of 3rd District Council:

For the Office of 4th District Council:

For the Office of 5th District Council:

For the Office of 6th District Council:

6. The Town Clerk shall make the required public notice of the election as prescribed by the Charter and Law.
7. Absentee Ballots shall be made available on February 25, 2025, in accordance with Chapter 19 section 14 C (2) of the Code of the Town of Elsmere.
8. Write in votes shall not be permitted in the 2025 Municipal Elections.
9. That Mr. Scott Allen and Mrs. Jackie Moore are appointed as Absentee Ballot Clerks for the election.
10. That the Inspector, Judges and Election Officers shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council at their April 10, 2025 meeting.
11. That the counting of any absentee ballots shall take place in the Council Chambers of the Elsmere Town Hall located at # 11 Poplar Avenue, Elsmere DE 19805 by the Absentee Election Judges (who shall be appointed by the Elsmere Board of Elections), at a meeting to be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 5:00pm.
12. That the Board of Election shall certify the results of the Election at a public meeting in the Council Chambers at the Elsmere Town Hall on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:30pm.
13. That a Special Council Meeting be held on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6:30pm for the purpose of Swearing in the Mayor and Council. This meeting shall be held in the Council Chambers at the Elsmere Town Hall.
14. That a Council Meeting be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 6:30pm as part of the regular monthly meeting for the purpose of holding the Organizational Meeting of the Mayor and Council. This meeting shall be held in the Council Chambers at the Elsmere Town Hall.

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Eric Scott Thompson, Mayor

Sally Jensen, Secretary

Approved as to form:

Town Solicitor

SYNOPSIS

This Ordinance sets forth the procedures to be followed during the 2025 Municipal Elections as required by the Charter of the Town of Elsmere.

Fiscal Impact

The cost of the 2025 Biennial Election is estimated to be approximately \$10,000.00.