

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

CITY OF MURFREESBORO MUNICIPAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014

Notice is hereby given that a City of Murfreesboro Election will be held in polling places in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, for the purpose of electing the following offices:

- Murfreesboro City Mayor (4-year term)
- Three (3) Murfreesboro City Council Members (4-year term)
- Three (3) Murfreesboro City School Board Members (4-year term)

All eligible voters who are current residents of the City of Murfreesboro may vote in this election. If you are unsure about your eligibility, please refer to your voter registration card or you may contact us.

Normal election office business hours are:

Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

The election office will be closed on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 24, 2013 (Christmas Eve)

Wednesday, December 25, 2013 (Christmas Day)

Tuesday, December 31, 2013 (New Year's Eve)

Wednesday, January 1, 2014 (New Year's Day)

Monday, January 20, 2014 (Martin Luther King, Jr., Day)

Monday, February 17, 2014 (President's Day)

Election Day polling place hours are 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at all open polling locations.

Qualifying deadline is **12:00p.m. (NOON) on Thursday, January 16, 2014**. Petitions may be picked up at the Rutherford County Election Office.

Withdrawal deadline for candidates to withdraw is 12:00p.m. (NOON) on Thursday, January 23, 2014. Candidates desiring to withdraw must provide a written request to withdraw signed by the candidate.

The last day to register to vote in person for this election is Monday, March 17, 2014. Individuals may register at the Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Human Services, the Health Department, and the Rutherford County Election Office. By-mail registration forms may be picked up at the Register of Deeds, County Clerk Offices, Public Libraries, Military Recruiting Offices, and the Tennessee Department of Veteran Affairs. By-mail registration forms must be postmarked by Monday, March 17, 2014. If the by-mail registration lacks a postmark, then the form must be signed and dated no later than Sunday, March 16, 2014, and must be received by our office no later than Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at the close of business.

Deadline to change address: Voters who have moved *within* Rutherford County may change their address at the Rutherford County Election office no later than Thursday, April 10, 2014, or they

may change their address at the early voting site during the early voting period. However, the sooner the address is changed, the better; voters changing addresses at the polls = longer voting lines.

Electronic voting machine write-in feature: Any person seeking to be elected by write-in ballots must complete a notice requesting such person's ballots be counted no later than fifty (50) days before the date of the election. Such person shall only have write-in ballots counted if such notice was completed and timely filed with the Rutherford County Election Commission Office, 1 South Public Square, Suite 103, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. The last day for write-in candidates to file notice is at 12:00p.m. (NOON) on Monday, February 24, 2014. Forms are available in the Rutherford County Election Commission Office.

Withdrawal deadline for write-in candidates is the close of business (4:30p.m.) on Thursday, April 10, 2014.

Absentee ballots: Persons unable to vote early or who are unable to go to the polls or the Election Office on election day may send a written request for an absentee ballot to the Rutherford County Election Office. First day to request absentee ballot (non-military voters, non-military spouse voters, and non-overseas voters): Wednesday, January 15, 2014. Last day to receive request for absentee ballot: Tuesday, April 8, 2014. If you are military, a military spouse, or an overseas voter, you may file and complete a Form 76 (Federal Post Card Application) as early as January 1, 2014; you may also complete and file a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot; both forms are available at www.fvap.gov.

Students, spouses of students, or persons temporarily residing outside of Rutherford County may send a written request for an absentee ballot no later than Tuesday, April 8, 2014, with the following information:

- Name of registered voter
- Voter's residence address
- Voter's social security number
- Address to mail ballot (outside Rutherford County)
- Election in which voter wishes to participate
- Reason for voting absentee*
- Signature of voter

Absentee ballots must be mailed—they cannot be hand delivered by the voter or the voter's designee; absentee ballots delivered to the election office by U.S. Mail or other recognized mail carriers on Election Day by the closing of the polls will be counted.

***Legal Reasons for Voting Absentee Are (Please Choose ONE):**

- I am a caretaker of a hospitalized, ill or disabled person.
- I am a voter with a disability whose polling place is inaccessible.
- I will be serving on jury duty in state or federal court.
- I am sixty (60) years of age or older.
- I am on the permanent absentee voting register.
- I will be serving as an election official or a member or employee of the election commission on election day.
- I cannot appear during the early voting period or at my polling place because I will be observing a religious holiday.
- I will be outside the county in which I am registered during the early voting period and on election day during all hours the polls are open.
- I am enrolled as a full-time student (or I am the spouse of a student) at _____ (list school), which is *inside* Tennessee and *outside* the county where I am registered.
- I am a candidate for office in the election for which I am applying to vote absentee by mail.
- I am hospitalized, ill, or physically disabled and because of such condition, I am unable to appear at my polling place for this election.

- I am a member of the military, or I am a family member to a member of the military or I am an overseas citizen and otherwise qualified to vote in Tennessee. **Ballot to be sent:** By Mail / Electronically (list e-mail address): _____
- I have a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) (or I am the spouse of a person possessing a CDL), or I have a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) and will be out of the county during the open hours of early voting and election day, and have no specific out-of-county or out-of-state address to receive mail during this time. Enclosed is a copy of my CDL or my spouse's CDL or a copy of my TWIC card. **My CDL/TWIC Number:** _____

Any person interested in running for office should contact the Rutherford County Election Commission Office for further information. The Rutherford County Election Office is located at 1 South Public Square, Suite 103, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130. Office hours are 8:00a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays. Office telephone number is (615) 898-7743.

The Election Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability. If there are questions about needed accommodations in the voting process, please call 615-898-7743.

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