

SOUTH PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

POSITION PAPER OF THE CITY CLERK

SUBJECT:

ORDER #188-16/17 – Setting the time for opening the polls for the June 13, 2017 State Referendum Special Election, School Budget Referendum Election, and Portland Water District Board of Trustees Special Election. Passage requires majority vote.

POSITION:

Pursuant to 21-A M.R.S.A. §621, the clerk shall record a copy of the Notice of the Election along with the times and places of posting. Please note that **all voting will take place at the Community Center at 21 Nelson Road** unless voters have opted to absentee vote.

The polling location will open at 7:00 A.M. June 13, 2017 and will close at 8:00 P.M. The attached Notice of Election will be posted in the following locations on or before Tuesday, June 6, 2017:

District One	Boys and Girls Club	169 Broadway
District Two	American Legion	413 Broadway
District Three and Four	South Portland Community Center	21 Nelson Road
District Five	Redbank Community Center	MacArthur Cir West
Central	South Portland City Hall	25 Cottage Road

Absentee ballots may be requested at the City Clerk's office until Thursday, June 8, 2017. The Clerk's Office will be open until 7:00pm that evening.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Passage of Order #188-16/17.





CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

PATRICIA A SMITH
Mayor

SCOTT MORELLI
City Manager

SALLY J. DAGGETT
Jensen Baird Gardner & Henry

EMILY SCULLY
City Clerk

**In Council
Order #188-16/17**

District One
CLAUDE V.Z. MORGAN

District Two
PATRICIA SMITH

District Three
EBEN ROSE

District Four
LINDA C. COHEN

District Five
BRAD FOX

At Large
MAXINE BEECHER

At Large
SUSAN HENDERSON

WHEREAS, following City Council approval of the School Department budget, the voters must validate or reject the School Department budget at a special election known as a budget validation referendum held pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1486;

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2007, by Order #75-07/08, the City Council acted to allow the consolidation of polling locations for all special elections that do not involve matters of local municipal district representation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council hereby establishes the date, time and location of the school budget validation referendum special election on the fiscal year 2017/2018 School Department budget, the State Referendum Special Election, and the Portland Water District Board of Trustees Special Election for Cape Elizabeth/South Portland.

ORDERED, that the one central location for voting in the June 13, 2017 elections will be at the South Portland Community Center, 21 Nelson Road, South Portland; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that for the June 13, 2017 elections, the polls shall open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M.; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Clerk is hereby appointed to serve as Warden and the Deputy Registrar of Voters is hereby appointed to serve as the Ward Clerk for said special election.

Fiscal Note: Approximately \$850.00

Dated: May 1, 2017



CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

CLAUDE V. Z. MORGAN
Mayor

JAMES GAILEY
City Manager

SUSAN M. MOONEY
City Clerk

MARY KAHL
Corporation Counsel

District One
CLAUDE V. Z. MORGAN

District Two
KATHERINE H. LORING

District Three
JAMES A. SOULE

District Four
MAXINE BEECHER

District Five
JAMES HUGHES

At Large
LINDA R. BOUDREAU

At Large
RALPH BAXTER, SR.

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER #75-07/08

WHEREAS, the City of South Portland, pursuant to its Charter and Code of Ordinances, has five voting districts for purposes of local municipal representation; and

WHEREAS, in regular elections each voting district has its own voting place, except that Districts 3 and 4 both vote at the Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Maine State statute, 21-A M.R.S.A. §631, permits the municipal officers to consolidate voting districts for all or only certain classes of elections after public notice and hearing; and

WHEREAS, Maine State statute, 21-A M.R.S.A. §631-A, permits the municipal officers to consolidate voting places for an election after public notice and hearing; and

WHEREAS, special elections often pose logistical problems in scheduling voting places and election workers and typically cost over \$5000 if voting places are not consolidated; and

WHEREAS, the voter turnout for special elections is typically less than 8%; and

WHEREAS, most special elections do not involve issues of local municipal representation for which the five voting districts are applicable; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has caused public notice to be published and posted stating that the City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the consolidation of voting districts and voting places for special elections that do not involve matters of local municipal district representation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has conducted a public hearing regarding the consolidation of voting districts and voting places for special elections that do not involve matters of local municipal district representation;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council does hereby ORDER that for all future special elections that do not involve matters of local municipal representation, and pursuant to 21-A M.R.S.A. §631 and §631-A, the five voting districts in South Portland shall be consolidated into one voting district, the voting place for which shall be the South Portland Community Center at 21 Nelson Road;

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the City Clerk shall record the attached Certificate, file an attested copy of the attached Certificate with the Secretary of State, post an attested copy of the Certificate in a conspicuous public place in the City, and publish the Certificate in at least one newspaper having general circulation in the City at least 30 days before election day.

[Fiscal Note: Approximately \$4400 savings per election]

DATED: December 17, 2007

**State of Maine and City of South Portland
Notice of Special Election
Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

Municipality South Portland Voting District One
Voting Place Name South Portland Community Center Voting Place Location 21 Nelson Road
Polls Open at 7:00 A.M. Polls Close at 8:00 P.M.

Absentee Ballot Processing (check all that apply):

Processed by: Municipal Clerk

Date/Time of Processing (check all that apply):

During Election Day (6/13/17) Processing Times: 6:00PM 8:00PM

State Referendum Question To Be Voted On:

Question 1: Bond Issue – General Fund Bond To Stimulate Investment in Innovation by Maine Businesses To Produce Nationally and Globally Competitive Products and Services

Portland Water District Question To Be Voted On:

Portland Water District Board of Trustees Representative- Cape Elizabeth/South Portland

School Budget Validation Referendum Question To Be Voted On:

Question 1: Do you favor approving the City of South Portland school budget for the upcoming school year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) that was adopted at the City Council meeting held May 15, 2017 (and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act)?

A True Copy
Attested _____ Date _____
(Signature of Municipal Clerk)

*Clerk has read and will comply with the Uniform Guidelines for Securing Ballots and Other Materials. _____
Clerk initial

**State of Maine and City of South Portland
Notice of Special Election
Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

Municipality South Portland Voting District Two
Voting Place Name South Portland Community Center Voting Place Location 21 Nelson Road

Polls Open at 7:00 A.M. Polls Close at 8:00 P.M.

Absentee Ballot Processing (check all that apply):

Processed by: Municipal Clerk

Date/Time of Processing (check all that apply):

During Election Day (6/13/17) Processing Times: 6:00PM 8:00PM

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**State of Maine and City of South Portland
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Municipality South Portland Voting District Three/Four
Voting Place Name South Portland Community Center Voting Place Location 21 Nelson Road
Polls Open at 7:00 A.M. Polls Close at 8:00 P.M.

Absentee Ballot Processing (check all that apply):

Processed by: Municipal Clerk

Date/Time of Processing (check all that apply):

During Election Day (6/13/17) Processing Times: 6:00PM 8:00PM

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Municipality South Portland Voting District Five
Voting Place Name South Portland Community Center Voting Place Location 21 Nelson Road
Polls Open at 7:00 A.M. Polls Close at 8:00 P.M.

Absentee Ballot Processing (check all that apply):

Processed by: Municipal Clerk

Date/Time of Processing (check all that apply):

During Election Day (6/13/17) Processing Times: 6:00PM 8:00PM

State Referendum Question To Be Voted On:

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Portland Water District Board of Trustees Representative- Cape Elizabeth/South Portland

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State of Maine and City of South Portland
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Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Municipality South Portland Voting District Central
Voting Place Name South Portland Community Center Voting Place Location 21 Nelson Road
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Date/Time of Processing (check all that apply):

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