

SOUTH PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

POSITION PAPER OF THE CITY CLERK

SUBJECT:

ORDER #27-14/15 – Setting the time for opening the polls for the November 4, 2014 State of Maine General and Referendum Election and the South Portland Municipal 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 General Election along with the times and places of posting. Please note that all polling locations will be staffed and open and voters will be required to vote at their designated polling location, unless they have opted to absentee vote.

The polling locations will open at 7:00 A.M. November 4, 2014 and will close at 8:00 P.M. The attached Notice of Election will be posted in the following locations by October 28, 2014;

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

Unless a voter has an extenuating circumstance, the last day to request an absentee ballot will be October 30st. The City Clerks' Office will be open until 6:30 P.M. on that evening.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Passage of Order #27-14/15.


CITY CLERK



CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

GERARD JALBERT
Mayor

JAMES H. GAILEY
City Manager

SUSAN M. MOONEY
City Clerk

SALLY J. DAGGETT
Jensen Baird Gardner & Henry

**In Council
Order #27-14/15**

District One
MICHAEL POCK

District Two
PATRICIA SMITH

District Three
MELISSA LINSOTT

District Four
LINDA C. COHEN

District Five
GERARD JALBERT

At Large
MAXINE BEECHER

At Large
THOMAS E. BLAKE

ORDERED, that for the November 4, 2014 State of Maine General and Referendum Election, and the South Portland Municipal Election, the polls shall open in South Portland at all polling places at 7:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. Passage requires majority vote.

Fiscal Note: Less than \$1,000

Dated: October 6, 2014

State of Maine
Notice of General and Referendum Election
Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Municipality: City of South Portland
Voting Place Name: Boys & Girls Club
Polls Open at 7:00 A.M.

Voting District: One
Voting Place Location: 169 Broadway
Polls Close at 8:00 P.M.

Absentee Ballot Processing (check all that apply):
Processed by: Municipal Clerk (Centrally)

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

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Cape Elizabeth

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Municipality: City of South Portland
Voting Place Name: American Legion
Polls Open at 7:00 A.M.

Voting District: Two
Voting Place Location: 413 Broadway
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Voting District: Three and Four
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OFFICIAL BALLOT
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

City Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the LEFT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and municipality of residence on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL. If you do not fill in the oval, your vote may not be counted.

MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT ONE – 3 YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR ONE

- MORGAN, CLAUDE V.
75 SCHOOL STREET _____
- POCK, MICHAEL R.
86 GRAND STREET _____
- (Write-In) _____

MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT LARGE – 3 YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR TWO

- CALLAGHAN, KAREN U.
241 ALFRED STREET _____
- HERSHEY, CHRISTOPHER L.
9 FAIRLAWN AVENUE _____
- HOUSE, MARY E.
131 ELDERBERRY DRIVE _____
- (Write-In) _____
- (Write-In) _____

MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT TWO – 3 YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR ONE

- SMITH, PATRICIA A.
63 PARROTT STREET _____
- (Write-In) _____

SOUTH PORTLAND/CAPE ELIZABETH
PORTLAND WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEE
5 YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR ONE

- ROSS, WAYNE H.
1 FRANKLIN TERRACE _____
- (Write-In) _____

MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT FIVE – 3 YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR ONE

- FOX, BRAD
12 ROLLINS WAY _____
- LIVINGSTON, ALAN R.
205 SANDY HILL ROAD _____
- (Write-In) _____

NOTICE TO VOTER: TURN BALLOT OVER AND VOTE BOTH SIDES

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 AGAINST THE ORDINANCE

Summary of proposed ordinance:

This citizen-initiated proposed ordinance would allow persons 21 years of age or older to possess or use one ounce or less of marijuana and to possess or use marijuana paraphernalia. It would also impose some limitations on such possession and use of marijuana/marijuana paraphernalia. The full text of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office, on the City's website (www.southportland.org) and at the polls.

BOND REFERENDUM QUESTION

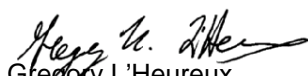
Shall the City of South Portland incur indebtedness by the issuance of general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$3,500,000 for construction of Thornton Heights/Pleasantdale Sewer and Stormwater System Improvements, pursuant to City Council Ordinance #6-14/15 dated August 18, 2014 titled "BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$3,500,000 (*) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THORNTON HEIGHTS/PLEASANTDALE SEWER AND STORMWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND TO AUTHORIZE \$3,500,000 (*) PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATIONS"?

- YES
 NO

The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the City of South Portland as of November 4, 2014:

Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid to Mature Through 2034	\$50,006,649
Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	<u>\$13,800,694</u>
Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	\$63,807,343
Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$14,000,000
Potential New Interest on Bonds Not Yet Issued	<u>\$ 5,991,000</u>
Total estimated to be Repaid on Bond Authorized but Not Yet Issued	\$19,991,000
Total Additional Bonds (now proposed) to be Issued if Approved by Voters	\$ 3,500,000
Estimate of Potential New Interest	<u>\$ 535,500</u>
Total Additional Bonds to Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$ 4,035,500

When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the City must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but must pay interest on that amount as well. Principal on the bonds will be repaid in approximately equal annual installments over a period not to exceed 20 years and interest will be paid semi-annually. The amount of interest to be paid will vary depending on the rate of interest and the years of maturity at the time of issuance; an estimate of the total interest that may reasonably be expected to be paid on the issue submitted herewith for authorization is \$535,500. The total principal and interest to be paid over the life of the bond on the issue submitted herewith, if authorized, is thus estimated to be \$3,935,500 (\$100,000 is estimated to be forgiven). The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the foregoing estimate.


Gregory L'Heureux
Treasurer of City of South Portland

NOTICE TO VOTER: TURN BALLOT OVER AND VOTE BOTH SIDES