

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TOWN ELECTIONS

MONDAY, October 21, 2019 3rd Floor of Town Hall
POLLS OPEN - 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

- **SEATS OPEN:** Two (2) seats for the Board of Commissioners will be open. These positions shall serve a term of (4) four years to begin at the first meeting in November 2019 and shall serve until the first meeting in November 2023.
- **CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:** Anyone wishing to be considered as a candidate, must be a citizens of the United States, at least twenty-five (25) years of age at the time of their election to office, qualified voters of the Town and bona fide residents of said Town for at least one year preceding the date of their election and shall be free of any record of criminal violations other than minor traffic violations and other such minor misdemeanors punishable by fine only. Council members must maintain principal residence in the Town during his/her term of office. If there is a change in principal residence from the Town, the term of the elected office shall be immediately terminated and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in the Town Charter.
- **HOW TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE:** Any citizen of the Town, being otherwise qualified as indicated herein, desiring to be a candidate for an elected office, must file in person and submit the necessary disclosure forms under the Town's ethics code and complete a written certificate of candidacy for nomination form, as provided by the election clerk, no later than 6:00 PM September 20, 2019.
- **LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** In order to be eligible to vote in Town Elections, you must be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age, and a bona fide resident of the Town for at least thirty days preceding any election. All qualified persons wishing to register to vote shall do so at the Cecil County Election Board and as provided for by State Law. Any qualified persons registered and listed on the statewide voter registration list at an address within the incorporated limits of Rising Sun, shall be considered registered Town Voters and shall be eligible to vote in Town Elections. Hours of voter registration shall be in accordance to Cecil County Election Board Policy and State Law, however the final list of qualified registered voters for Town elections, as established by the Cecil County Election Board, shall be closed and final thirty (30) days prior to any upcoming Town election. The last day to register to vote in this upcoming election is September 20, 2019.

- **WRITE IN BALLOTS - NOT PERMITTED.** In order to comply with state and local ethics requirements and to ensure that all candidates are qualified to serve in office, write in ballots will not be accepted at any election.
- **ABSENTEE BALLOTS.** Absentee voting shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Subtitle 3 of the Election Law, Annotated Code of Maryland, or with such other laws of the State of Maryland which may supersede Title 9, Subtitle 3 in the future. Persons unable to come in person to pick up an application for an absentee ballot may select an agent, who must first fill out an Absentee Ballot: Designation of Agent Form and submit to the Town Election Clerk for approval. The last day to request an application for Absentee Ballots is October 11, 2019. Completed Absentee ballots must be received and date stamped prior to the closing of the polls. If an absentee vote is received after the closing of the polls, it shall remain sealed in the envelope and filed with the Election Clerk for a minimum period of one year after the election date.
- **PROVISIONAL BALLOTS.** Provisional Ballots will be provided at all elections of the Town and will be in accordance to the Maryland State Board of Elections or as set forth by ordinance passed by the Town Board of Commissioners.

Any questions, please contact the Town Hall at 410-658-5353 and request to speak to Ms. Judy Melton - Town Election Clerk.

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