

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IN THE TOWN MEETING ROOM, 214 GARFIELD PARKWAY, BETHANY BEACH, DELAWARE.

Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of the Town of Bethany Beach, Delaware that a Special Election will be held in Bethany Beach on Saturday, May 24 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. eastern daylight savings time, in the Town Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, Delaware.

The purpose of this Special Election is to obtain voter approval to borrow **3,980,000 million dollars** to construct a new water clarifier within the Town of Bethany Beach.

The Special Election is being held Under Section 12.2.4 of the Bethany Beach Municipal Charter which states, the Town Council may, on its own initiative, hold a special election to obtain voter approval for authority to borrow money in an amount greater than one-third of the Town's reserves for the preceding year with voter approval for any proper municipal purpose through issuance of bonds or certificates of indebtedness to secure the repayment thereof, on the full faith and credit of the Town, or such other security or securities as the Town Council shall elect for the repayment of principle thereof and interest due thereon;

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined, provided there is voter approval, to proceed with borrowing an amount not to exceed **3,980,000 million dollars** at an interest rate not to exceed 3.0% with the Division of Public Health Office of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the purpose of constructing a new water clarifier within the Town of Bethany Beach.

Proposed Borrowing Question: To proceed with borrowing of an amount not to exceed 3,980,000 million dollars at an interest rate not to exceed 3.0% with the Division of Public Health Office of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the purpose of constructing a new water clarifier within the Town of Bethany Beach.

_____ FOR THE PROPOSED BORROWING

_____ AGAINST THE PROPOSED BORROWING

At said Special Election, every person, male or female, who has attained eighteen (18) years of age, is registered under the Town's Voter Registration ordinances, and is either: (a) a freeholder in the Town, as defined herein, for a period of ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, or (b) has been a permanent, full-time resident of the Town for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the election in which he or she seeks to vote. For purposes of this Charter: (i) a "freeholder" shall be deemed to include any natural person who holds title of record to a fee simple, estate or a life estate, in and to real property located within the Town boundaries: (ii) a "resident" shall mean any person who has been a permanent, full-time resident of the Town for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the election.

Bethany Beach property owners who are listed on the Town's property tax list are not required to register to vote in Town elections.

Residents of Bethany Beach (who do not own property) must register to vote at least thirty days prior to the election. Residents may register at Town Hall or request a mailed registration form by telephone, mail or by email.

All votes shall be offered in person, or by absentee ballot. If an elector cannot appear at the regular polling place the day of the special election, he/she may appear at Town Hall or contact Town Hall and request an Affidavit. Affidavits are also available on the Town's website at www.townofbethanybeach.com. The written Affidavit must be filed no later than 12:00 Noon on Friday, May 23, 2025. After approval of the Affidavit, an absentee ballot will be provided to you either in person or mailed. Absentee ballots must be received before the polls close on the day of the election. Voting machines will be used on the day of the election.

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