

2015 Election Guidelines Clark County, Washington



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ELECTION GUIDELINES FOR 2015

Enclosed is a copy of the "2015 Election Guidelines for Clark County." It contains information specific to the 2015 Primary and General election, as well as information relative to all elections.

Again this year in Clark County, candidates for elective office will have the option of filing their declaration of candidacy and paying their filing fee over the Internet. The online candidate filing system will be available at **clarkvotes.org** from 9:00 AM, Monday, May 11 and will stop being available at 4:00 PM, Friday, May 15. Candidates can save themselves a trip to the Elections Department and file online.

Of major importance is the information provided by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC). Be sure to familiarize yourself with the PDC requirements and filing deadlines which apply to the office you are seeking. All candidates would be wise to review the filing instructions even if you have run for office before.

A local voters' pamphlet, which will include candidates, will be published for both the 2015 Primary and General election. Specifications for the submission of candidate statements and photographs are included.

I encourage all candidates to review the information assembled here. If a candidate has further questions, please contact the Elections Department at (360) 397-2345.

Sincerely,



Greg Kimsey
Clark County Auditor

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2015 Candidate Filing Information

Offices to be Elected:

State: Superior Court Judge (Clark County, Department No. 3)
Superior Court Judge (Clark County, Department No. 6)

County: Council - District No. 2
Council Chair (at-large)

Local: Cities and Towns, School Districts, Fire Districts, Cemetery Districts,
Clark Regional Wastewater District, Port Districts and
Woodland Swimming Pool & Recreation District
(RCW 29A.04.321, RCW 29A.04.330)

Where to File Declaration of Candidacy:

Superior Court	-	County Auditor
County	-	County Auditor
Cities and Towns	-	County Auditor
Local Districts (RCW 29A.24.070)	-	County Auditor

Filing Period:

By Mail: Monday, April 27, 2015 through Friday, May 15, 2015
(RCW 29A.24.081)

In Person: 8 AM, Monday, May 11 through 5 PM, Friday, May 15, 2015
(RCW 29A.24.050, 29A.24.081)

Online: 9 AM, Monday, May 11 through 4 PM, Friday, May 15, 2015. Candidates may
file with the County Auditor at clarkvotes.org.
(RCW 29A.24.050, 29A.24.081)

Withdrawal Period:

For all offices, candidates may withdraw their candidacy in writing until 5 PM, Monday,
May 18, 2015.
(RCW 29A.24.131)

Filing Fees:

The filing fee for an office is 1% of the annual salary for positions paying over \$1,000 per year.
(RCW 29A.24.091)

FILING FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE!
(RCW 29A.24.131)

A filing fee petition may be submitted in lieu of the filing fee. The petition must contain one valid, registered voter signature for each dollar of the filing fee. Valid signatures are those of registered voters who reside in the district/jurisdiction of the office for which the candidate is filing. A candidate may only use this option if they are without sufficient assets or income at the time of filing to pay the filing fee.
(RCW 29A.24.091, 29A.24.101)

Residency Requirements:

All candidates must be an elector of their district and must, at the time of filing, possess the qualifications specified by law for persons who may be elected to the office.
(RCW 29A.24.075)

At the time of filing, candidates for the mayor or city council must be a resident of the city for a period of at least one year preceding their election.

There are length of residency requirements in the following cities:

- City of Battle Ground - Resident 1 year
- City of Camas - Resident 1 year
- City of La Center - Resident 1 year
- City of Ridgefield - Resident 1 year
- City of Vancouver - Resident 2 years
- City of Washougal - Resident 1 year
- City of Woodland - Resident 1 year

(RCW 35A.12.030, Sec. 2.20-Vancouver City Charter)

Candidates must be residents of internal districts in the following jurisdictions:

- Clark County Council - District No. 2
- City of Camas
- All School Districts (except Vancouver and Green Mountain)
- All Port Districts

(RCW 28A.343.340, 35A.12.180, 53.12.010, 36.32.040, Clark County Home Rule Charter)

Vacancies:

If a position is not filed for during the normal filing period, a special three day filing period will be called by the County Auditor.
(RCW 29A.24.181)

If, after both the normal and special three day filing period, a nonpartisan, non-judicial position is not filed for, a void of candidacy is created and that position will not appear on either the Primary or General election ballot. The incumbent will continue to serve until the next regularly scheduled election for that jurisdiction.
(RCW 29A.24.201)

Position Numbers:

Last day to assign position numbers is Friday, April 10, 2015. Assignment of position numbers is made by the County Auditor.
(RCW 29A.24.010)

Public Disclosure Commission Information:

There are different Public Disclosure filing requirements depending on the number of registered voters in a jurisdiction. Pages 29-30 list which forms candidates from each jurisdiction need to complete.

All necessary Public Disclosure forms and instructions may be obtained from:

State of Washington Public Disclosure Commission
711 Capitol Way, No. 206
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908
Phone: (360) 753-1111 Toll Free: 1-877-601-2828
Website Address: www.pdc.wa.gov
Email: pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Offices Open For Filing 2015

Office	Incumbent	Annual Salary	Filing Fee	Term Of Office
State				
(File with County Auditor)				
<u>Superior Court</u>				
Judge - Dept. No. 3	D. Vanderwood	\$156,363	\$1,563.63	1 Year Unexpired
Judge - Dept. No. 6	J. Fairgrieve	\$156,363	\$1,563.63	1 Year Unexpired

County (File with County Auditor)

<u>County Council</u>				
Council - District No. 2	(Vacant)	\$53,000	\$530.00	3 Year Initial
Council Chair (at-large)	(Vacant)	\$63,600	\$636.00	3 Year Initial

Cities & Towns (File with County Auditor)

City of Battle Ground - One Year Residency Requirement

Council Pos. 2	S. Bowman	\$ 4,800	\$ 48.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 3	A. Cortes	\$ 4,800	\$ 48.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 7	P. Johnson	\$ 4,800	\$ 48.00	4 Year Full

City of Camas - One Year Residency Requirement

Mayor	S. Higgins	\$26,400	\$264.00	4 Year Full
Council Ward 1, Pos. 1	T. Hazen	\$ 9,000	\$ 90.00	4 Year Full
Council Ward 2, Pos. 1	B. Carter	\$ 9,000	\$ 90.00	4 Year Short & Full
Council Ward 3, Pos. 1	G. Anderson	\$ 9,000	\$ 90.00	4 Year Full
Council At-Large	D. Chaney	\$ 9,000	\$ 90.00	4 Year Full

City of La Center - One Year Residency Requirement

Mayor	J. Irish	\$ 6,300	\$ 63.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 1	J. Valenzuela	\$ 2,100	\$ 21.00	2 Year Unexpired
Council Pos. 4	G. Thornton	\$ 2,100	\$ 21.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 5	E. Cervený	\$ 2,100	\$ 21.00	4 Year Full

Offices Open For Filing 2015

Office	Incumbent	Annual Salary	Filing Fee	Term Of Office
<u>City of Ridgefield</u> - One Year Residency Requirement				
Council Pos. 2	D. Taylor	\$ 4,500	\$ 45.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 3	L. Wells	\$ 4,500	\$ 45.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 5	D. Wertz	\$ 4,500	\$ 45.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 7	S. Day	\$ 4,500	\$ 45.00	4 Year Full
<u>City of Vancouver</u> - Two Year Residency Requirement				
Council Pos. 4	B. Hansen	\$21,600	\$216.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 5	L. Smith	\$21,600	\$216.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 6	B. Turley	\$21,600	\$216.00	4 Year Full
<u>City of Washougal</u> - One Year Residency Requirement				
Council Pos. 2	M. Wagner	\$ 6,000	\$ 60.00	4 Year Short & Full
Council Pos. 4	J. Lindsay	\$ 6,000	\$ 60.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 5	J. McDaniel	\$ 6,000	\$ 60.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 7	C. Freeman	\$ 6,000	\$ 60.00	4 Year Full
<u>City of Woodland</u> - One Year Residency Requirement (File with Cowlitz County Auditor)				
Mayor	G. Laseke	\$ 9,600	\$ 96.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 4	M. Allen	\$ 1,800	\$ 18.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 5	S. Humbyrd	\$ 1,800	\$ 18.00	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 7	(Vacant)	\$ 1,800	\$ 18.00	4 Year Short & Full
<u>Town of Yacolt</u>				
Mayor	J. Carothers	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 1	J. Karl	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 3	(Vacant)	No Salary	None	2 Year Unexpired
Council Pos. 4	V. Myers	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
Council Pos. 5	R. Urias	No Salary	None	4 Year Full

Offices Open For Filing 2015

Office	Incumbent	Annual Salary	Filing Fee	Term Of Office
School Districts				
(File with County Auditor)				
(No Salary - No Filing Fee)				
<u>Battle Ground School District No. 119</u>				
District No. 2	K. Root	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 4	M. Nickels	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
<u>Camas School District No. 117</u>				
District No. 3	C. Hennessey	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 4	D. Quinn	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 5	M. Tipton	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
<u>Evergreen School District No. 114</u>				
District No. 2	R. Perkins	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 3	V. Bradford	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 4	T. Yuzuriha	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
<u>Green Mountain School District No. 103</u>				
Position No. 1	R. Syring	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
Position No. 4	S. Hoffman	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
Position No. 5	W. Arends	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
<u>Hockinson School District No. 98</u>				
District No. 3	D. Olson	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 4	G. Gospe	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 5	K. Davis	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
<u>La Center School District No. 101</u>				
District No. 1	C. Yaw	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 4	W. Chord	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 5	J. Parsons	No Salary	None	4 Year Full

Offices Open For Filing 2015

Office	Incumbent	Annual Salary	Filing Fee	Term Of Office
<u>Mt. Pleasant School District No. 029-93 (File with Skamania County Auditor)</u>				
Position No. 2	A. Olsen	No Salary	None	2 Year Unexpired
Position No. 3	K. Kanthak	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
Position No. 4	T. Morris	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
<u>Ridgefield School District No. 122</u>				
District No. 2	J. Vance	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 3	S. Radosevich	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 5	S. Gullickson	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
<u>Vancouver School District No. 37</u>				
Position No. 1	D. Rice	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
Position No. 4	E. Geiger	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
Position No. 5	N. Wheelock	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
<u>Washougal School District No. 112-6</u>				
District No. 1	T. Lees	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 2	E. Pfeifer	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 3	B. Westfall	No Salary	None	2 Year Unexpired
District No. 4	K. Rubino	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
<u>Woodland School District No. 404-102 (File with Cowlitz County Auditor)</u>				
District No. 1	J. Bays	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 2	J. Watts	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
District No. 3	T. Cayton	No Salary	None	4 Year Full

Offices Open For Filing 2015

Office	Incumbent	Annual Salary	Filing Fee	Term Of Office
Fire Protection Districts (File with County Auditor) (No Salary - No Filing Fee)				
<u>Clark County Fire & Rescue</u>				
Position No. 2	J. Johnson	No Salary	None	6 Year Full
<u>East County Fire & Rescue</u>				
Position No. 1	T. Gianatasio	No Salary	None	2 Year Unexpired
Position No. 2	M. Taggart	No Salary	None	4 Year Unexpired
Position No. 3	M. Berg	No Salary	None	6 Year Full
Position No. 5	S. Petty	No Salary	None	6 Year Short & Full
<u>Fire Protection District No. 2</u>				
Position No. 1	K. Ayers	No Salary	None	6 Year Full
<u>Fire Protection District No. 3</u>				
Position No. 2	B. Heidrick	No Salary	None	6 Year Full
<u>Fire Protection District No. 5</u>				
Position No. 3	R. Gibson	No Salary	None	6 Year Full
<u>Fire Protection District No. 6</u>				
Position No. 3	C. Collins	No Salary	None	6 Year Full
<u>Fire Protection District No. 10</u>				
Position No. 2	B. Goble	No Salary	None	6 Year Full
<u>Fire Protection District No. 13</u>				
Position No. 2	G. Hoyt	No Salary	None	6 Year Full

Offices Open For Filing 2015

Office	Incumbent	Annual Salary	Filing Fee	Term Of Office
Cemetery Districts (File with County Auditor) (No Salary - No Filing Fee)				
<u>Cemetery District No. 1</u>				
Position No. 3	J. Straub	No Salary	None	6 Year Full
<u>Cemetery District No. 4</u>				
Position No. 1	R. Ham	No Salary	None	6 Year Full
<u>Cemetery District No. 5</u>				
Position No. 2	(Vacant)	No Salary	None	4 Year Unexpired
Position No. 3	R. Colf	No Salary	None	6 Year Short & Full
<u>Cemetery District No. 6</u>				
Position No. 3	S. Root	No Salary	None	6 Year Full
Clark Regional Wastewater District (File with County Auditor) (No Salary - No Filing Fee)				
Position No. 2	N. Harker	No Salary	None	6 Year Full

**Offices Open For Filing
2015**

Office	Incumbent	Annual Salary	Filing Fee	Term Of Office
Port Districts (File with County Auditor)				
<u>Camas-Washougal Port District</u>				
District No. 2	B. Ward	\$4,200	\$ 42.00	4 Year Full
<u>Ridgefield Port District</u>				
District No. 3	D. Melroy	\$3,048	\$ 30.48	6 Year Full
<u>Vancouver Port District</u>				
District No. 2	N. Baker	\$6,000	\$ 60.00	6 Year Full

Woodland Swimming Pool & Recreation District
(File with Cowlitz County Auditor)
(No Salary - No Filing Fee)

Position No. 1	T. Dinehart	No Salary	None	4 Year Full
Position No. 3	M. Green	No Salary	None	4 Year Full

Primary Election 2015

Partisan Offices:

A Primary will be held for each partisan office open for election in 2015.

Candidates who file a declaration of candidacy for a partisan office will be allowed to indicate which political party they prefer, using up to sixteen characters for the party name. The candidate's party preference will be printed on the ballot below the candidate's name. A candidate may also choose not to state a preference for a political party, which will also be indicated on the ballot below their name. (RCW 29A.52.112, WAC 434-215-120)

The names of candidates running for a partisan office will be grouped together and will appear on the Primary ballot in an order determined by lot drawing, regardless of party preferred. The top two vote getters in the Primary will have their names printed on the General election ballot with the candidate receiving the most votes in the Primary being listed first. A candidate must receive at least 1% of the votes cast in the Primary in order to have their name printed on the General election ballot. (RCW 29A.36.131, 29A.52.112, WAC 434-230-045)

The names of candidates running for County Council, District No. 2 will appear only on the ballots of voters residing within Council District No. 2. The Council Chair (at-large) will appear on all ballots countywide. (Clark County Charter)

Following the close of business, at 5 PM, Friday, May 15, 2015, a lot drawing will be conducted to determine the order in which candidate names will appear on the official Primary ballot. This drawing will be done publicly and may be witnessed by the media, the public and by any candidate. (RCW 29A.36.131)

Nonpartisan/Non-Judicial Offices:

If two or fewer candidates file for a nonpartisan office, no primary will be held for that office. If three or more candidates file for an office, a primary will be held. Candidates will be notified if no primary will be held for the office they are seeking. Regardless of the number of candidates filing, no primary will be held in any cemetery or park and recreation district. (RCW 29A.52.220)

For all City of Camas council positions, except the at-large position, if a primary is required only the voters living within the Camas Ward will be eligible to vote on the elective office. Offices will be voted on citywide in the General election. (RCW 35.18.020)

Primary Election 2015

Nonpartisan/Non-Judicial Offices (continued):

For all port district positions, if a primary is required, only the voters living within the internal port commissioner district will be eligible to vote on the elective office. Offices will be voted on port district wide in the General election.

(RCW 53.12.010)

A candidate must receive at least 1% of the votes cast in the Primary and be one of the two candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary in order to qualify to have their name appear on the General election ballot.

(RCW 29A.36.170)

Following the close of business, at 5:00 PM, Friday, May 15, 2015, a lot drawing will be conducted to determine the order in which candidate names will appear on the official ballot. This drawing will be done publicly and may be witnessed by the media, the public and by any candidate.

(RCW 29A.36.131)

Judicial Offices:

If only one candidate files for the office of judge of the Superior Court, the candidate is deemed elected and will not appear on the Primary or General election ballot.

(RCW 29A.36.170, 29A.52.231, 29A.52.220, Article IV, Section 29, Washington State Constitution)

If two candidates file for the office of judge of the Superior Court, no Primary is required and candidates names will appear on the General election ballot in an order determined by lot drawing.

If three or more candidates file for the office of judge of the Superior Court, the names of the top two candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary will appear on the General election ballot. The candidate receiving the most votes in the Primary will be listed first on the General election ballot.

(RCW 29A.36.170, WAC434-230-045)

Candidates must receive at least 1% of the total votes cast for their position in the Primary in order to go onto the General election ballot. (RCW 29A.36.170)

Primary Election Deadlines 2015

LAST DAY TO FILE SPECIAL ELECTION RESOLUTIONS

Friday, May 8, 2015
(RCW 29A.04.321, 29A.04.330)

LAST DAY TO FILE A DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Friday, May 15, 2015
(RCW 29A.24.050)

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT BALLOT ISSUE "FOR" AND "AGAINST" STATEMENTS FOR PRIMARY LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Thursday, May 21, 2015

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT CANDIDATE MATERIALS FOR LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Superior Court Judge - Friday, May 22, 2015
Local Office Candidate - Tuesday, May 26, 2015

SECRETARY OF STATE TO CERTIFY NOMINEES

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
(RCW 29A.36.010)

29 DAY ONLINE REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER BY MAIL DEADLINE

Monday, July 6, 2015
(RCW 29A.08.140)

TARGET MAILING DATE FOR MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS

Friday, June 19, 2015 (RCW 29A.40.070)

TARGET MAILING DATE FOR MAIL BALLOTS

Friday, July 17, 2015 (RCW 29A.40.070)

SPECIAL 8 DAY IN PERSON REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Monday, July 27, 2015 - (In person only at the Elections Department)
(RCW 29A.08.140)

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, August 4, 2015
(RCW 29A.04.311)

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

Tuesday, August 18, 2015
(RCW 29A.60.190)

General Election

2015

Partisan Offices:

The names of the two candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary will appear on the General election ballot. The candidate receiving the most votes in the Primary will be listed first on the General election ballot. (WAC 434-230-045)

All candidates must receive at least 1% of the total votes cast for their office in the Primary to qualify to have their name appear on the General election ballot. (RCW 29A.36.170, WAC 434-230-045)

The names of candidates running for County Council, District No. 2 will appear only on the ballots of voters residing within Council District No. 2. The Council Chair (at-large) will be voted on countywide. (Clark County Home Rule Charter)

Nonpartisan/Non-Judicial Offices:

The names of the two candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary will go on to the General election ballot. The candidate receiving the most votes in the Primary will be listed first on the General election ballot. (RCW 29A.36.170)

Candidates must receive at least 1% of the total votes cast for their position in the Primary in order to go onto the General election ballot. (RCW 29A.36.170)

All contests not appearing on the Primary ballot will appear on the General election ballot. If no Primary is required, candidate names will appear on the General election ballot in an order determined by lot drawing. (RCW 29A.36.170, 29A.36.131)

Judicial Offices:

If only one candidate files for the office of judge of the Superior Court, the candidate is deemed elected and will not appear on the Primary or General election ballot. (RCW 29A.36.170, 29A.52.231, 29A.52.220, Article IV, Section 29, Washington State Constitution)

If two candidates file for the office of judge of the Superior Court, no Primary is required and candidates names will appear on the General election ballot in an order determined by lot drawing.

If three or more candidates file for the office of judge of the Superior Court, the names of the top two candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary will appear on the General election ballot. The candidate receiving the most votes in the Primary will be listed first on the General election ballot.

(RCW 29A.36.170, WAC434-230-045)

General Election Deadlines 2015

LAST DAY FOR CANDIDATES TO SUBMIT MATERIALS FOR GENERAL ELECTION LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Superior Court Judge - Friday, May 22, 2015
Local Office Candidate - Tuesday, May 26, 2015

LAST DAY TO FILE SPECIAL ELECTION RESOLUTIONS

Tuesday, August 4, 2015
(RCW 29A.04.321, 29A.04.330)

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT BALLOT ISSUE "FOR" AND "AGAINST" STATEMENTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Thursday, August 13, 2015

SECRETARY OF STATE TO CERTIFY NOMINEES

Friday, August 21, 2015
(RCW 29A.60.240)

29 DAY ONLINE REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER BY MAIL DEADLINE

Monday, October 5, 2015
(RCW 29A.08.140)

TARGET MAILING DATE FOR MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS

Friday, September 18, 2015
(RCW 29A.40.070)

TARGET MAILING DATE FOR MAIL BALLOTS

Friday, October 16, 2015
(RCW 29A.40.070)

SPECIAL 8 DAY IN PERSON REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Monday, October 26, 2015 - (In person only at the Elections Department)
(RCW 29A.08.140)

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3, 2015
(RCW 29A.04.321)

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Post Election Information 2015

When Newly Elected Officials Assume Office:

Superior Court Judge	On certification (RCW 29A.24.020)
County Officials	January 1, 2016 (RCW 29A.60.280)
Cities & Towns	January 1, 2016 (RCW 29A.60.280)
School Districts	On certification (RCW 29A.60.280)
Other Districts	January 1, 2016 (RCW 29A.60.280)
Unexpired and Short Terms	On certification (RCW 29A.24.020)

Where Oaths of Office are Filed:

Superior Court Judge	Secretary of State (RCW 2.08.080)
County Officials	County Auditor (RCW 36.16.060)
Cemetery Districts	County Auditor (RCW 68.52.260)
Cities & Towns	City/Town Clerk (RCW35.23.081,35.27.120)
Fire Districts	County Auditor (RCW 52.14.070)
School Districts	County Auditor (RCW 28A.343.360)
Other Districts	County Auditor

Who may Administer Oaths of Office:

All Judges	(RCW 2.28.010, 5.28.010)
County Auditor (and Deputy Auditors)	(RCW 36.22.030)
Notary Public	(RCW 5.28.010)

State Measures:

State ballot measures approved by the voters become law upon proclamation by the Governor.
(RCW 29A.60.260)

Recount of Ballots:

An automatic recount applies to statewide and county candidate races and measures and will occur if fewer than 2,000 votes and also, less than one-half of 1% of votes cast separates candidates or issues. If separated by less than one-fourth of 1% and if the number of votes is fewer than 1,000 votes, a mandatory manual recount is required for a candidate race.
(RCW 29A.64.021)

For other local elective offices which are less than statewide, an automatic manual recount will occur if fewer than 150 votes and also, less than one-fourth of 1% of votes cast separates candidates.
(RCW 29A.64.021)

An officer of a political party or any person for whom votes were cast in an election can make written application for a requested recount. All requested recounts must be submitted no later than three (3) working days after the official election certification is completed. There will be a charge and deposit required for any requested recount.
(RCW 29A.64.011, 29A.64.021)

Local Voters' Pamphlet Candidate Statement Specifications 2015

Candidate Participation

For the 2015 Primary and General election, the Clark County Auditor's Office will be publishing a Local Voters' Pamphlet. The local pamphlet for the Primary will include a statement, photograph and contact information for candidates for local offices and Superior Court Judge (if contested). The local pamphlet for the General election will be published in conjunction with the State Voters' Pamphlet.

Please note: The candidate statement requirements for State online filing are different from our County statement requirements. Our requirement remains at a 100 word limit and we will not include the additional biographical experience.

Candidate Statements and Photographs

Deadlines for Submission:

Local official candidates wishing to have a statement and photograph appear in the "2015 Clark County Local Voters' Pamphlet" for the Primary and General election must submit such material to the Elections Department no later than 5:00 P.M. **Tuesday, May 26, 2015.**

Superior Court Judge candidates (if race is contested) must submit their statement and photo to the state by **Friday, May 22, 2015.**

Only those candidates receiving sufficient votes in the Primary, in order to advance to the General election, will be included in the General election pamphlet. All statements will become public record five (5) days after submission deadline. Statements and photographs submitted for the Primary local voters' pamphlet will also be used for the General election local voters' pamphlet. For any jurisdiction that has been granted a waiver from participating in the local voters' pamphlet due to undue financial hardship, no candidate statements or photographs will be included in the local pamphlet.

Statement Length

Statements submitted by all candidates shall be limited to one hundred (100) words or less. Hyphenated words or words combined with a slash will count as multiple words.

Each candidate must be certain that his/her statement does not exceed the word limit. Hand count the number of words in your statement. Do not rely on Microsoft Word to do the word count for you, especially if you have hyphenated words. If the statement exceeds the one hundred (100) word limit, the candidate will be notified by phone. The candidate will have until the close

of the next business day (5:00 PM) following notification, to submit a new copy of their statement that is within the word limit. The new statement must be changed only to the extent necessary to meet the one hundred (100) word limit. If the new statement contains new material, it will be rejected and the candidate's first statement will be used in the same manner as described in the next paragraph.

All words in excess of the one hundred (100) word limit will be omitted. If such a deletion creates an incomplete sentence, that incomplete sentence will also be omitted. In order to be fair and to give equal treatment to all candidates, there will be no exceptions to this word limitation.

In addition to the one hundred (100) word limit, candidates will be allowed to include "campaign contact information", including one campaign address, one telephone number, one email address and one website address.

Submission Standards

In order to maintain good standards of readability and to insure accuracy in typesetting this material for publication, the following standards and recommendations for style and format have been established:

1. The candidate's name, address, telephone number and position sought should appear on the top of each page of the statement. This information will not count as part of the one hundred word limitation.
2. The candidate's 100 word statement should follow the above information. The material will be formatted in paragraph style; lists of items that require multiple indentations are not permitted because of space limitations.
3. Words, phrases and sentences which are in italics, underlined, in bold print, printed in a larger font size or emphasized in some other manner will be typeset in italics in a font size matching the rest of the statement. Statements which are in all upper case letters will be set in normal lower case except for the first letter of proper nouns and the first letter of the first word in a sentence. We recommend that candidates avoid such formatting as it reduces the readability of the statement.
4. The candidate's "campaign contact information" should be clearly indicated following the text of the candidate's 100 word statement. The campaign contact information will be printed in the voters' pamphlet to enable the voters to contact the candidate or the candidate's campaign. This information is optional, to be included or not as the candidate desires.
5. Statements and photographs may be submitted by email. Candidates will also be given the opportunity to submit a statement and photograph through the online candidate filing system. A link to the online candidate filing system will be located on our website at clarkvotes.org. If submitting materials by email, please contact the Elections Department and confirm receipt to ensure your materials are included in the local pamphlet.

Editing of Statements

The County Auditor finds that it is in the public interest that all statements published in the local voters' pamphlet be accurate as to form and syntax. To promote such accuracy, the County Auditor may correct any incidental errors of spelling, grammar and punctuation which he/she feels would unfairly prejudice the statement or confuse the voters so long as such corrections do not alter the meaning or substance of the statement. This office is not obligated, however, to make such corrections and we assume no responsibility for errors which result from inaccuracies in the original statement submitted by the candidate.

RCW 29A.32.230 (3) requires statements by a candidate submitted for inclusion in the local voters' pamphlet be limited to only those about the candidate himself or herself.

Rejection of Statement Due to Unacceptable Content

By law, the County Auditor is required to reject any statements which contain any obscene, vulgar, profane, scandalous, libelous or defamatory matter, or any language which in any way incites, counsels, promotes or advocates hatred, abuse, violence and/or hostility toward, or which tends to cause ridicule or shame upon any person or group of persons by reason of sex, race, color, religion or manner of worship or any language or matter the circulation of which is prohibited by Federal law.

Appeal of Rejected Statements

Candidates who have had any portion of their statement rejected will be notified. The candidate will have until 5:00 PM, three (3) days following the notification to appeal the rejection. Appeals will be made to the County Auditor. Notification by telephone shall include any messages left on a candidate's voice telephone recorder.

The County Auditor shall render a decision within two (2) business days of the appeal and such decision to accept or reject the statement or portion of the statement shall be final. A second decision to reject is final due to time limitations and only the portion of the statement, if any, which was not rejected, will be used.

Proofing of Statements

To ensure the maximum accuracy in the publication of these statements, the County Auditor will make available a proof copy of any statement to the candidate who submitted it from **June 8 through June 12, 2015**, for candidates whose name will appear on the Primary ballot and from **June 15 through June 19, 2015**, for candidates whose name will appear on the General election ballot only.

Candidates will not be permitted to amend the content of their original statement after it is submitted. Only the correction of incidental errors in spelling, punctuation, or syntax in the original statement or correction of errors in typesetting will be allowed. Statements and photographs submitted for use in the Primary local voters' pamphlet will also be used for the General election pamphlet.

Photographs

Candidates may submit a photograph to be included with their statement. To assure the best possible reproduction, all photographs shall be:

1. Black and white glossy prints or color prints (no photocopies).
2. Not smaller than 3 x 5 inches or larger than 8 x 10 inches.
3. Limited to the head and shoulders of the candidate. We recommend that you use a photograph with a light (not white) background, as this will provide the best contrast when printed.
4. Photo may not be digitally altered.
5. Not more than five (5) years old.
6. Clothing or insignia that suggest a public office are banned. Examples: judicial robes, law enforcement or military uniforms.
7. Photographs are prohibited which show the uniform or insignia of any organization which advocates or teaches racial or religious intolerance.

Photographs may also be submitted electronically once a candidate has filed for office. If you do so, it must be at least 300 dpi resolutions and no smaller than 1200 x 1500 pixels. If your image is in color, do not convert it to grey scale. We will make the proper conversion needed for the voters' pamphlet.

A link to the online candidate filing system will be located on our website at clarkvotes.org. When submitting materials by email, please contact the Elections Department and confirm receipt to ensure your photo is included in the local pamphlet.

No proofs of candidate photographs will be made available due to the reduced reproduction quality of photographs during the preliminary pamphlet proofing process. Only the final pamphlet will contain the best possible reproduction of photographs, dependent on the quality of the photograph submitted in these specifications.

Deadline Extensions

The County Auditor shall have the authority to grant any deadline extension, which he/she feels, is in the best public interest. All extensions shall be equally granted to opposing candidates. Extensions will not be granted for failure to submit materials by the times and dates established in these specifications.

Where to Submit Statements and Photographs

In Person

Elections Department
1408 Franklin Street
Vancouver WA 98660

By Mail

Elections Department
PO Box 8815
Vancouver WA 98666

Online

clarkvotes.org

Email

elections@clark.wa.gov

Washington State Laws Candidacy / Campaigning

These laws listed below are only a partial listing of Washington State election laws.

29A.84.130 Registration law--

Voter violations. Any person who:

(1) Knowingly provides false information on an application for voter registration under any provision of this title;

(2) Knowingly makes or attests to a false declaration as to his or her qualifications as a voter;

(3) Knowingly causes or permits himself or herself to be registered using the name of another person;

(4) Knowingly causes himself or herself to be registered under two or more different names;

(5) Knowingly causes himself or herself to be registered in two or more counties;

(6) Offers to pay another person to assist in registering voters, where payment is based on a fixed amount of money per voter registration;

(7) Accepts payment for assisting in registering voters, where payment is based on a fixed amount of money per voter registration; or

(8) Knowingly causes any person to be registered or causes any registration to be transferred or canceled except as authorized under this title, is guilty of a class C felony punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

29A.84.620 Hindering or

bribing voter. Any person who uses menace, force, threat, or any unlawful means towards any voter to hinder or deter such a voter from voting, or directly or indirectly offers any bribe, reward, or any

thing of value to a voter in exchange for the voter's vote for or against any person or ballot measure, or authorizes any person to do so, is guilty of a class C felony punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

29A.84.630 Influencing voter

to withhold vote. Any person who in any way, directly or indirectly, by menace or unlawful means, attempts to influence any person in refusing to give his or her vote in any primary or special or general election is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable to the same extent as a gross misdemeanor that is punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

29A.84.640 Solicitation of bribe by voter.

Any person who solicits, requests, or demands, directly or indirectly, any reward or thing of value or the promise thereof in exchange for his or her vote or in exchange for the vote of any other person for or against any candidate or for or against any ballot measure to be voted upon at a primary or special or general election is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable to the same extent as a gross misdemeanor that is punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

29A.84.711 Documents regarding nomination, election, candidacy-

-Frauds and falsehoods. Every person who:

(1) Knowingly and falsely issues a certificate of nomination or election; or

(2) Knowingly provides false information on a minor party or independent candidate certificate of nomination is guilty of a class C felony punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

29A.84.650 Repeaters.

(1) Any person who intentionally votes or attempts to vote in this state more than once at any election, or who intentionally votes or attempts to vote in both this state and another state at any election, is guilty of a class C felony.

(2) Any person who recklessly or negligently violates this section commits a class 1 civil infraction as provided in RCW 7.80.120.

29A.84.660 Unqualified persons voting. Any person who knows that he or she does not possess the legal qualifications of a voter and who votes at any primary or special or general election authorized by law to be held in this state for any office whatever is guilty of a class C felony punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

29A.84.040 Political advertising, removing or defacing. A person who removes or defaces lawfully placed political advertising including yard signs or billboards without authorization is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable to the same extent as a misdemeanor that is punishable under RCW 9A.20.021. The defacement or removal of each item constitutes a separate violation.

41.06.250 Political activities.

(1) Solicitation for or payment to any partisan, political organization or for any partisan, political purpose of any compulsory assessment or involuntary contribution is prohibited: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That officers of employee associations shall not be prohibited from soliciting dues or contributions from members of their associations. No person shall solicit on state property or property of a political subdivision of this state any contribution to be used for partisan, political purposes.

(2) Employees of the state or any political subdivision thereof shall have the right to vote and to express their opinions on all political subjects and candidates and to hold any political party office or participate in the management of a partisan, political campaign. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an employee of the state or any political subdivision thereof from participating fully in campaigns relating to constitutional amendments, referendums, initiatives, and issues of a similar character, and for nonpartisan offices.

(3) A classified civil service employee shall not hold a part time public office in a political subdivision of the state when the holding of such office is incompatible with, or substantially interferes with, the discharge of official duties in state employment.

(4) For persons employed in state agencies or agencies of any political subdivision of the state the operation of which is financed in total or primarily by federal grant-in-aid funds political activity will be regulated by the rules and regulations of the United States civil service commission.

(5) The provisions of this section shall supersede all statutes, charter provisions, ordinances, resolutions, regulations, and requirements promulgated by the state or any subdivision thereof, including any provision of any county charter, insofar as they may be in conflict with the provisions of this section.

42.17A.555 Use of public office or agency facilities in campaigns - Prohibition - Exceptions. No elective official nor any employee of his (or her) office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office

or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. Facilities of public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office or agency. However, this does not apply to the following activities:

(1) Action taken at an open public meeting by members of an elected legislative body or by an elected board, council, or commission of a special purpose district including, but not limited to, fire districts, public hospital districts, library districts, park districts, port districts, public utility districts, school districts, sewer districts, and water districts, to express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the legislative body, members of the board, council, or commission of the special purpose district, or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view;

(2) A statement by an elected official in support of or in opposition to any ballot proposition at an open press conference or in response to a specific inquiry;

(3) Activities which are part of the normal and regular conduct of the office or agency.

(4) This section does not apply to any person who is a state officer or state employee as defined in RCW 42.52.010.

Political Advertising

42.17A.320 Identification of sponsor-Exemptions.

(1) All written political advertising, whether relating to candidates or ballot propositions, shall include the sponsor's name and address. All radio and television political advertising, whether relating to candidates or ballot propositions, shall include the sponsor's name. The use of an assumed name for the sponsor of electioneering communications, independent expenditures, or political advertising shall be unlawful. For partisan office, if a candidate has expressed a party or independent preference on the declaration of candidacy, that party or independent designation shall be clearly identified in electioneering communications, independent expenditures, or political advertising.

(2) In addition to the information required by subsection (1) of this section, except as specifically addressed in subsections (4) and (5) of this section, all political advertising undertaken as an independent expenditure or an electioneering communication by a person or entity other than a bona fide political party must include as part of the communication:

(a) The statement: "No candidate authorized this ad. It is paid for by (name, address, city, state)";

(b) If the sponsor is a political committee, the statement: "Top Five Contributors," followed by a list of the names of the five persons or entities making the largest contributions in excess of seven hundred dollars reportable under this chapter during the twelve-month period before the date of the advertisement or communication; and

(c) If the sponsor is a political committee established, maintained, or controlled directly, or indirectly through the formation of one or more political committees, by an individual, corporation, union, association, or other entity, the full name of that individual or entity.

(3) The information required by subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall:

(a) Appear on the first page or fold of the written advertisement or communication in at least ten-point type, or in type at least ten percent of the largest size type used in a written advertisement or communication directed at more than one voter, such as a billboard or poster, whichever is larger;

(b) Not be subject to the half-tone or screening process; and

(c) Be set apart from any other printed matter.

(4) In an independent expenditure or electioneering communication transmitted via television or other medium that includes a visual image, the following statement must either be clearly spoken, or appear in print and be visible for at least four seconds, appear in letters greater than four percent of the visual screen height, and have a reasonable color contrast with the background: "No candidate authorized this ad. Paid for by (name, city, state)." If the advertisement or communication is undertaken by a nonindividual other than a party organization, then the following notation must also be included: "Top Five Contributors" followed by a listing of the names of the five persons or entities making the largest contributions in excess of seven hundred dollars reportable

under this chapter during the twelve-month period before the date of the advertisement. Abbreviations may be used to describe contributing entities if the full name of the entity has been clearly spoken previously during the broadcast advertisement.

(5) The following statement shall be clearly spoken in an independent expenditure or electioneering communication transmitted by a method that does not include a visual image: "No candidate authorized this ad. Paid for by (name, city, state)." If the independent expenditure or electioneering communication is undertaken by a nonindividual other than a party organization, then the following statement must also be included: "Top Five Contributors" followed by a listing of the names of the five persons or entities making the largest contributions in excess of seven hundred dollars reportable under this chapter during the twelve-month period before the date of the advertisement. Abbreviations may be used to describe contributing entities if the full name of the entity has been clearly spoken previously during the broadcast advertisement.

(6) Political advertising costing one thousand dollars or more supporting or opposing ballot measures sponsored by a political committee must include the information on the "Top Five Contributors" consistent with subsections (2), (4), and (5) of this section. A series of political advertising sponsored by the same political committee, each of which is under one thousand dollars, must include the "Top Five Contributors" information required by this section once their cumulative value reaches one thousand dollars or more

(7) Political yard signs are exempt from the requirements of this section that the sponsor's name and address, and "Top Five Contributor" information, be listed on the advertising. In addition, the public disclosure commission shall, by rule, exempt from the identification requirements of this section forms of political advertising such as campaign buttons, balloons, pens, pencils, sky-writing, inscriptions, and other forms of advertising where identification is impractical.

(8) For the purposes of this section, "yard sign" means any outdoor sign with dimensions no greater than eight feet by four feet.

42.17A.330 Picture of Candidate. At least one picture of the candidate used in any political advertising shall have been taken within the last five years and shall be no smaller than any other picture of the same candidate used in the same advertisement.

42.17A.335 Political advertising or electioneering communication - Libel or defamation per se.

(1) It is a violation of this chapter for a person to sponsor with actual malice a statement constituting libel or defamation per se under the following circumstances:

(a) Political advertising or an electioneering communication that contains a false statement of material fact about a candidate for public office;

(b) Political advertising or an electioneering communication that falsely represents that a candidate is the incumbent for the office sought when in fact the candidate is not the incumbent;

(c) Political advertising or an electioneering communication that makes either directly or indirectly, a false

claim stating or implying the support or endorsement of any person or organization when in fact the candidate does not have such support or endorsement.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "libel or defamation per se" means statements that tend (a) to expose a living person to hatred, contempt, ridicule, or obloquy, or to deprive him or her of the benefit of public confidence or social intercourse, or to injure him or her in his or her business or occupation, or (b) to injure any person, corporation, or association in his, her, or its business or occupation.

(3) It is not a violation of this section for a candidate or his or her agent to make statements described in subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section about the candidate himself or herself because a person cannot defame himself or herself. It is not a violation of this section for a person or organization referenced in subsection (1)(c) of this section to make a statement about that person or organization because such persons and organizations cannot defame themselves.

(4) Any violation of this section shall be proven by clear and convincing evidence. If a violation is proven, damages are presumed and do not need to be proven.

Computer Information Available For Public Purchase

The following information is available to the public but limited by state law to non-commercial uses only. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Electronic File Or Computer Disk

Voter Registration Information

Voter registration record information can be ordered by various selection options, which you can sort as needed. A csv file will be uploaded to an FTP site, and you will be given instructions as to how to access the site. A file layout will also be provided at the time of purchase.

The following voter information is provided:

- Name
- Precinct
- Birthdate
- Original Registration Date
- Physical & Mailing Address
- Gender

Additional information is available upon request:

- Voting History
- Walking (address) Order Instructions

Cost: \$12.50 basic charge for each order placed

Daily Voted Ballots Returned For Each Election (Match Backs)

The information as listed above is provided along with voted ballot updates daily by email:

Cost: \$50.00 basic charge per election

Other Information Available:

- Copies are 20¢ per page.
- Large full county and partial county district maps are \$18.00 (plus tax) each.
- For all disk orders sent by mail, there will be a \$3.00 postage and handling fee charged.

Statement - Sale Of Materials To The Public

Payment is due upon ordering from the Elections Department. We will assume no responsibility for orders that are not what the purchaser intended to request. An affidavit of proposed use of information purchased will have to be signed at the time of purchase.

Public Disclosure Filing Requirements

2015

Jurisdiction	No. Forms Fewer than 1000 Reg. Voters	F-1 Forms Only Fewer than 5,000 Reg. Voters & Less than Entire County	F-1 Forms Plus Other Report Requirements Over 5,000 Reg. Voters
Clark County - 248,211			
State Offices:			
Superior Court			
Judge - Dept. No. 3			X
Judge - Dept. No. 6			X
County Offices			
Council - District No. 2			X
Council Chair (at-large)			X
Municipalities:			
Battle Ground - 9,074			X
Camas - 12,679			X
LaCenter - 1,798		X	
Ridgefield - 3,406		X	
Vancouver - 86,709			X
Washougal - 8,587			X
Woodland - 2,779		X	
Yacolt - 727	X		
School Districts:			
Battle Ground - 39,653			X
Camas - 18,624			X
Evergreen - 76,097			X
Green Mt. - 542	X		
Hockinson - 5,821			X
LaCenter - 5,407			X
Mt. Pleasant - 240	X		
Ridgefield - 9,877			X
Vancouver - 80,584			X
Washougal - 10,652			X
Woodland - 6,878			X
Port Districts:			
Camas-Wash. - 27,831			X
Ridgefield - 9,877			X
Vancouver - 161,856			X

Public Disclosure Filing Requirements

2015

Jurisdiction	No. Forms Fewer than 1000 Reg. Voters	F-1 Forms Only Fewer than 5,000 Reg. Voters & Less than Entire County	F-1 Forms Plus Other Report Requirements Over 5,000 Reg. Voters
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Cemetery Districts:

District # 1 Cemetery Districts Are Exempt
 District # 4 From Requirements RCW 42.17
 District # 5
 District # 6

Fire Protection Districts:

District #2 - 1,289	X	
District #3 - 12,200		X
District #5 - 46,433		X
District #6 - 38,504		X
District #10 - 5,088		X
District #13 - 2,183	X	
Clark County Fire & Rescue - 18,387		X
East County Fire & Rescue - 6,807		X

Park District:

Woodland Pool & Rec. District - 6,878		X
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Sewer District:

Clark Regional Wastewater - 57,963		X
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Political Committees: Proponents and opponents of ballot measures in jurisdictions having 1,000 or more registered voters must file campaign finance reports with PDC.

Initial reports must be filed within two weeks of becoming a candidate.

Future Election Dates

Common election dates and cutoff dates for 2016:

Election Dates	Submission Cutoff Dates For Ballot Resolutions
February 9, 2016	December 11, 2015
April 26, 2016	February 26, 2016
August 2, 2016	May 13, 2016
November 8, 2016	August 2, 2016

This “Guidelines” booklet is written for Clark County, which is a county with a class “A” designation.

Our calendar is only informational and may be used as an aid for conducting elections.

The information contained herein may change due to new legislation or judicial determination. If the reader finds an error or omission, please contact the Clark County Elections Department.

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