

2024 Candidate Filing Information

Important dates

April 22	First Day filing officer may receive candidate declarations by mail
May 6, 8:00am	Official Candidate filing online and in person opens
May 10, 5:00pm	Candidate filing closes. Lot Draw for ballot order
May 13, 5:00pm	Candidate withdrawal deadline
May 21, 5:00pm	Final day to submit your candidate biography, statement and photo for the Local Voters' Pamphlet online or by email
May 21, 4:00pm	Final day to submit candidate biography, statement and photo in-person

File online at www.masoncountywaelections.gov

Requirements to file online

- Be registered to vote in the district for which you are filing.
- Pay with Visa, MasterCard or American Express (credit or debit).
 - There are no additional card fees if you file online.
 - Filing fees are not refundable, even if you withdraw your candidacy.
- Provide a valid email address (public office or agency official or employee work related email or address may not be used RCW 42.17A.555)

Online Candidate Filing will be Open 24 hours a day starting May 6 at 8:00am and closes promptly May 10 at 5:00pm.

- ***You must submit before 5:00pm, Friday, May 10.*** The portal will stop receiving declarations at that time.
- Mobile devices are not recommended.
- Payment must be received before an election official can process the declaration of candidacy (must be received before 5:00pm May 10).
- Please allow 24-48 hours for candidacy approval. You will receive a confirmation email to the candidate email address.

Mason County Auditor's Office accepts filings for the County Commissioners, PUD Commissioners and Precinct Committee Officers (other filings are done at the Washington Secretary of State office.)

File in person or by mail

- Candidate filling is open Monday, May 6, 8:00am through Friday May 10, 5:00pm.
- Vote Center located at 411 N 5th St, (Second Floor) Shelton
- By mail, send to:
 - Mason County Auditor, PO Box 400, Shelton, WA 98584
- Complete a Declaration of Candidacy form and submit filing fee (If applicable), both must be received during the filing period.
- In person, pay with cash, check, credit, or debit card. By mail, check or money order only.
 - Payment must be received before an election official can process the declaration of candidacy.
- Paying with a credit or debit card in the office has an additional processing fee.
- Filing fees are not refundable, even if you withdraw your candidacy.

Order of Names - Lot Draw

After the close of filing, Friday, May 10, 5:00pm.

The lot draw will be conducted in the Vote Center at 411 N 5th St, (Second Floor) Shelton.

- Numbers will be drawn at random to determine the order of candidate names on the Primary Election ballot. The lot draw order will apply to all races.

Offices in a Primary Election

Partisan Office – have a Primary Election regardless of the number of candidates filed unless the office is an unexpired county race.

- The following races skip the Primary Election: Cemetery, some judicial districts, any unexpired county partisan race with one candidate and PCO with only one candidate.

Nonpartisan Office – three or more candidates filed in the Primary Election.

Withdrawal of Candidacy

A candidate must complete the Withdrawal of Candidacy form and return it in person, by email or fax. It must be received by 5:00pm Monday, May 13, to be removed as a candidate from the election. The form is available in our office or on our website <https://masoncountywaelections.gov/candidate-resources/>.

Campaign Regulation

For political advertising and financial regulations and reporting, all State and local candidates must contact:

Washington Public Disclosure Commission

- Website - pdc.wa.gov
- Toll Free - 1 (877) 601-2828 or (360) 753-1111

Voters' Pamphlet Submission

Candidates who filed online will receive an email with a link to upload your Voters' Pamphlet information. The deadline to submit your information is May 21 by 5:00pm.

Candidates who filed in person will need to submit their Voters' Pamphlet information by email to elections@masoncountywa.gov. The deadline is May 21 by 5:00pm.

If candidates have technical problems, call the Elections Department (360) 427-9670 ext. 470. **Technical difficulties will not excuse candidates from meeting the deadline.** Voters' Pamphlet information can be submitted in person at the Vote Center before May 21 by 4:00pm at 411 N 5th St, (Second Floor) Shelton. Materials must be submitted on an electronic storage device.

Late Submissions will not be accepted.

The deadline for submitting Voters' Pamphlet information for both the August Primary and November General Election is May 21. If you do not submit any information, only your contact information will appear in the Voters' Pamphlet.

You must refer to the **Local Voters' Pamphlet Administrative Rules** and **Candidate Filing Guide** for the specific requirements and for more detailed information.