Election Guide for Candidates

2013

Includes Voters' Pamphlet Administrative Rules

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About This Guide

This manual should be used in conjunction with state and local laws, not in place of them. The Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and other notations are offered as references for additional research. The material contained herein may change due to new legislation, judicial determination or rule changes.

The requirements described in this manual serve as the Voters' Pamphlet Administrative Rules for Pierce County.

Open Offices, Incumbents, and Filing Fees

Information current as of May 7, 2013. Visit piercecountyelections.org for updates.

Office	Term	Incumbent	File With	Fee
State Legislature		·		
26th District Senator	1 Year UE	Nathan Schlicher	State	\$421.06
Port Of Tacoma				
Commissioner, Position No. 1	4 Year	Connie Bacon	Pierce County	\$60.00
Commissioner, Position No. 2	4 Year	Dick Marzano	Pierce County	\$60.00
Commissioner, Position No. 4	4 Year	Don Meyer	Pierce County	\$60.00
Auburn (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City
Mayor	4 Year	Pete Lewis	King County	\$1,239.64
Council, Position No. 2	4 Year	John T. Partridge	King County	\$117.00
Council, Position No. 4	4 Year	Nancy Backus	King County	\$117.00
Council, Position No. 6	4 Year	Rich Wagner	King County	\$117.00
Bonney Lake (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City
Mayor	4 Year	Neil Johnson	Pierce County	\$96.00
Council, Position No. 1	4 Year	Randy McKibbin	Pierce County	\$48.00
Council, Position No. 3	4 Year	Dan Swatman	Pierce County	\$48.00
Council, Position No. 6	4 Year	Donn Lewis	Pierce County	\$48.00
Buckley (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City
Mayor	4 Year	Pat Johnson	Pierce County	\$60.00
Council, Position No. 1	ST 4 Year	Nora Lyn Rose	Pierce County	\$30.00
Council, Position No. 2	4 Year	Cristi Boyle Barrett	Pierce County	\$30.00
Council, Position No. 3	ST 4 Year	John Leggett	Pierce County	\$30.00
Carbonado (Town of)			4th (Class Town
Council, Position No. 1	4 Year	Joseph E. King	Pierce County	\$0.00
Council, Position No. 2	4 Year	Kevin M. Vesey	Pierce County	\$0.00
DuPont (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City
Council, Position No. 1	4 Year	Roger Westman	Pierce County	\$45.00
Council, Position No. 2	ST 4 Year	Linda Jordan	Pierce County	\$45.00
Council, Position No. 3	4 Year	John Ehrenreich	Pierce County	\$45.00
Council, Position No. 7	4 Year	Larry Wilcox	Pierce County	\$45.00
Eatonville (Town of)			4th C	lass Town
Mayor	4 Year	Ray Harper	Pierce County	\$169.98
Council, Position No. 1	4 Year	Gordon B. Bowman	Pierce County	\$0.00
Council, Position No. 2	4 Year	Robert E. Schaub	Pierce County	\$0.00
Edgewood (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City
Council, Position No. 3	4 Year	Jeffery Hogan	Pierce County	\$30.00
Council, Position No. 4	4 Year	Daryl Eidinger	Pierce County	\$30.00
Council, Position No. 5	4 Year	Donna J. O'Ravez	Pierce County	\$30.00
Council, Position No. 6	4 Year	Dave Olson	Pierce County	\$30.00

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Fife (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City
Council, Position No. 1	2 Year UE	Kim Roscoe	Pierce County	\$63.12
Council, Position No. 3	4 Year	Glenn E. Hull, Jr.	Pierce County	\$63.12
Council, Position No. 6	ST 4 Year	Dierdre Dukes-Gethers	Pierce County	\$63.12
Council, Position No. 7	4 Year	Lew Wolfrom	Pierce County	\$63.12
Fircrest (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City
Council,, Position No. 1	4 Year	Matthew P. Jolibois	Pierce County	\$14.59
Council, Position No. 2	4 Year	Chris Gruver	Pierce County	\$14.59
Council, Position No. 6	4 Year	Denny Waltier	Pierce County	\$14.59
Council, Position No. 7	4 Year	Kathy L. McVay	Pierce County	\$14.59
Gig Harbor (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City
Mayor	4 Year	Chuck Hunter	Pierce County	\$180.00
Council, Position No. 1	4 Year	Tim Payne	Pierce County	\$72.00
Council, Position No. 2	4 Year	Steven K. Ekberg	Pierce County	\$72.00
Council, Position No. 3	4 Year	Derek M. Young	Pierce County	\$72.00
Council, Position No. 7	4 Year	Paul L. Kadzik	Pierce County	\$72.00
Lakewood (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City
Council, Position No. 1	4 Year	Mary Moss	Pierce County	\$84.00
Council, Position No. 2	4 Year	Mike Brandstetter	Pierce County	\$84.00
Council, Position No. 3	4 Year	Jason Whalen	Pierce County	\$84.00
Council, Position No. 5	ST 4 Year	Helen McGovern	Pierce County	\$84.00
Milton (City of)	^		Non-Charter	Code City
Mayor	4 Year	Debra Perry	Pierce County	\$180.00
Council, Position No. 1	4 Year	Lois Zaroudny	Pierce County	\$48.00
Council, Position No. 2	4 Year	Bart L. Taylor	Pierce County	\$48.00
Council, Position No. 3	4 Year	Bryan W. Ott	Pierce County	\$48.00
Council, Position No. 5	4 Year	Todd Morton	Pierce County	\$48.00
Orting (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City
Mayor	4 Year	Cheryl M. Temple	Pierce County	\$120.00
Council, Position No. 1	4 Year	Graham Hunt	Pierce County	\$12.00
Council, Position No. 2	4 Year	Stanley Holland	Pierce County	\$12.00
Council, Position No. 3	ST 4 Year	Vacant	Pierce County	\$12.00
Council, Position No. 7	4 Year	Scott A. Drennen	Pierce County	\$12.00
Pacific (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City
Council, Position No. 2	4 Year	John C. Jones	King County	\$24.00
Council, Position No. 4	4 Year	Leanne Guier	King County	\$24.00
Council, Position No. 5	4 Year	James McMahan	King County	\$24.00
Council, Position No. 7	4 Year	Tren Walker	King County	\$24.00

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Puyallup (City of)	•		Non-Charter	Code City	
Council, District No. 1, Position No. 2	4 Year	John Hopkins	Pierce County	\$137.00	
Council, District No. 2, Position No. 2	4 Year	Rick Hansen	Pierce County	\$137.00	
Council, District No. 3, Position No. 2	4 Year	Kent Boyle	Pierce County	\$137.00	
Municipal Court Judge	ST 4 Year	Andrea Beall	Pierce County	\$1,346.25	
Roy (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City	
Mayor	4 Year	Karen E. Yates	Pierce County	\$36.00	
Council, Position No. 1	ST 4 Year	Dean Lloyd	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Council, Position No. 3	4 Year	Ray Bourne	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Council, Position No. 5	4 Year	Leon E. Garrison	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Ruston (Town of)			Non-Charter (Code Town	
Mayor	4 Year	Bruce Hopkins	Pierce County	\$60.00	
Council, Position No. 1	4 Year	Lyle Hardin	Pierce County	\$10.00	
Council, Position No. 2	4 Year	Deborah Kristovich	Pierce County	\$10.00	
Council, Position No. 4	4 Year	Jane Krock Hunt	Pierce County	\$10.00	
Council, Position No. 5	2 Year UE	Bruce Judd	Pierce County	\$10.00	
South Prairie (Town of)			4th C	Class Town	
Mayor	4 Year	Peggy Levesque	Pierce County	\$12.00	
Council, Position No. 3	4 Year	Anthony Caldwell	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Council, Position No. 5	4 Year	Laura Heideman	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Steilacoom (Town of)			4th C	Class Town	
Mayor	4 Year	Ron Lucas	Pierce County	\$90.00	
Council, Position No. 1	4 Year	Lowell G. Bier	Pierce County	\$36.00	
Council, Position No. 2	4 Year	Marion V. Smith	Pierce County	\$36.00	
Council, Position No. 3	4 Year	Steven L. Stovall	Pierce County	\$36.00	
Sumner (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City	
Mayor	4 Year	Dave Enslow	Pierce County	\$216.00	
Council, Position No. 1	4 Year	Ed Hannus	Pierce County	\$90.00	
Council, Position No. 2	4 Year	Randy Hynek	Pierce County	\$90.00	
Council, Position No. 3	4 Year	Steve Allsop	Pierce County	\$90.00	
Tacoma (City of)					
Mayor	4 Year	Marilyn Strickland	Pierce County	\$910.42	
Council At Large, Position No. 6	4 Year	Victoria R. Woodards	Pierce County	\$412.67	
Council, District No. 2	4 Year	RobertThoms	Pierce County	\$412.67	
Council, District No. 4	4 Year	Marty Campbell	Pierce County	\$412.67	
Council, District No. 5	4 Year	Joe Lonergan	Pierce County	\$412.67	
Civil Service, Position No. 1	4 Year	Charles N. McKenna	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Civil Service, Position No. 2	4 Year	Dan Sexton	Pierce County	\$0.00	

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University Place (City of)			Non-Charter	Code City
Council Position No. 1	4 Year	Javier Figueroa	Pierce County	\$184.68
Council Position No. 3	4 Year	Eric Choiniere	Pierce County	\$184.68
Council Position No. 4	4 Year	Ken J. Grassi	Pierce County	\$184.68
Council Position No. 5	4 Year	Denise McCluskey	Pierce County	\$184.68
Wilkeson (Town of)			4th (Class Town
Mayor	4 Year	Donna Hogerhuis	Pierce County	\$0.00
Council Position No. 1	4 Year	Ian Niles Galbraith	Pierce County	\$0.00
Council Position No. 2	ST 4 Year	Brent Thawsh	Pierce County	\$0.00
Council Position No. 3	ST 4 Year	Susan Hallin	Pierce County	\$0.00
Council Position No. 4	2 Year UE	Vacant	Pierce County	\$0.00
School District No. 1 (Steilacoo	m Historical)		
Director Position No. 1	4 Year	Donald A. Denning	Pierce County	\$0.00
Director Position No. 2	4 Year	Michael Winkler	Pierce County	\$0.00
Director Position No. 3	4 Year	Kevin M. Callanan	Pierce County	\$0.00
School District No. 2 (Yelm Con	nmunity Sch	iools)	Direct	or District
Director, District No. 1	4 Year	Dave Pratt	Thurston County	\$0.00
Director, District No. 4	4 Year	Debbie Edwards	Thurston County	\$0.00
School District No. 3 (Puyallup)				
Director Position No. 1	4 Year	Pat Donovan	Pierce County	\$0.00
Director Position No. 4	4 Year	Greg Heath	Pierce County	\$0.00
School District No. 10 (Tacoma)				
Director Position No. 1	6 Year	Debbie Winskill	Pierce County	\$0.00
School District No. 19 (Carbona	do Historica	I)		
Director Position No. 1	4 Year	Laurie A. McNabb	Pierce County	\$0.00
Director Position No. 2	4 Year	Jill Snover	Pierce County	\$0.00
School District No. 83 (Universi	ty Place)			
Director Position No. 1	4 Year	Christine Kilduff	Pierce County	\$0.00
Director Position No. 2	4 Year	Michael Ehart	Pierce County	\$0.00
School District No. 320 (Sumne	r)		Direct	or District
Director, District No. 1	4 Year	Mike Pavlik	Pierce County	\$0.00
Director, District No. 5	4 Year	Sherm Voiles	Pierce County	\$0.00
School District No. 343 (Diering	er)		Direct	or District
Director, District No. 1	4 Year	James D. Barfoot	Pierce County	\$0.00
Director, District No. 2	2 Year UE	Dennis Gronholdt	Pierce County	\$0.00
Director, District No. 3	4 Year	Pete George	Pierce County	\$0.00
Director, District No. 4	4 Year	John McKenna	Pierce County	\$0.00

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School District No. 344 (Orting)			Directo	or District	
Director, District No. 1	4 Year	Vacant	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 2	4 Year	Laura Fischer	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 3	2 Year UE	David Egts	Pierce County	\$0.00	
School District No. 400 (Clover	Park)		Directo	or District	
Director, District No. 3	4 Year	Joseph A. Vlaming	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 4	4 Year	Marty Schafer	Pierce County	\$0.00	
School District No. 401 (Penins	ula)		Directo	or District	
Director, District No. 2	4 Year	Wendy Wojtanowicz	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 4	2 Year UE	Harlan Gallinger	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 5	4 Year	Rick Jones	Pierce County	\$0.00	
School District No. 402 (Frankli	n Pierce)		Direct	or District	
Director, District No. 2	4 Year	John Harstad	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 5	4 Year	Cole Roberts	Pierce County	\$0.00	
School District No. 403 (Bethel)			Direct	or District	
Director, District No. 1	4 Year	Warren T. Smith	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 3	4 Year	Stanley E. Chapin	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 4	2 Year UE	Michael Audas	Pierce County	\$0.00	
School District No. 404 (Eatony	ille)		Directo	or District	
Council At Large, Position No. 4	2 Year UE	Jeff Lucas	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Council At Large, Position No. 5	4 Year	Ronda Litzenberger	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 2	4 Year	Robert Homan	Pierce County	\$0.00	
School District No. 408 (Auburn	1)		Directo	or District	
Director, District No. 3	4 Year	Janice Nelson	King County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 5	4 Year	Lisa Connors	King County	\$0.00	
School District No. 416 (White	River)		Direct	or District	
Director, District No. 1	4 Year	Michael J. Jansen	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 3	4 Year	Denise Vogel	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 4	4 Year	Cassandra D. Pearson	Pierce County	\$0.00	
School District No. 417 (Fife)	School District No. 417 (Fife) Director Distric				
Director, District No. 3	4 Year	Sally W. Finlayson	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 4	4 Year	Marisa Michaud	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Director, District No. 5	4 Year	Bruce Burnside	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Fire Protection District No. 3 (U	niversity Pla	ce)			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Bart Dalton Patrick D. Tobin	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Commissioner, Position No. 5	6 Year	Warren Ted Wier	Pierce County	\$0.00	

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Fire Protection District No. 5 (G	ig Harbor)	•		
Commissioner, Position No. 3	6 Year	William A. Jarmon	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 4	6 Year	Thomas A. Sutich	Pierce County	\$0.00
Fire Protection District No. 6 (C	entral Pierce	Fire & Rescue)		
Commissioner, Position No. 1	ST 6 Year	Steve Stringfellow	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 4	6 Year	Robert Willis	Pierce County	\$0.00
Fire Protection District No. 10 (I	Fife)			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	6 Year	Daniel Nelson	Pierce County	\$0.00
Fire Protection District No. 13 (I	Brown's Pt-D	Dash Pt)		
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Jim Zuluaga	Pierce County	\$0.00
Fire Protection District No. 14 (I	Riverside)			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	6 Year	Karen L. Megran	Pierce County	\$0.00
Fire Protection District No. 16 (I	Key Peninsu	la)		
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Frank Grubaugh	Pierce County	\$0.00
Fire Protection District No. 17 (South Pierce	Fire & Rescue)	<u> </u>	
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Olivia H. Werner	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, rosition No. 1	o rear	John F. Christian	Tierce County	φυ.υυ
Commissioner, Position No. 5	6 Year	Roy Kadow	Pierce County	\$0.00
Fire Protection District No. 18 (Orting)			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Troy West	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 5	ST 6 Year	Margaret O'Harra	Pierce County	\$0.00
Fire Protection District No. 21 (Graham Fire	& Rescue)		
Commissioner, Position No. 2	6 Year	Verne M. Pierson	Pierce County	\$0.00
Fire Protection District No. 22 (I	East Pierce F	ire & Rescue)		
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Raymond R. Bunk, III Kevin Garling	Pierce County	\$0.00
Fire Protection District No. 23 (A	Ashford)			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	6 Year	Alan Nelson	Pierce County	\$0.00
Fire Protection District No. 25 (Crystal Mou	ntain)		
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Joe Piscadlo	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 2	4 Year UE	Abbie Bodette	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 3	2 Year UE	David Wolfendale	Pierce County	\$0.00
Fire Protection District No. 26 (Greenwater)			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	6 Year	N. Peter Murray	Pierce County	\$0.00
Fire Protection District No. 27 (A	Anderson Isl	and)		
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Stephen L."Steve" Woolley	Pierce County	\$0.00

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Anderson Island Park & Recreat	tion District			
Commissioner, Position No. 3	4 Year	David Jacobsen	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 4	4 Year	Richard G. Anderson	Pierce County	\$0.00
Key Peninsula Metropolitan Par	k District			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Mark Alan Michel	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 3	6 Year	Gregory J. Anglemyer	Pierce County	\$0.00
Metropolitan Park District of Ta	coma			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Aaron Pointer	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 2	6 Year	Tim Reid	Pierce County	\$0.00
Peninsula Metropolitan Park Dis	strict			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Jon Ortgiesen	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 4	6 Year	Todd Iverson	Pierce County	\$0.00
Ashford Water District				
Commissioner, Position No. 1	2 Year UE	Rick Johnson	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 2	6 Year	Steve Miller	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 3	4 Year UE	Ryan Mettler	Pierce County	\$0.00
Burnett Water District				
Commissioner, Position No. 2	2 Year UE	Bill Larson	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 3	ST 6 Year	David R. Youmans	Pierce County	\$0.00
Clear Lake Water District				
Commissioner, Position No. 2	2 Year UE	Dean Pitsch	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 3	ST 6 Year	Gary Pessemier	Pierce County	\$0.00
East Gig Harbor Water District				
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Cheryl A. Magee	Pierce County	\$0.00
Elbe Water District				
Commissioner, Position No. 2	2 Year UE	Julie L. Clark	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 3	6 Year	Gayle W. Adams	Pierce County	\$0.00
Elkhorn Water District				
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Marla Kowal	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 2	4 Year UE	Vacant (1/08)	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 3	2 Year UE	Margi Pratt	Pierce County	\$0.00
Kapowsin Water District				
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Glenn E. Mattison	Pierce County	\$0.00
Kopachuck Ridge Estates Water	r District			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	2 Year UE	Paul Hildebrand	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 2	ST 6 Year	Greg Baer	Pierce County	\$0.00
Commissioner, Position No. 3	4 Year UE	Dave Gordon	Pierce County	\$0.00

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Lakewood Water District					
Commissioner, Position No. 1	ST 6 Year	Gregory Rediske	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Mckenna Water District					
Commissioner, Position No. 2	ST 6 Year	Michael Meridth	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Valley Water District	Valley Water District				
Commissioner, Position No. 3	6 Year	Christine Johnson	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Crystal Mountain Sewer Distric	t				
Commissioner, Position No. 2	6 Year	Karen S. Harrison	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Wollochet Harbor Sewer District					
Commissioner, Position No. 1	6 Year	Gertrude A. Puryear	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Commissioner, Position No. 2	4 Year UE	Daniel V. Lehosky	Pierce County	\$0.00	
Commissioner, Position No. 3	2 Year UE	Lisa Scott	Pierce County	\$0.00	

City Classifications

City Classification types are provided to assist candidates in determining residency requirements. Municipal governments in Washington are classified according to their population at the time of organization (usually incorporation) or reorganization.

School Director Districts

For schools with Director Districts, candidates must be registered voters within the Director District.

See pages 18 and 19 for candidate residency requirements.

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2013 Calendar

4/29/2013	First day to file by mail (RCW 29A.24.081)
5/13/2013	First day to file for office (RCW 29A.24.050)
5/17/2013	Last day for all candidates to file for office (RCW 29A.24.050)
5/20/2013	Last day to withdraw (RCW 29A.24.131)
5/20/2013	Last day to submit voters' pamphlet statement and photo.
6/22/2013	Overseas and military ballots mailed for Primary Election (RCW 29A.40.070)
7/8/2013	Last day for mail-in or online registrations and address changes for Primary Election (RCW 29A.08.140)
7/19/2013	Ballots mailed. Accessible voting units and ballots available at Pierce County Election Center for Primary Election (RCW 29A.40.070)
7/19/2013	Last day to file as a write-in candidate for Primary Election (RCW 29A.24.311)
7/29/2013	Deadline for in-person registration for Primary Election (RCW 29A.08.140)
8/6/2013	PRIMARY ELECTION (RCW 29A.04.311)
8/20/2013	County certification of Primary Election (RCW 29A.60.190)
8/23/2013	State certification of Primary Election (RCW 29A.60.240)
9/21/2013	Overseas and military ballots mailed for General Election (RCW 29A.40.070)
10/7/2013	Last day for mail-in or online registrations and address changes for General Election (RCW 29A.08.140)
10/18/2013	Ballots mailed. Accessible voting units and ballots available at Pierce County Election Center for General Election (RCW 29A.40.070)
10/18/2013	Last day to file as a write-in candidate for General Election (RCW 29A.24.311)
10/28/2013	Deadline for in-person registration for General Election (RCW 29A.08.140)
11/5/2013	GENERAL ELECTION (RCW 29A.04.321)
11/5/2013 11/26/2013	GENERAL ELECTION (RCW 29A.04.321) County certification of General Election (RCW 29A.60.190)

Where to File

Pierce County Elections					
Port of Tacoma Commissioners City and Town Council Members - except City of Auburn and City of Pacific see below* School District Directors - except Yelm Community Schools District No. 2 see below** - except Auburn School District No. 408 see below* Fire Protection District Commissioners Park and Recreation District Commissioners Water District Commissioners Sewer District Commissioners	File online piercecountyelections.org Begins Monday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. Ends Friday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m. File in person by kiosk Pierce County Election Center 2501 S 35th Street, Suite C, Tacoma, WA 98409 253-798-VOTE (8683) May 13 - 17, 2013, 8:30 a.m 4:30 p.m.				
King County Elections*					
City of Auburn* City of Pacific* Auburn School District No. 408*	For filing information Visit www.kingcounty.gov/elections or call 206-296-VOTE (8683)				
Thurston County Elections**					
Yelm Community Schools No. 2**	For filing information Visit www.thurstonvotes.org or call 360-786-5408				
Office of the Secretary of State					
26th Legislative District Senator	For filing information Visit www.vote.wa.gov or call 360-902-4180				

How to file in Pierce County

Pierce County requires filers to submit online at piercecountyelections.org

Requirements:

- Be a registered voter of the district and meet the residency requirements for the office you are filing for. (see pages 18 - 19)
- Pay by Visa or MasterCard if position requires a filing fee.
- Provide an email address.

Filing ends Friday, May 17, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

However, candidates may walk in and file on a kiosk up until Friday, May 17, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Candidate Order of Appearance on Ballots and in the Local Voters' Pamphlet

The order of appearance of candidates' names on ballots and in the local voters' pamphlet will be determined by lot drawing after the close of filing on Friday, May 17, 2013. The lot drawing process is an open public meeting and will commence after the filings have been proofed for accuracy. (RCW 29A.36.131)

In the general election, the candidate with the most votes in the primary election will be listed first on the ballot.

Local Voters' Pamphlet

Submitting local voters' pamphlet information

Pierce County publishes an official local voters' pamphlet for all elections. It is available in both printed and electronic form on the Elections Division website.

After you file for office, you will receive an email with a link for submitting your biographical information, statement, and photo online. All candidates are required to file their information online.

Any candidate experiencing technical problems should call the Elections Division as soon as possible. To avoid missing the deadline, candidates should begin the upload process as early as possible after they file for office. Technical difficulties will not excuse candidates from meeting the deadline. All information submitted by candidates for inclusion in the local voters' pamphlet information is due by **Monday**, **May 20, 2013 at 4:30 p.m**.

Candidate Biography and Statement

The local voters' pamphlet will include a biography and statement for each candidate.

Biography

Biographical information should be organized in accordance with the four section headings set forth below. Section headings are not included in the word count. The biography must not exceed 100 words allocated between the following section headings.

- Elected Experience. (Judges use Legal/Judicial Experience)
- Other Professional Experience.
- Education.
- Community Service.

If a section heading is left blank, that heading will still be printed with the text "No information submitted".

Statement - Word Limits RCW 29A.32.121

The word limit for candidate statements is 200.

Biography and Statement Format

Italics may only be used to emphasize specific words or statements. No other formatting is allowed.

Don't use:

- Bolding, underlining or all caps.
- Tables, list, bullets, or other formatting tools.
- Obscene, profane, libelous, or defamatory language.

Any bold, underlining or all caps submitted will be changed to italics. Use block paragraph form. You may use up to four hard returns in your statement.

Statements and biographies exceeding word limits will be shortened by deleting full sentences from the end until the limit is reached.

Candidate Photo Guidelines RCW 29A.32.110, WAC 434-381-140

- All photos must be digital (JPEG orTIFF format) and submitted online.
- Current photo (taken within 5 years).
- Head and shoulders only portrait.
- Light colored, plain background.
- Photos with scenery, flags or other background settings will not be accepted.

- Color photos are preferred, black and white is acceptable.
- Judicial robes, law enforcement or military uniforms are prohibited. No photo may reveal clothing or insignia suggesting that you hold a public office.

Once a photo is submitted, it becomes property of the Auditor's office. The Auditor's office will not be responsible for your photo appearing in publications other than the local voters' pamphlet.

Candidate Contact Information

A candidate's campaign email address, website address and phone number will be printed in the pamphlet. Your mailing address will not be printed.

City of Tacoma Candidates

City of Tacoma candidates have different voters' pamphlet filing requirements. These requirements include the submittal of the signatures of ten residents sponsoring your candidacy. The City of Tacoma's Charter contains filing and pamphlet statement specifics dictated by the City of Tacoma (Charter, Section 5.6).

City of Tacoma candidate information is available on our website at piercecountyelections.org, the Pierce County Election Center or from the City of Tacoma.

Disclaimer

The Auditor's office will not make any typographical or grammatical changes to candidate statements. Your candidate statement will be printed exactly as received. The following statement shall appear at the bottom of each page where arguments and/or candidate statements appear: "The statements above are printed as submitted. No spelling, grammatical or other corrections have been made. The Pierce County Auditor's Office does not confirm that the statements printed are true or fact. The candidate or campaign committee is solely responsible for content."

It is the candidate's sole responsibility to ensure that materials submitted for inclusion in the local voters' pamphlet are accurate and are received by the Auditor's office by the deadline.

All candidate information submitted for inclusion in the local voters' pamphlet is due by Monday, May 20, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

No exceptions are allowed. If a photo, biography, or statement is not received by the deadline, the text "No photo submitted", "No information submitted", and/or "No statement submitted" will appear in the local voters' pamphlet.

Local Voters' Pamphlet

Public Inspection of Statements RCW 29A.32.100

An argument or statement submitted for publication in the local voter's pamphlet is not available for public inspection or copying until all statements and arguments pertaining to the specified ballot measure or office have been received and reviewed or the deadline for submission of statements has passed. Requests shall be made in the same manner as requests for public documents.

Rejection and Appeal

Rejection

Pursuant to RCW 29A.32.230, the Elections Division may reject any statement that:

- Is obscene.
- Is libelous.
- Contains a commercial advertisement.
- Contains matter prohibited by law from distribution through the mail.
- Contains matter not limited to the candidate himself or herself or to the measure or political office.
- Contains matter that is otherwise inappropriate.
- Was received after the filing deadline.

If an explanatory statement or candidate's statement is rejected by the Elections Division, a notice of rejection shall be sent by the Elections Division manager to the proponent by email not more than 48 hours after receipt thereof and shall set forth the specific grounds for rejection.

Appeal

The proponent of an explanatory statement, "For" or "Against" statement or argument may respond to or appeal the Election's Division manager's decision to reject a statement. A written notice of appeal shall be submitted to the Auditor by email not more than 48 hours after the notice of rejection was sent and shall set forth the specific grounds for appeal. The Auditor shall issue a decision granting or denying the appeal by email not more than 48 hours after receiving the notice of appeal. The decision of the Auditor to grant or deny an appeal shall be final.

Disputes between interested parties

Candidates may petition the Superior Court to protest another candidate's submission.

Public Disclosure Commission

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) provides public access to accurate information about the financing of political campaigns, lobbyist expenditures, and the financial affairs of public officials and candidates. The commission ensures compliance and enforcement of Washington's disclosure and campaign finance laws.

Note: The information contained in this section is for informational purposes only. Candidates are advised to verify that they are in compliance with all state, county, and local laws. Candidates must contact PDC directly with any questions or concerns.

Forms, Instruction Manuals and Brochures Available Online

Visit the PDC website www.pdc.wa.gov for public disclosure information and forms. Call PDC at (360) 753-1111 or 1-877-601-2828. Paper forms and instruction manuals are not available at the Election Center.

Where to File PDC Reports

File forms electronically on the PDC website: www.pdc.wa.gov

Contribution Limits for County Offices and Port Commissioner Offices

Candidates for the Port of Tacoma are subject to a contribution limit of \$1,800 per election. Candidates for Pierce County offices are subject to a contribution limit of \$900 per election.

Expenditure Limits for candidates

Mini reporting has an expenditure maximum of \$5,000. Pierce County offices and state offices do not have an expenditure limit.

Residency Requirements

US Senate: Candidates must be at least 30 years of age, US citizens and residents of the state for which they shall be chosen. (Reference US Constitution, Article 1, Section 3)

US Representative: Candidates must be at least 25 years of age, US citizens and residents of the state for which they shall be chosen. (Reference US Constitution, Article 1, Section 2)

State Legislature: Candidates must be a citizen of the US and a qualified voter in the district. (Reference State Constitution, Article II, Section 7)

State Offices: Candidates must be a citizen of the US and a qualified elector of the State of Washington. (Reference State Constitution, Article III, Section 25)

Supreme, Superior, District Court Judges: Candidates must be resident electors of their district and admitted to practice law in the courts of record of the State of Washington. (Reference State Constitution, Article IV, Section 17;)

Court of Appeals Judges: Candidates must be residents of the district for not less than one year and admitted to practice law in the courts of the State of Washington for not less than five years prior to taking office. (Reference RCW 2.06.050)

Tacoma Municipal Court Judges: Candidates must be qualified resident electors of Pierce County and admitted to practice law in the courts of record of the State of Washington. (Reference Tacoma City Charter Article 5, State Constitution, Article IV, Section 17, RCW 3.34.060, 3.50.057, 35.20.170)

County Offices: Candidates must be US citizens, residents and registered voters of Pierce County. County Council candidates must be residents and registered voters of their district for one year prior to filing. No County Council District boundary change shall disqualify the council member from holding office during the remainder of the term. (Reference Pierce County Charter 4.30, RCW 29A.20.021)

*Port Districts: Candidates must be registered voters of Pierce County. (Reference RCW 53.12, 29A.20.021)

*City of Tacoma: Candidates for Council shall be qualified electors (registered voters) and residents of the City for two years immediately preceding the time of filing, and residents of their district for one year immediately preceding the time of filing. No person shall be eligible for the office of council person while holding any other elective public office. (Reference Tacoma City Charter Section 2.2, RCW 29A.20.021)

*Non-Charter Code Cities: Candidates must be registered voters at the time of filing and residents for a year on election day. (Reference RCW 35A.12.030, 35A.13.020, 29A.20.021)

*4th Class Cities and Towns: Candidates must be resident electors (registered voters). (Reference RCW 35.27.080, 29A.20.021)

*School Districts: Candidates must be registered voters of district or director district. (Reference RCW 28A.343.350, 29A.20.021)

*Fire, Water and Sewer Districts: Candidates must be qualified electors (registered voters) of district. (Reference RCW 52.14.010)

- *Park and Recreation Districts: Candidates must be resident electors (registered voters) of district. (Reference RCW 36.69, 29A.20.021)
- *Water and Sewer Districts: Candidates must be qualified electors (registered voters) of district. (Reference RCW 52.12)
- *Sewer Districts: Candidates must be qualified electors (registered voters) of district. (Reference RCW 52.12)

Drainage Districts: Candidates must be both property owners in the district and registered voters in the State of Washington for thirty days. Note: Drainage District Elections are held in February in even years. (Reference RCW 85.38)

*Only appear on ballot in odd years.

Term Limits

Term limits apply to the following offices:

County Elected Offices

Three consecutive four-year terms in the same position for Sheriff, Assessor-Treasurer and Auditor. The Prosecuting Attorney is not subject to term limits. All other county elected offices are subject to two consecutive four-year terms in the same position. Establishment of residency in an alternate district will not circumvent this restriction. (Reference Pierce County Charter 4.90)

City of Edgewood

No person may serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. (City of Edgewood Municipal Code Ord. 2.10.010)

City of Tacoma

No person shall be allowed to serve on the Council for more than ten consecutive years as a Council person, Mayor, or combination thereof. (Tacoma City Charter Article II, Sec. 2.35)

No Double Filings RCW 29A.36.201

Excluding the office of Precinct Committee Officer, Freeholder, or Charter Review Commissioner, a candidate's name shall not appear for more than one office on the ballot.

Candidates Who Lack Funds to Pay the Filing Fee RCW 29A.24.091, 101, 111, 29A.84.261

Candidates or candidate committees lacking sufficient income or assets to pay the filing fee may submit a filing fee petition. The petition must be presented with the Declaration of Candidacy. The form is available on the Auditor's website or at the Election Center. It must contain one valid (registered voter) signature for each dollar of the filing fee. For example, if the filing fee for the office you are seeking is \$200.00, the petition must contain 200 valid signatures of registered voters who reside in the district/jurisdiction of the office you are seeking. You should gather extra signatures to allow for invalid signers. No signatures may be submitted after Friday, May 17, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. Petitions cannot be combined with money for the filing fee.

Political Party and Independent Candidates WAC 434-215-130

There is no distinction between major party candidates, minor party candidates, or independent candidates filing for partisan offices.

Withdrawal of Filing RCW 29A.24.120 & 131

A candidate may withdraw a Declaration of Candidacy in writing through Monday, May 20, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. There shall be no withdrawal period for Declarations of Candidacy filed during special filing periods. Filing fees are not refundable.

Write-in Candidates RCW 29A.24.311, 320, 29A.60.021

A write-in candidate may file a Declaration of Candidacy and pay the filing fee. Write-in declarations must be filed by 18 calendar days prior to the election.

Write-in votes will be tallied when they impact the outcome of the election.

Votes cast for write-in candidates who have filed declarations need only specify the name of the candidate in the appropriate location on the ballot and connect the arrow in order to be counted.

No person may file a write-in declaration:

- For the general election, if the candidate lost the primary election, either as a candidate or a write-in candidate.
- A valid write-in declaration has already been filed for another office.
- The candidate already appears on the ballot for another office.

No write-in candidate filing under RCW 29A.24.311 will be included in any voters' pamphlet unless that candidate qualifies to have his or her name printed on the general election ballot.

Write-in votes for candidates who have not filed a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy must include the office sought and, if applicable, position number and political party preference in order to be counted.

Voids in Candidacy RCW 29A.24.181

A void in candidacy occurs if, after the regular filing week but prior to the day of the primary:

- No candidate has filed for office.
- All candidates who filed have withdrawn, or
- All candidates who have filed died or have been disqualified.

There is no void in candidacy as long as there is at least one viable candidate.

A special three-day filing period will be opened. Notice of the special three day filing period will be given by notifying the media.

If a void in candidacy is filled by special filing period, no primary will be held. All candidates who file during the special filing period appear on the general election ballot.

Vacancy in Office RCW 29A.24.171

When an incumbent resigns, dies, or is disqualified mid-term, and candidate filings have not been held for the office, one of the following occurs:

- If the county auditor is notified of a vacancy before regular candidate filing, the office will be included in regular filing.
- If the vacancy in office occurs on or after regular candidate filing has begun, no election is held for that office. The jurisdiction will fill the vacant position with an appointment until the next election for that office.

What if no one files for a non-partisan office? (Lapsed Elections) RCW 29A.24.191, 201

If no candidate files during the regular filing period and subsequent special filing period, an election for an office will not be held until the next applicable general election.

If after the special three-day filing period is passed and no candidate has filed for any city, town, or district position, the incumbent continues to serve until a successor is elected at the next election when such positions are voted upon.

Primary Election Guidelines

Partisan Offices RCW 29A.52, 29A.36, WAC 434-230-015 and 045

A partisan office is an office for which a candidate may choose to indicate a political party preference on his or her Declaration of Candidacy. Federal, statewide, legislative and some county positions are partisan offices.

A primary election will be held for each partisan office open for election, regardless of the number of candidates filing. Unless the partisan office is to fill an unexpired term which is scheduled to be voted upon for a full term in an even numbered year. Then no primary will be held (RCW 29A.52.10).

Candidates for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not indicate endorsement by the party. On the primary election ballot, candidate's shall be listed in the order determined by lot.

It is the voter's option to vote for partisan candidates of their choice and/or vote for any or all nonpartisan races and issues.

The names of candidates for County Council will appear only on ballots within their council district.

The two candidates who receive the greatest number of votes cast will advance to the general election ballot regardless of party preferences. They will appear on the ballot with the top vote getter appearing first.

Nonpartisan Offices RCW 29A.52.220, 35.61.050, 36.69.090

A nonpartisan office is an office for which candidates do not indicate a party preference. All judicial and most special purpose offices are nonpartisan offices. No party preference appears on the ballot for these races.

A primary election will be held if three or more candidates file in any nonpartisan office, or a city, town, school, special purpose district or district court office. The two candidates with the most votes continue on to the general election. The top vote getter appears first.

A primary election will not be held for park and recreation district positions. (Excludes metropolitan park districts). All candidates will advance directly to the general election ballot in lot draw order.

Candidates for metropolitan park district positions will appear on the primary ballot if three or more candidates file for the position. The two candidates who receive the most votes will advance to the general election ballot with the top vote getter appearing first on the ballot.

Judicial Offices State Constitution Art IV Sec 29

Candidates for state supreme court, court of appeals, and superintendent of public instruction will appear on the primary election ballot, no matter how many candidates file. The candidates' names will appear in lot draw order.

See the chart on the next page for more judicial office ballot information.

Primary Election Guidelines

The chart below outlines the appearance of Full Term Judicial Offices and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

	Supreme Court Court of Appeals		Superior Court		District Court		Municipal Court	
Candidates	Primary	General	Primary	General	Primary	General	Primary	General
1	Yes	Yes	Population over 100,000: No because certificate of election is issued after candidate filing.	Population over 100,000: No because certificate of election is issued after candidate filing.	No	Yes	No	Yes
			Population under 100,000: Yes.	Population under 100,000: Yes.				
			Art. IV, Sec. 29.	Art. IV, Sec. 29.	RCW 29A.52.220.		RCW 29A.52.220.	
2	Yes	Yes If there is a majority in Primary, only the top vote getter advances. If no majority, top two advance.	Yes	If there is a majority in Primary, candidate issued certificate of election after Primary. If no majority, top two advance.	No	Yes	No	Yes
		RCW 29A.36.171.		RCW 29A.36.171 Art. IV, Sec. 29.	RCW 29A.52.220.		RCW 29A.52.220.	
3 or more	Yes	Yes If there is a majority in Primary, only the top vote getter advances. If no majority, top two advance. RCW 29A.36.171.	Yes	If there is a majority in Primary, candidate issued certificate of election after Primary. If no majority, top two advance. RCW 29A.36.171. Art. IV, Sec. 29.	Yes	Yes. If there is a majority in Primary, only the top vote getter advances. If no majority, top two advance. RCW 29A.36.171.	Yes	Yes

This chart outlines the appearance of Unexpired Term Elections for Judicial Offices and the Superintendent of Public Instruction in an Odd-Numbered Year.

	Supreme Court Court of Appeals		Superior Court		
Candidates	Primary	General	Primary	General	
1	No	Yes	Population over 100,000: No because certificate of election is issued after candidate filing.	Population over 100,000: No because certificate of election is issued after candidate filing.	
			Art. IV, Sec. 29.	Art. IV, Sec. 29.	
			Population under 100,000: No.	Population under 100,000: Yes.	
	RCW 29A.52.010.		RCW 29A.52.010.	RCW 29A.52.010.	
2	No	Yes	No	Yes	
	RCW 29A.52.010.		RCW 29A.52.010.		
3 or more	Yes	Yes If there is a majority in Primary, only the top vote getter advances. If no majority, top two advance.	Yes	If there is a majority in Primary, candidate issued certificate of election after Primary. If no majority, top two advance.	
		RCW 29A.36.171.		RCW 29A.36.171. Art. IV, Sec. 29.	

(Unexpired term elections for district court judges only occur in the even year.)

General Election Guidelines

Partisan Offices

Candidates filing for partisan office have the option of stating their personal preference for a political party. You do not have to be endorsed, nominated, or supported by that party, and you are not claiming to be a member of or represent that party. Candidates have the option of not selecting or stating a political party preference.

On general election ballots, the name of the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes for the position at the primary election shall be listed first, followed by the name of the candidate who receives the next greatest number of votes.

Nonpartisan/Judicial Offices RCW 29A.36.171

On general election ballots, the name of the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes for the position in the primary election shall be listed first, followed by the name of the candidate who receives the next greatest number of votes. If a primary election was not required for a nonpartisan office, city, town, special purpose district, or district court, the candidates' names will appear in lot draw order.

EXCEPTION: For the offices of supreme court, court of appeals, and superintendent of public instruction where three or more candidates file and one receives a majority of votes, his/her name alone will appear on the general election ballot.

Pierce County Sign Regulations

Pierce County Code 18B.10 states:

- "(1) Signs relating to the nomination or election of any individual for a public political office or advocating any measure to be voted on at any special or general election are political signs and exempt from the sign permit requirement; provided, that such political signs shall not be displayed more than 10 days after the date of the election for which intended. In cases where a general election follows a primary election, those signs for candidates whose names will appear on the ballot in the general election may be displayed during the interim period and up to 10 days after the general election. If political signs are not removed within the specified times, they will be subject to removal by Pierce County in addition to any other remedies provided in this Chapter;
- (2) No political sign shall be erected upon any private property without permission of the resident or owner thereof; and
- (3) Political signs shall not exceed 16 square feet in area and shall not obstruct safe visibility of any mobile or pedestrian traffic."

Visit piercecountywa.org/signs for detailed sign regulations.

State Sign Regulations

View the complete Highway Advertising Control Manual through the link provided at the Department of Transportation's website: wsdot.wa.gov/operations/traffic

The Department of Transportation outdoor advertising representative is available to answer questions and help interpret the regulations. Call (360) 705-7296.

Complaints

Sign violation complaints do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Pierce County Auditor.

To report illegal roadside signs in unincorporated Pierce County

- Visit Pierce County Public Works and Utilities Road Operations' website at piercecountywa.org/signs.
- Call (253) 798-6000.

To report a potential sign violation on private property

• Call Pierce County Responds at (253) 798-4636.

To report potential sign violations in a city or town

 Contact the local jurisdiction regarding regulations and requirements.

Observing the Election Process

Public Access at the Election Center

Citizens may view the ballot processing anytime during the workday at the Pierce County Election Center, located at 2501 S. 35th Street, Suite C, Tacoma. A public viewing area is provided. Visitors may be required to sign an oath of non-divulgence when observing ballot processing at the Election Center.

Acts Prohibited in the Vicinity of a Voting Center or Ballot Deposit Site WAC 434-250-100, RCW 29A.84.510, 540

During the voting period, no person may, within a voting center or ballot deposit site:

- Suggest, persuade or attempt to suggest or persuade any voter to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure;
- Circulate cards or handbills of any kind;
- Solicit signatures to any kind of petition;
- Engage in any practice which interferes with the freedom of voters to exercise their franchise or disrupts administration of the voting center.

No person may:

- Interfere with a voter attempting to vote at a voting center or ballot drop box.
- Without lawful authority, remove any ballot from a voting center or ballot deposit site.
- Within 25 feet of a ballot drop box not located within a voting center, no person may electioneer, circulate campaign material, solicit petition signatures or interfere or impede the voting process.

How to get Election Results

Election Day results are available at approximately 8:15 p.m. on election night at the Pierce County Auditor's Election Center, 2501 S. 35th Street, Suite C, Tacoma. Campaign committees are welcome to come in to obtain immediate results.

Access results on-line at piercecountywa.org/results.

The site is updated with each new release of results. Other important election information will be added as it becomes available.

After Election Day

Pierce County Elections staff will continue to verify, open and tabulate ballots and provisional ballots until certification. Updated results will be released each day through certification. The public can observe ballot processing from the public viewing area at the Pierce County Election Center.

Mandatory/Automatic Recounts RCW 29A.64

An automatic recount applies to candidates and statewide measures and will occur if less than 2,000 votes and also less than 1/2 of 1% of the votes cast for that race separate candidates or issues. The recount is applicable only to candidates apparently nominated or elected and the closest defeated opponent. The automatic recount will tally only votes for the position or measure in question and will be conducted without charge to any candidate.

For statewide elections, if the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than 1,000 votes and also less than 1/4 of 1% of the total number of votes cast for both candidates, the votes shall be recounted manually.

For all other elections, if the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than 150 votes and also less than 1/4 of 1% of total number of votes cast for both candidates, the votes shall be recounted manually. An alternative counting method may be used if both candidates agree in writing and the procedure is suited to the ballot system that was used for casting the votes for the office.

If a mandatory recount is required for a candidate in a jurisdiction, the costs of the recount are billed as a direct cost to the jurisdiction.

Local Measure, Question, or Issue

Automatic recounts do not apply to nonstatewide ballot measures, such as levy, bond and other questions or issues.

Requested Recounts

All requested recounts must be submitted no later than two business days after the certification of the election. A deposit equal to \$.15 (machine recount) or \$.25 (manual recount) per ballot by certified check or cash is required. Final cost of the recount will be determined by the canvassing board and may be less or more than the deposit.

Election Statistics

Voter Turnout (Primary Elections):

Year	Registered Voters	Votes Cast	Turnout
2003	356,409	96,056	26.9%
2004	375,590	164,787	43.8%
2005	399,800	106,497	26.6%
2006	371,777	129,746	34.9%
2007	374,673	91,641	24.5%
2008	378,495	153,763	40.6%
2009	408,732	78,581	19.2%
2010	405,075	145,451	35.9%
2011(not countywide)	367,597	99,850	27.1%
2012	419,234	151,542	36.2%

Voter Turnout (General Elections):

Year	Registered Voters	Votes Cast	Turnout
2003	355,171	141,870	39.9%
2004*	405,023	317,015	78.2%
2005	391,611	187,867	48.0%
2006	373,909	216,574	57.9%
2007	373,207	166,379	44.6%
2008**	411,103	333,824	81.2%
2009**	407,840	175,398	43.0%
2010	410,081	272,587	66.4%
2011	414,360	204,895	49.5%
2012	442,985	349,476	78.9%

^{*} Numbers are based on final recount figures.

Ballot Return Statistics

Percentage of ballots received on selected days.

Number of Days Before Election	11/6/07 General Election	11/4/08 General Election	11/3/09 General Election	11/2/10 General Election	11/8/11 General Election	11/6/12 General Election
11	7.19%	13.96%	6.91%	11.29%	9.32%	15.12%
6	14.35%	30.02%	13.35%	24.13%	18.32%	33.13%
Election Day	34.20%	60.25%	30.24%	51.73%	38.16%	66.51%
E + 1 (Day After)	42.78%	63.53%	34.22%	61.26%	48.96%	77.87%

^{**}The 2008 and 2009 General Election included Ranked Choice Voting elections for county offices. Turnout is based upon traditional ballots cast.

Obtaining Election Data

Election data may be purchased from the Elections Division or through private vendors.

To order voter lists

Voter information is available in the form of lists or data. The most current information is available approximately 29 days prior to each election. Lists or data of voters who have returned their ballots (match backs) are also available for purchase.

Restricted use of voter data RCW 29A.08.740

State law establishes rules and restrictions on the use of registered voter data. Voter information may not be used for commercial or other non-political purposes.

RCW 29A.08.740 states: "Any person who uses registered voter data for the purpose of mailing or delivering any advertisement or offer for any property, establishment, organization, product, or service or for the purpose of mailing or delivering any solicitation for money, services, or anything of value is guilty of a class C felony punishable by imprisonment in a state correctional facility for a period of not more than five years or a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or both such fine and imprisonment, and is liable to each person provided such advertisement or solicitation, without the person's consent, for the nuisance value of such person having to dispose of it, which value is herein established at five dollars for each item mailed or delivered to the person's residence."

Data RCW 29A.08.710

Includes:

- Name of registered voter.
- Registered address, city, state, zip.
- Mailing address, if different and if provided to County Auditor.
- Precinct number.
- Date of registration.
- · Date of birth.
- Voter history for the last twenty elections.
- Identify those who have or have not returned a ballot for a previous election or election in progress.

State law does not allow phone numbers or email addresses to be made public.

Lists

The following options are available

- Individual voters in alphabetical order.
- Targeted voters who voted in specific elections.
- Walking lists (voters in address/precinct order. Does not include voter history.)
- Voter history for the last six elections.

To order data or lists

- Visit the Election Center to place an order or mail your payment with the order form. Payment is required in advance for all orders.
- Your order will generally be completed within 24 hours.

Pierce County report formats

- Election data on CD or via email.
- Election abstracts on CD or via email.
- Paper printouts.
- Photocopied election abstracts.

Purchasing Election Data

Commercial Demographic Firms

Business firms also offer various voter statistic formats and services, such as targeting, printing, designing and mailing. They may also provide phone numbers and other demographic information. Options and charges for these services vary from vendor to vendor. Check sources for a variety of products, services and fees.

Voter Information Vendors

Data Resources, Olympia (360) 754-8220

Data Supply, Tacoma (253) 922-3494

Labels & Lists, Bellevue (800) 842-5478

Mail Northwest/FPS, Tacoma (253) 565-2866

Pierce County Auditor's Office Fees - As of March, 2013

Data	
CD containing Data	\$5.00
District File	\$5.00
Abstracts (Precinct Results prior to 2006) on CD*	\$20.00
Ballots returned data (match backs)	\$5.00 per day
Precinct lists (per precinct)	\$5.00
Maps	
Legislative or County Council district map (large)	\$9.00
11 x 17 legislative district map	\$2.00
Custom G.I.S. generated map**	\$75.00 per hour
Miscellaneous	
Certificate of voter registration	\$3.00
Miscellaneous copies (b/w)	\$.15 per page
Miscellaneous copies (color)	\$.25 per page

^{*}Abstracts for 2006 - present are available on our website: piercecountywa.org/elections

Redistricting

In 2011 and 2012, the Washington State Redistricting Commission, the Pierce County Districting Committee, the City of Tacoma, and the City of Puyallup, redrew their voting district boundaries based upon the 2010 census. Pierce County now shares parts of four congressional districts and all or part of eight legislative districts.

Pierce County created new voting precincts to align with these new districts. These new precincts became effective April 30, 2012. Maps and lists are available which overlay the current precincts to the old district boundaries.

New maps and old to new precinct cross references are available for candidates and campaigns.

^{**}Cost estimate provided at time of inquiry.

An online printable form is available on our website at: piercecountyelections.org Pre-payment is required for all data orders.

Registered Voters Data Order Form
The following 2 options are available for purchasing voter data: (check one)
Countywide CD prepared monthly, new file created the 1st Monday of every month: \$5.00 Public disclosure request for data - This option allows 5 business days for processing: \$5.00 (Subject to RCW 42.56 and Pierce County Code Ch. 2.04)
Candidate / Campaign Name: Contact person's phone: E-mail address:
I acknowledge by signing this form that I am in compliance with RCW 29A.08.740 and the restricted use of voter data. (Full text of RCW is on the back of your receipt.)
Electronic Voter Data on CD (Voter data is provided as a delimited text file.)
Active voters/no history Newly registered voters only from to Active voters/with history Newly registered voters only from to
Matchbacks for current election and date(s) requested are:
What districts or precincts would you like:
Paper List
What format would you like?
□ Voter history □ Street order □ Alpha by name □ 2-up walking list □ Alpha by precinct (does not include voter history)
Voters who voted in out ofelections. (List elections to target)
Order Date: Completed by: Taken By: Date:Time:
Comments:

Resources for Newly Elected Officials

I won the election and have been certified the winner. What do I need to do next?

Take your oath of office RCW 29A.04.133

Candidates are elected when the general election results have been certified. In order to become "qualified" for the office, winning candidates must take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation that you will faithfully and impartially carry out the duties of your office to the best of your ability.

Candidates elected to an unexpired or short term take office upon certification of the election.

Who can administer oaths

Judges, court clerks, a notary public or any officer authorized to administer oaths. County council members, the county auditor and school or educational service district superintendents are also authorized to give oaths.

Where to obtain a blank oath of office

- Elections Division website.
- Elections Division Office.
- Cities, Towns, School Districts and Special Purpose Districts Clerks.
- Pierce County Council (for County Offices) Note: this oath is unique to County positions.

Filing your oath of office

Once the oath of office has been taken for a local or county office, the original must be filed with the auditor. Elected officials may wish to complete a second original oath for retention or display purposes.

Oaths of office for supreme court justice, court of appeals, and superior court judge are filed with the Secretary of State.

To learn more about public office

Newly elected officials may wish to contact their local city or town clerk, school superintendent as well as fellow council members and commissioners to learn more about their jurisdiction and the duties required. Additional agencies and resources are listed at the end of this manual.

Please see the tables on the following page for more information regarding oaths and the timelines for assuming office.

Resources for Newly Elected Officials

Oaths of Office	Where Original Oaths are Filed
President/Vice President	Verbal
US Senator	Verbal
US Representative	Verbal Oath on convening of Congress
State Legislators/State Wide Offices	Verbal Oath on convening of Legislature (Reference State Constitution, Article III, Section 4)
Supreme Court Justice	Secretary of State (Reference State Constitution, Article IV, Section 28)
Court of Appeals and Superior Court Judges	Secretary of State (Reference RCW 2.06.085)
District Court and Tacoma Municipal Court Judges	County Auditor (Reference RCW 36.16.060)
County Offices, City, Town, Special Purpose and School Districts	County Auditor (Reference RCW 36.16.060)

Timelines for Assuming Office	
President/Vice President	12 noon, January 20th (Reference US Constitution, Amendment XX, Section 1)
US Senator	12 noon, January 3rd (Reference US Constitution, Amendment XX, Section 1)
US Representative	12 noon, January 3rd (Reference US Constitution, Amendment XX, Section 1)
State Legislators/State Offices	2nd Monday in January (Reference RCW 44.04.021
Supreme Court Justice	2nd Monday in January (Reference RCW 2.04.071)
Court of Appeals Judge	2nd Monday in January (Reference RCW 2.06.070)
Superior Court Judge	2nd Monday in January (Reference RCW 2.08.070)
District Court and Municipal Court Judge	2nd Monday in January (Reference RCW 3.34.070)
County Offices	January 1st, after elected and qualified (Reference RCW 29A.04.133, 29A.20.040; County Charter 4.80)
City Offices	January 1st, after elected and qualified (Reference RCW 29A.04.133, 29A.20.040)
Special Purpose Districts, Fire Protection, Park & Rec, Water, Sewer Districts	January 1st, after elected and qualified (Reference RCW 29A.04.133, 29A.20.040)
School Districts	At the first meeting after Certification of General Election (Reference RCW 28A.343.360)

Resources for Newly Elected Officials

Organization	Phone	Website
Federal Voting Assistance Program	800-438-8683	fvap.gov
Municipal Research and Services Center	206-625-1300 800-933-6772	www.mrsc.org
Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction	360-725-6000	www.ospi.wa.gov
Pierce County Council	253-798-7777	piercecountywa.org/council
Pierce County Elections	253-798-VOTE (8683) 800-446-4979	piercecountywa.org/elections
Public Disclosure Commission	360-753-1111 877-601-2828	www.pdc.wa.gov
Puget Sound Educational Service District No. 121	425-917-7600	www.psesd.org
Secretary of State	800-448-4881	vote.wa.gov
Washington State Association of Counties	360-586-4219	www.wacounties.org
Washington State Auditor's Office	360-902-0370 866-902-3900	www.sao.wa.gov
Washington State School Directors Association	360-493-9231	wssda.org

2014 Election Dates

 Date of Election
 Resolution Cutoff

 February 11, 2014*
 December 27, 2013

 April 22, 2014*
 March 7, 2014

 August 5, 2014
 May 9, 2014

 November 4, 2014
 August 5, 2014

Jurisdictions are advised to contact the Pierce County Elections Division prior to selecting a special election date. 253-798-VOTE (8683)

A special election to validate an excess levy or bond issue may be called at any time (except between the first day of filing through the general election certification) to meet the needs resulting from fire, flood, earthquake or any other act of God. (Reference RCW 29A.04.330)

^{*}Possible Special Election Date

Pierce County Candidate Checklist	Done
File for office online during filing week (see page 13)	
Any Public Disclosure requirements? (see page 17)	
Submit biography, statement, and photo online (see pages 14 and 15)	

City of Tacoma Candidate Checklist	Done
File for office online during filing week (see page 13)	
Turn in original form with ten signatures during filing week to Pierce County Election Center (see page 15)	
Pay \$50 printing fee at Pierce County Election Center - cash or check, payable to City Treasurer (see page 15)	
Any Public Disclosure requirements? (see page 17)	
Submit statement and photo online (Visit piercecountyelections.org)	