



# VOTING IN PIERCE COUNTY



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# VOTING IS IMPORTANT

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The Pierce County Auditor's Office offers voting options for every voter. This book outlines your options.

## Who Can Vote?

First you must register to vote. You can register to vote in Pierce County if:

- You will be 18 by Election Day.
- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You live in Pierce County.
- You are not denied your civil rights as a result of a felony conviction.



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# HOW TO REGISTER

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There are two ways to register or change your current voter registration.

## 1) Online:

Go to [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov).

Click **Register to Vote**.

Click **Online Voter Registration**

Follow the instructions.

## 2) Visit, call or email:

Pierce County Election Center

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

2501 South 35th Street, Suite C

Tacoma, WA 98409

253-798-VOTE (8683)

711 (TTY)

[pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us)

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# VOTING BY MAIL

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You don't have to vote at the polls. You can vote at home. If you choose to vote by mail, a ballot will be sent to your home about two weeks before each election.

Signing up to vote by mail is as simple as checking **YES** on your registration form (see below).

**9 ONGOING ABSENTEE REQUEST** **NOTE:** If your county is vote by mail, do not complete this section. A ballot will be mailed to you. I would like to receive absentee ballots for all future elections.  YES  NO

## Already Registered?

If you are a poll voter and want to vote by mail instead, call 253-798-8683.

## Be Prepared

Before you vote, study the issues that matter to you. The Local Voters' Pamphlet and Washington State Voters' Pamphlet are mailed to voters about 20 days before each election. They contain facts on candidates and state and local measures. Reading them before you vote saves time and helps you make your choices.

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# MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

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## By Mail

Seal your ballot in the envelope provided, sign, and drop it in the mail. It must be postmarked by Election Day.

## Express Booth

Save the cost of postage by taking your ballot to one of our Express Booths. Sites and times are listed in your voter pamphlet. Booths are open the Friday before each election.

## Free Ballot Drop Box

Drop your ballot in one of our free 24-hour drop boxes. They are open 18 days prior to each election. **Drop boxes are locked at 8 p.m. on Election Day.**

## Ballot Drop Boxes in Pierce County:

### **Pierce County Election Center**

2501 South 35th Street  
Tacoma

### **Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID)**

6315 South 19th Street  
Tacoma

### **Gig Harbor Fire Station 5-1**

6711 Kimball Drive  
Gig Harbor

### **Soundview Medical Plaza**

3611 South D Street  
Tacoma

### **Parkland/Spanaway Pierce County Library**

13718 Pacific Ave South  
Tacoma

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# POLL VOTING

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## Where do I Vote?

You can vote at the polling place listed on your voter registration card. Or, you can vote at one of these sites on Election Day:

### **Tacoma Area Coalition for Individuals with Disabilities (TACID)**

6315 South 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98466  
253-565-9000 ext. 12 (Voice)  
253-565-3486 (TTY)  
[www.tacid.org](http://www.tacid.org)

### **Center for Independence (CFI)**

10828 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, #112  
Lakewood, WA 98499  
253-582-1253  
[www.centerforindependence.org](http://www.centerforindependence.org)

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Available 20 days prior to each election,  
Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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Tacoma, WA 98409  
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711 (TTY)  
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## How do I Vote?

- 1) Check in with a poll worker.
- 2) Show I.D.
- 3) Sign the poll book.
- 4) Choose your voting method:  
There are two ways to cast your ballot on the voting machine. Tell the poll worker which you prefer: **TOUCH SCREEN** (see page 6) or **AUDIO BALLOT** (see page 7).
- 5) Cast your ballot:

### **Your Voter Access Card**

The poll worker will give you a voter card. The ballot for your precinct is on the card. There is no personal data stored.



Vote your choices  
Confirm your choices  
Cast your ballot

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# THE TOUCH SCREEN

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## 1) Insert Voter Card

Put the card in the bright yellow slot at the bottom left of the machine. If you need help, ask your poll worker.

## 2) Adjust Text Size

Your ballot will appear on the screen. You can get larger text using the **ABC→ABC** button at the bottom of the screen.

## 3) Make Selections

Touch the circle next to your choice. A **CHECK MARK** will appear.

## 4) Make Changes

If you change your mind, touch the **CHECK MARK** again to remove it.

## 5) Write-In

To vote for a write-in candidate, touch the circle next to **Write-in**. Type a name using the keyboard on the screen. When you are done, touch **OK**.

## 6) Navigate

Touch yellow **NEXT** and **BACK** arrows to move through the ballot.

## 7) Review Your Vote.

## 8) Print Your Choices.

## 9) Cast Your Vote.

To cast your vote, touch **CAST BALLOT**. Return your voter card to the poll worker.

The screenshot shows a touch screen ballot interface with three sections: Favorite Sport, Favorite Car, and Favorite Food. Each section has a yellow header and a 'Vote For One' label. The Favorite Sport section lists Basketball, Football, Soccer, Baseball, and Write-in. The Favorite Car section lists Chevrolet, Ford, Lexus, Cadillac, and Write-in. The Favorite Food section lists Tacos, Pizza, Spaghetti, Meat & Potatoes, and Write-in. The Baseball, Cadillac, and Tacos options are selected with checkmarks. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Review', 'ABC→ABC', and 'Next' (with a right-pointing arrow). The text 'Page 1 of 1' is visible between the 'ABC→ABC' and 'Next' buttons.

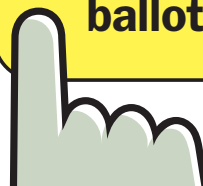
Favorite Sport		Favorite Car	
Vote For One		Vote For One	
Basketball	<input type="radio"/>	Chevrolet	<input type="radio"/>
Football	<input type="radio"/>	Ford	<input type="radio"/>
Soccer	<input type="radio"/>	Lexus	<input type="radio"/>
Baseball	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Cadillac	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>	Write-in	<input type="radio"/>

Favorite Food	
Vote For One	
Tacos	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Pizza	<input type="radio"/>
Spaghetti	<input type="radio"/>
Meat & Potatoes	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>

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**You must touch this box to print and review the paper record of your ballot to the left.**



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# VOTE AN AUDIO BALLOT

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## 1) Insert Voter Card

Put your card in the slot at the lower left-hand corner of the machine. If you need help, ask your poll worker.

## 2) Listen to Instructions

Audio instructions will teach you how to use the keypad. You can adjust the volume and speed by using the **VOLUME** and **SPEED** buttons on the top of the keypad.

## 3) Navigate

Use the **BACK**  and **NEXT**  arrows to move through the ballot.

## 4) Hear Choices

Press the **SELECT**  button to hear candidates' names and ballot issues.

## 5) Make Selection

Press the red **SELECT**  button to make your choice, then the arrow to move to the next office.

Both Touch Screen and Audio Ballots are printed on a voter verifiable paper ballot. The paper ballot is safely stored and can only be looked at by election staff for an audit or recount.



Check out our website for other pamphlet formats.



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