

# 2023 Candidate Filing Information

## Important dates

May 1	First Day filing officer may receive candidate declarations by mail
May 15, 9:00am	Official Candidate filing online and in person opens
May 19, 4:00pm	Candidate filing closes. Lot Draw for ballot order after 4:00pm
May 22, 4:00pm	Candidate withdrawal deadline
May 26, 4:00pm	Final day to submit your candidate biography, statement and photo for the Local Voters' Pamphlet

File online at [www.masoncountywaelections.gov](http://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.

**Online Candidate Filing will be Open 24 hours a day starting May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am and closes promptly at 4:00pm May 19<sup>th</sup>.**

- You must submit before 4:00 pm on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 4:00 pm May 19<sup>th</sup>).
- Please allow 24-48 hours for candidacy approval. You will receive a confirmation email to the candidate email address.

## File in person or by mail

**The Mason County Auditor's Office accepts filings for all offices in Mason County.**

- Candidate filling is open Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00am through Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm.
- Vote Center located at 411 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Shelton (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
- Or 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 addition 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 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm.

The lot draw will be conducted at the Vote Center at 411 N 5<sup>th</sup> St, Shelton on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

- Names 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 in person, by email or fax. It must be received by 4:00pm Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup> to be removed as a candidate from the election. The form is available in our office or on our website [www.masoncountywaelections.gov](http://www.masoncountywaelections.gov)

## **Campaign Regulation**

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

Washington Public Disclosure Commission

- Website - [pdc.wa.gov](http://pdc.wa.gov)
- Toll Free - 1 (877) 601-2828 or (360) 753-1111