



Yakima County Elections

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2017 candidate filing basics

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where, when and cost to file

Where to file

The County Auditor is the filing officer for all offices up for election in 2017.

When to file

Candidate filing week is May 15-19

- file by mail:** begins May 1 | ends May 19
mail to: Yakima County Elections Division
PO Box 12570
Yakima WA 98909
- your filing fee must accompany your declaration
 - filings received prior to May 1 will not be accepted
 - filings received after May 19, regardless of postmark, will not be accepted
- file in person:** begins May 15; 9am | ends May 19; 4pm
visit: Yakima County Auditor's Office
128 N 2nd St, Room 117
Yakima 98901
- file by email:
or fax** begins May 15; 8am | ends May 19; 4pm
send to: ivote@co.yakima.wa.us
- your filing is held until the filing fee is received
 - filings received prior to May 15 will not be accepted
 - filings received after 4pm on May 19 will not be accepted

Cost to file

Filing fees are **not** refundable under any circumstance. The Auditor's office accepts checks, cash, or money orders. If you lack the income to pay the filing fee, you may submit a filing fee petition.

Exact filing fees are available on the list of offices up for election at www.yakimacounty.us/vote.

No salary	No filing fee
Per-diem or by-meeting basis	No filing fee
Annual salary <u>under</u> \$1,000	\$10.00
Annual salary <u>over</u> \$1,000	1% of salary

the declaration of candidacy

All candidates must submit a Declaration of Candidacy.

1. Candidate Information

Enter your information as you are registered to vote.

You are responsible for meeting all the qualifications of the position.

2. Campaign Information

If you do not provide campaign contact information, your voter registration information will be published on the list of candidates who have filed. Government offices may *not* be used for campaign contact information.

3. Ballot information

Print the jurisdiction, office name and position number that defines the office for which you want to be a candidate. The responsibility for filing for the correct office is yours.

Print your name exactly as you want it to appear on the ballot. Titles are not acceptable.

party preference information: Do not list a party preference if you are a candidate for a nonpartisan office.

4. Filing fee

Mark the appropriate circle. Filing fees are not refundable and must accompany the declaration of candidacy.

5. Oath

Read and sign the oath. Your Declaration will not be approved without your signature.

Washington State Declaration of Candidacy			
candidate information as registered to vote	first name	<i>James Noothername</i>	last <i>Doe</i>
	residential address	<i>100 Main Street Apt Q</i>	city / zip <i>Anywhere 99999</i>
	date of birth	<i>1/1/1950</i>	email address <i>James4Office@anywhere.com</i> phone number <i>555-4444</i>
	campaign phone <i>207 555-6666</i> campaign email <i>James4Office@anywhere.net</i>		
campaign contact information for publication	residential address	<i>PO Box XYZ</i>	city / zip <i>Anywhere 99999</i>
	mailing address (if different from residential address)		city / zip <i>Anywhere 99999</i>
	campaign website <i>www.Jamesisthebest/elect.net</i>		
ballot information	jurisdiction	<i>Legislative Dist 40</i>	office name <i>Representative</i> position number <i>2</i>
	exact name I would like printed on the ballot <i>Jimmy (James) Doe</i>		
	political party I prefer to be printed on the ballot, if filing for partisan office. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prefers <i>E x a m p l e</i> Party) <input type="checkbox"/> (States No Party Preference)		
filing fee	<input type="radio"/> The office has no filing fee		
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A filing fee of \$ <i>454.74</i> accompanies the declaration of candidacy		
	<input type="radio"/> I lack sufficient funds and submit a filing fee petition in lieu of the filing fee under RCW 29A.24.091		
oath	I declare that the above information is true, that I am a registered voter residing at the address listed above, that I am a candidate for the office listed above, and that, at the time of filing this declaration, I am legally qualified to assume office.		
	I swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington.		
	sign here	<i>James M. Doe</i>	date here <i>5/17/2016</i>

Your Declaration of Candidacy is a public record.

other information

Important dates

May 1	candidate filing by mail begins
May 15	candidate filing begins; 9am
May 19	candidate filing ends; 4pm
May 22	lot drawing for ballot placement
May 22	last day to withdraw
May 26	candidate statement due for online local voters' guide; 4pm
July 14	ballots mailed for Primary
August 1	Primary
October 20	ballots mailed for General Election
November 7	General Election

Withdrawal of candidacy

If you decide you do not want your name printed on the ballot, you must submit a signed withdrawal form to the Yakima County Auditor's Office by 4pm on Monday, May 22.

Filing fees are not refundable, even if you filed for the wrong office.

No withdrawal is permitted if you filed during a special filing period.

Campaign finance reporting

Candidates should refer to the Public Disclosure Commission for reporting requirements and forms. To get you started, if you are a candidate in a district with over 5,000 registered voters, you are required to complete a C-1 and F-1 within 2 weeks of becoming a candidate. Visit www.pdc.wa.gov for more detailed information.

Notes

The information presented is subject to change due to new legislation, judicial determination, or additional office vacancies. It does not replace local, state, or federal laws.

For local voter guide rules or other candidate filing information, please visit our website at www.yakimacounty.us/vote or call us at 574.1340.