



# Cowlitz County

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## News Release

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### Cowlitz County District 3 Commissioner

Cowlitz County District 3 Commissioner Joe Gardner is stepping down effective September 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Joe Gardner stated, "After much thought and prayer, I have decided to step down as District 3 Commissioner for Cowlitz County effective September 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. I have always been a supporter of term limits, and knew I would not run for a third term. My plan was always to go back to the private sector. That time has come a bit earlier than when my term is officially over, but I am ready to make the change. My time in office has been fulfilling and challenging, and I am thankful for the opportunity to have served the people of Cowlitz County to the best of my ability."

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