



Cowlitz County

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News Release

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Candidate Filing Week, May 15th – May 19th, 2023

Kelso, WA – Candidates may file for office online, in person, or by mail.

Online Filing Recommended

Candidates are encouraged to submit their Declaration of Candidacy and Voters' Pamphlet information online. Online Filing is available 24 hours a day beginning Monday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. through Friday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m. at www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/Elections.

File in person, using a computer kiosk

Monday, May 15 through Friday, May 19, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Cowlitz County Elections Office.

File by mail

Declarations of Candidacy mailed to Cowlitz County Elections will be accepted beginning Monday, May 1 through Friday, May 19.

Candidates must be prepared to:

- Pay the filing fee (if required) online with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or pay by cash or check. Your name will not appear on any official list as a candidate for office until your filing is approved and your filing fee is paid.
- Provide an email address and phone number.
- Provide a campaign mailing address when you file for office. If you don't, your voter registration address will be published online on the list of candidates who have filed.

Candidate Statements and Photos

The deadline to submit Voters' Pamphlet photos and statements is 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 26. Submissions may be made online or via email.

The 2023 Candidate Guide is available on our website at www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/Elections. Contact the Elections Office for a printed copy of the guide. This guide contains helpful information on the offices open for election in 2023, how to file for office, and Local Voters' Pamphlet rules and deadlines.

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Close of Filing and Lot Draw

Online filing closes at 4:00 p.m., while in person filing closes at 5:00 p.m. Immediately following the close of in person filing, the Elections Office will conduct a lot draw to determine the order in which the names of candidates will appear on the ballot. The lot drawing will be held in Conference Room B in the Administration Building. Live feed audio and video will be transmitted to the cafeteria display for viewing.

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