



Kitsap County Auditor

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Dear Candidates and Campaigns,

We are happy to see you taking an interest in serving your community by running for office, or by participating with a ballot measure.

Inside this guidelines book you will find instructions for writing candidate statements and measure arguments. You'll also see information about campaign sign rules, duties of elected officials and specific information about each office on Kitsap County ballots in 2025.

As you plan your campaigns, we invite you to consider observing our work in person when we process ballots for the Primary and General Election. That processing work will happen in the new Department of Emergency Management (DEM) Building located near the Bremerton National Airport.

The address for the DEM site is 8900 Imperial Way SW, Bremerton, WA 98312.

Everyone in this office is eager to effectively and transparently do the work involved in the democratic process of elections. We welcome your questions as you prepare to do your part.

Sincerely,

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Regular Business Hours

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

Filing Week Hours (May 5-9)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday - Friday
Deadline to withdraw: 5 p.m., May 12.

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Websites

Secretary of State..... www.sos.wa.gov

Public Disclosure

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Revised Code of Washington (RCW)
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/>

Washington Administrative Code (WAC)
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/>

Election, Measure, and Candidate Filing Dates

2025 – Candidate Filing Dates

- May 5-9

2026 – Candidate Filing Dates

- May 4-8

2025 Election Dates	Deadline to Submit Measures	Ballots Mailed By
August 5, 2025 Primary	May 2, 2025	July 18, 2025
November 4, 2025 General Election	August 5, 2025	October 17, 2025

2026 Election Dates	Deadline to Submit Measures	Ballots Mailed By
February 10, 2026	December 12, 2025	January 23, 2026
April 28, 2026	February 27, 2026	April 10, 2026
August 4, 2026 Primary	May 1, 2026	July 17, 2026
November 3, 2026 General Election	August 4, 2026	October 16, 2026

2027 Election Dates	Deadline to Submit Measures	Ballots Mailed By
February 9, 2027	December 11, 2026	January 22, 2027
April 27, 2027	February 26, 2027	April 9, 2027
August 3, 2027 Primary	April 30, 2027	July 16, 2027
November 2, 2027 General Election	August 3, 2027	October 15, 2027

[RCW 29A.04.321](#), [RCW 29A.04.330](#)

Online Resources

The Kitsap County Auditor’s Office provides several online resources for candidates and voters where you will find all of the latest elections information. We update these sites regularly so be sure to visit our Facebook, X, BlueSky, Instagram and YouTube pages.

Online candidate filing allows candidates to submit forms, filing fees, candidate statements, and photos electronically. This is the filing choice for the majority of candidates.

Online Candidate Filing	kitsap.gov/elections (Link provided in filing week)
Email Updates	kitsap.gov – 'News Sign Up' (lower right of page)
Facebook	facebook.com/KitsapCountyAuditor
BlueSky	bsky.app/profile/kitsapauditor.bsky.social
InstaGram	www.instagram.com/kitsap_county_auditor/
X	twitter.com/kitsapauditor
YouTube	youtube.com/kitsapauditor

Filing for Office

Candidate filing week is May 5-9

Where to File for Office

RCW 29A.24.070

- Candidates for state legislature file with the Secretary of State.
- Candidates for local offices located entirely within Kitsap County may file with the Kitsap County Auditor or online.
- Candidates for North Mason School District or North Mason Regional Fire Authority positions file online or with the Mason County Auditor.

Filing Online

Online filing allows candidates to submit their forms electronically and pay their filing fees using a credit card.

Online filing begins at 8 a.m., May 5 and ends at 5 p.m., May 9. For more information visit:

sos.wa.gov/elections

RCW 29A.24.040

Filing in Person

RCW 29A.24.050

Candidates may file **in person**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 5-9 at the Kitsap County Auditor's Office.

A printable filing form is available at

https://www.sos.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/DecCand_English_2024.pdf

Filing by Mail or Fax

RCW 29A.24.081

- Candidates may file **by mail** beginning April 21.
- Candidates may file **by fax** from 8 a.m., May 5 to 5 p.m., May 9.
- Applicable filing fees are due by the close of candidate filing on May 9.

WAC 434-208-060

Filing Fees – all filing fees are non-refundable

RCW 29A.24.091, RCW 29A.24.131

Fees are based on the salary of the office at the time of filing.

- The filing fee for an office with a salary of more than \$1,000 is 1 percent of the annual salary.

Example: The filing fee for a position with an annual salary of \$40,698 is \$406.98.

- There is a \$10 filing fee for offices with a salary of \$1,000 or less.
- There is no filing fee for unpaid positions.

Petition in Lieu of Fee

RCW 29A.24.091, RCW 29A.24.101

Candidates may submit a Nominating Petition instead of paying the filing fee. The petition must contain one signature for every dollar of the filing fee. Signatures must be of registered voters in the district you are filing for.

Example: A petition submitted for a \$406.98 filing fee must have 406 valid signatures of registered voters within the jurisdiction of the office.

Filing Week Hours

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday

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Filing for Office

Residency Requirements

- At the time of filing for office, candidates must be registered to vote in the district represented by the office they seek.
[RCW 42.04.020](#)
- A candidate filing for office in a district with defined internal boundaries must reside within those internal boundaries at the time of filing. These districts include: City of Bainbridge Island, City of Bremerton, School Districts, and Port Districts.

EXCEPTIONS: City of Port Orchard, City of Poulsbo, Bremerton School District; Port of Illahee, Port of Keyport, Port of Manchester, and Port of Poulsbo – candidates may reside anywhere within the district. Refer to pages 6-10 for specific district information.

Partisan Offices

If one or more candidates file for a partisan office (except Precinct Committee Officer), the race will be included in the Primary. If after the special three-day filing period no candidate files, the vacancy is filled by appointment and is open for filing the following year.

[RCW 29A.24.191](#), [RCW 36.16.110](#)
[Washington State Constitution Article 2, Section 15](#)

Nonpartisan Offices

If three or more candidates file for a nonpartisan office, the race will be included in the Primary. If no one files for a nonpartisan position after the special filing period, that position will not appear on the Primary nor General Election ballots. The incumbent will serve until the next election is held for that jurisdiction.

[RCW 29A.24.141](#), [RCW 29A.24.201](#), [RCW 29A.52.231](#)

Write-in Candidates

Write-in votes can only be counted for candidates who file a declaration of write-in candidacy. Write-in candidates may file for free after candidate filing week until 18 days before an election. [RCW 29A.60.021\(4\)](#)
[RCW 29A.24.311](#)

Beginning 18 days before an election and ending at 8 p.m. on Election Day, fees apply.

- \$25 for elected positions paying less than \$1,000 annually.
- 1% of salary for elected positions paying more than \$1,000 annually.
[RCW 29A.24.091](#)

Write-in Votes

Write-in votes are not tallied unless the total number of write-in votes could affect the outcome of the contest.

- Primary write-in votes are counted if there are enough that a write-in candidate could receive the second-most number of votes.
- General Election write-in votes are counted if there were enough that a write-in candidate could win the election.
[RCW 29A.60.021](#)

Withdrawal Period

Any candidate may withdraw his/her candidacy in writing no later than 5 p.m., May 12. There is no withdrawal period for declarations filed during a special filing period.
[RCW 29A.24.131](#)

Special Filing Period

If no candidate files for a position that is scheduled for election by the deadline to withdraw, the county Auditor will call a special three-day filing period. [RCW 29A.24.181](#)

Offices and Positions Open for Filing

Candidates for the State Legislature position file with the Secretary of State's Office.
All other offices file with Kitsap County Auditor – Elections Division.

File online. Find the link beginning at 8 a.m., May 5, 2025 at
Kitsap.gov/elections

State Legislature – District 26 – File with Secretary of State in Olympia			
State Senator	Deb Krishnadasan (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$619.97	1-year unexpired term

Cities			
Office	Incumbent	Filing Fee	Term
City of Bainbridge Island – Non-Charter Code City, Defined Council Districts			
Council District 3 South Ward	Jon Quitslund	\$360.00	4-year term
Council District 5 Central Ward	Clarence Moriwaki	\$360.00	4-year term
Council District 7 North Ward	Joe Deets	\$360.00	4-year term
City of Bremerton – 1st Class Charter City, Defined Council Districts			
Mayor	Greg Wheeler	\$1,249.24	4-year term
Council District 1	Jennifer Chamberlin	\$194.95	4-year term
Council District 3	Jeff Coughlin	\$194.95	4-year term
Council District 5	Michael Goodnow	\$194.95	4-year term
Council District 7	Eric Younger	\$194.95	4-year term
Municipal Court Judge	Tracy Flood	\$1,767.06	4-year term
City of Port Orchard – Non-Charter Code City, Candidates may reside anywhere within city			
Council Position 2	Jay Rosapepe	\$120.00	4-year term
Council Position 3	Scott Diener	\$120.00	4-year term
Council Position 6	Fred Chang	\$120.00	4-year term
Council At-Large	John Morrissey	\$120.00	2-year term
City of Poulsbo – Non-Charter Code City, Candidates may reside anywhere within city			
Mayor	Becky Erickson	\$1,382.00	4-year term
Council Position 5	Ed Stern	\$120.00	4-year term
Council Position 6	Douglas Taber	\$120.00	Short and full 4-year term
Council Position 7	Gary McVey	\$120.00	4-year term

Offices and Positions Open for Filing

School Districts – Defined Director Districts unless noted otherwise			
District	Office	Incumbent	Term
Bremerton School District No. 100-C Candidates may reside anywhere within the School District	Director Position 4	Alyson Rotter	4-year term
	Director Position 5	Nikolas Benjamin Anderson	4-year term
Bainbridge Island School District No. 303	Director District 2	Erika Borg	4-year term
	Director District 5	Jill Anderson	4-year term
North Kitsap School District No. 400	Director District 1	Edward Wright	4-year term
	Director District 3	Breane Martinez	4-year term
Central Kitsap School District No. 401	Director District 1	Denise Tracy	4-year term
	Director District 2	Vacant*	Unfinished 2-year term
	Director District 5	Eric K. Greene	4-year term
South Kitsap School District No. 402	Director District 3	Brian Pickard	4-year term
	Director District 4	Andrew Brandon	4-year term
North Mason School District No. 403 Candidates file with Mason County Auditor	Director District 2	Leanna Krotzer	4-year term
	Director District 4	Nicholas Thomas	Unexpired 2-year term
	Director District 5	Arla Shephard Bull	4-year term

* Vacancy occurred in late March just before the print deadline for this guidelines book. Appointed director will serve until a new director is elected this year to serve the remaining two years of the term.

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Fire Districts – Candidates may reside anywhere within the Fire District			
District	Office	Incumbent	Term
Bainbridge Island Fire Department	Commissioner Position 2	Bruce G. Alward	6-year term
	Commissioner Position 3	John De Lanoy	Unexpired 4-year term
	Commissioner Position 4	Fritz von Ibsch	6-year term
Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue	Commissioner Position 2	Guy Earle	6-year term
	Commissioner Position 4	Ken Erickson	6-year term
Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 (Poulsbo Fire Department)	Commissioner Position 2	William (Bill) Whiteley	Short and full 6-year term
	Commissioner Position 5	Darryl Milton	6-year term
North Kitsap Fire & Rescue	Commissioner Position 2	Patrick Pearson	6-year term
	Commissioner Position 3	Chelsea Tate	Unexpired 4-year term
North Mason Regional Fire Authority Candidates file with Mason County Auditor	Commissioner Position 1	Kelley McIntosh	6-year term
South Kitsap Fire and Rescue	Commissioner Position 2	D.W. Dusty Wiley	6-year term
	Commissioner Position 5	Paul Golnik	6-year term

Port Districts – Defined Commissioner Districts unless noted otherwise				
District	Office	Incumbent	Filing Fee	Term
Port of Bremerton District No. 1	Commissioner District 2	Gary K. Anderson	\$120.00	6-year term
Port of Brownsville District No. 2	Commissioner District 2	Paul Brumm	\$43.20	Unexpired 2-year term
	Commissioner District 3	Daniel B. Kieta	\$43.20	Short and full 6-year term

Offices and Positions Open for Filing

Port Districts (Continued) – Defined Commissioner Districts unless noted otherwise				
District	Office	Incumbent	Filing Fee	Term
Port of Eglon District No. 4	Commissioner District 1	Timothy Holbrook	None	6-year term
Port of Illahee District No. 6 Candidate may reside anywhere within the Port District	Commissioner Position 3	James Aho	None	6-year term
Port of Indianola District No. 7	Commissioner District 2	Ted Schmid	None	Unexpired 2-year term
	Commissioner District 3	Gary Walker	None	6-year term
Port of Keyport District No. 8 Candidate may reside anywhere within the Port District	Commissioner Position 1	Lena Hunt	None	6-year term
	Commissioner Position 2	Ellen Ross-Cardoso	None	Unexpired 4-year term
Port of Kingston District No. 9	Commissioner District 1	Steve Heacock	None	6-year term
Port of Manchester District No. 10 Candidate may reside anywhere within the Port District	Commissioner Position 2	Paul Drotz	None	Short and full 4-year term
	Commissioner Position 3	Robert (Bob) Ballard	None	4-year term
Port of Poulsbo District No. 12 Candidate may reside anywhere within the Port District	Commissioner Position 1	Jeff Pfeil	\$43.20	Short and full 6-year term
Port of Silverdale District No. 14	Commissioner District 1	Caleb A. Reese	None	6-year term
Port of Tracyton District No. 15	Commissioner District 3	Ken Griffin	None	6-year term
Port of Waterman District No. 16	Commissioner District 2	Jeffrey Acoba	None	6-year term

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Sewer Districts – Candidates may reside anywhere within the Sewer District			
District	Office	Incumbent	Term
Kitsap County Sewer District No. 7	Commissioner Position 1	Alicia Arter	6-year term
Utility District – Candidates may reside anywhere within the Utility District			
District	Office	Incumbent	Term
West Sound Utility District No. 1	Commissioner Position 1	James Jay Hart	6-year term
Water Districts – Candidates may reside anywhere within the Water District			
District	Office	Incumbent	Term
Manchester Water District No. 11	Commissioner Position 1	Robert (Bob) Ballard	6-year term
North Perry Water District No. 13	Commissioner Position 1	Stephanie S. Marone	6-year term
Sunnyslope Water District No. 15	Commissioner Position 1	D. Glenn Patterson	6-year term
Silverdale Water District No. 16	Commissioner Position 2	John R. Poppe	6-year term
Park and Recreation Districts – Candidates may reside anywhere within the Park and Recreation District			
District	Office	Incumbent	Term
Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District	Commissioner Position 1	Dawn Janow	6-year term
	Commissioner Position 3	John T. (Tom) Swolgaard	6-year term
Village Green Metropolitan Park District	Commissioner Position 2	Tracy Darlene Harris	6-year term
	Commissioner Position 5	David Traylor	Short and full 6-year term



Candidate Videos
Candidates may submit video statements in addition to their written statements. See page 18 for details.

Eligible Voters by Office

Office/Position	Voters in the Primary	Voters in the General
City of Bainbridge Island At Large Council Position Council District (Ward)	Entire City Council District (Ward) only	Entire City Entire City
City of Bremerton Mayor, Municipal Court Judge Council District	Entire City Council District Only	Entire City Council District Only
City of Port Orchard, City of Poulsbo	Entire City	Entire City
School Board Directors	Entire School District	Entire School District
Fire District Commissioners	Entire Fire District	Entire Fire District
Port Commissioners Keyport, Manchester, Poulsbo, Illahee All other Port Districts	Entire Port District Commissioner District Only	Entire Port District Entire Port District
Sewer and Utility Commissioners	Entire Sewer/ Utility District	Entire Sewer/ Utility District
Water Commissioners	Entire Water District	Entire Water District
Metropolitan Park and Recreation Commissioners	Entire Park District	Entire Park District

Reminder!



Duties and Qualifications of Elected Officials

Cities of Bainbridge Island and Bremerton

Qualifications

Elected Mayor and Council candidates must be registered voters of the city at the time of filing and have been residents of the city for a period of at least one year preceding the election. City Council candidates must reside within the defined council districts or wards at the time of filing. [RCW 42.04.020](#), [RCW 35A.12.030](#), [RCW 35A.13.020](#)

Duties

In Bremerton, the Mayor is the city's chief executive and administrative officer. The Council members serve as the legislative body. In Bainbridge Island the Council is the legislative authority, and Council members choose a council chair who has the title of "mayor" of the city. The Council hires a City Manager who is the chief executive and administrative officer. Functions of these offices are further defined in state law by the specific jurisdiction:

- City of Bainbridge Island – [RCW 35A](#)
- City of Bremerton – [RCW 35A](#) and [City Charter](#)

Cities of Port Orchard and Poulsbo

Qualifications

Candidates must be registered voters of the city at the time of filing and must also have been residents of the city for a period of at least one year preceding the election. Mayor and City Council candidates may reside anywhere within the city. [RCW 35A.12.030](#)

Duties

The Port Orchard Mayor is the city's chief executive and administrative officer and presides over council meetings. The Poulsbo Mayor is the city's chief executive and hires the administrative officer. The Council members in each city serve as the legislative body of the city. Functions of these offices are further defined in state law by the specific jurisdiction:

- [RCW 35A](#)

School, Fire, Port, Sewer, Utility, Water, Metropolitan Park and Recreation Districts

Qualifications

At the time of filing for office, a candidate must be registered to vote in the district represented by the office they seek. For jurisdictions that have defined internal districts, a candidate must reside and be a registered voter within the defined area of the jurisdiction. [RCW 29A.24.075](#)

Duties

The function of each jurisdiction is described by Washington state law.

- School – [RCW 28A](#)
- Fire – [RCW 52](#)
- Port – [RCW 53](#)
- Utility – [RCW 54](#)
- Sewer/Water – [RCW 57](#)
- Metropolitan Park and Recreation – [RCW 35.61](#)

Offices and Ballot Names

Order of Candidate Names

A candidate's name may appear only once on a ballot, except for a temporary elected position or Precinct Committee Officer.

The order of candidate names on the ballot is determined by lot. The lottery drawing is conducted publicly at 5 p.m., May 9, 2025 at the Kitsap County Auditor – Elections Division Office. [RCW 29A.36.131](#)

Nonpartisan Offices – Primary

A Primary is held if three or more candidates file for a position. If no more than two candidates file, they appear only on the General Election ballot in the order determined by lot.

Partisan Offices – Primary

All partisan offices appear on the Primary ballot. [RCW 29A.52.112](#)

Candidates for each office will appear on the ballot in the order determined by lot.

[RCW 29A.36.131](#)

If a Primary is Held

The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will appear on the General Election ballot in the order of highest number of votes received. [RCW 29A.36.170](#)

If No Primary is Held

Candidates for offices that did not appear on the Primary ballot will appear on the General Election ballot in the order determined by lot.

[RCW 29A.52.220](#)

General Election Ballots – Partisan and Nonpartisan Offices

If a Primary is held, candidates for all offices must receive at least 1 percent of the total votes cast for their position in order to appear on the General Election ballot.

[RCW 29A.36.170](#)

Jurisdiction Placement on Ballots

All city, town and junior taxing districts shall hold their elections in the odd-numbered year, except **Public Utility Districts**, which hold their elections in even-numbered years.

[RCW 29A.04.330](#),

Order of Jurisdiction Placement on Ballots

State and countywide measures are placed before all offices on the ballot in the following order:

- Statewide Ballot Measures
- Countywide Ballot Measures

Jurisdictions are placed in the following order, with local measures coming after offices:

- City Offices
- School Districts
- Fire Districts
- Port Districts
- Sewer Districts
- Utility Districts
- Water Districts
- Park and Recreation

[WAC 434-230-025](#)

To find which precincts are part of your race, go to:

<https://www.kitsap.gov/auditor/Pages/2025-Offices-and-precincts.aspx>



Precinct maps including maps for districts with defined internal boundaries are available at kcowa.us/officials

Local Voters' Pamphlet – Candidate Statements

Publishing a Local Voters' Pamphlet

A printed copy of the Local Voters' Pamphlet is mailed to all households within the election approximately 25 days prior to each Primary and General Election. Candidate statements appear in the printed Local Voters' Pamphlet and Online Ballot Access. [RCW 29A.32.210](#)

Submitting Your Candidate Statement

If you file electronically you will receive a confirmation email from the Secretary of State's Office with a link to submit the statement once your candidate filing has been approved. You may use the link provided, or submit your statement directly to Kitsap County Elections.

Statements consist of:

1. Photograph
2. Campaign Contact Information
3. Biography
4. Statement


Statement Specifications

- Candidate statements *must be limited* to statements about the candidate himself or herself. [RCW 29A.32.230\(3\)](#)
- *Italics* may be used for emphasis.
- Bulleted lists, **bold**, underline, ALL-CAPS text and multiple indentations are not allowed and will be reformatted.
- Tables and graphs are not allowed.
- Hyphenated words count as two words unless listed as one word by [dictionary.com](#).
- Statements exceeding the word limit of 200 words are shortened by deleting full sentences from the end until the limit is reached.
- Statements containing obscene, profane, libelous or defamatory language will be rejected. [RCW 29A.32.090](#)
- Endorsements are acceptable and count toward word limits.

Submission Deadline

- **May 20:** Deadline for all candidates to submit statements and photos. Submit online by May 20* or by email to: auditor@kitsap.gov
- Candidates appearing in the Primary may not rewrite their statements for the General Election.
- Candidates will receive a final proof that must be approved within three business days, otherwise it is approved as submitted. [RCW 29A.32.230](#) [WAC 434-381-180](#)
Kitsap County Administrative Rules - Local Voters' Pamphlet

* Online statement submittal is operated by the Secretary of State's Office and the deadline is May 20.

 Voters' Pamphlet deadlines are intended to promote timely publication and may be adjusted.

Local Voters' Pamphlet – Candidate Statements

1. Photograph

You may submit a self-portrait of your head and shoulders. Use a light-colored background, but not white. Photos must be no more than five years old. A color photo is preferred.

Digital photos must be a minimum 300 dpi resolution and no smaller than 2.5 inches x 3 inches. Your photo may not be digitally altered.

Pins, robes, signage, uniforms or insignias suggesting the wearer has held public office are not allowed. [RCW 29A.32.110](#) Kitsap County Administrative Rules - Local Voters' Pamphlet

2. Campaign Contact Information

Candidates may submit contact information consisting of one phone number, and/or one email address, and/or one website. Contact information does not count towards word limits.

3. Biography (four headings)

You may submit a 100-word biography using any or all of the following headings:

- Elected; or Legal/Judicial Experience (judicial candidates only)
- Other Professional Experience
- Education
- Community Service

4. Statement

Statement word limits are established by state law:

- 200 words (4 paragraphs): All offices. [RCW 29A.32.121](#)
- Any statements by a candidate shall be limited to those about the candidate himself or herself. [RCW 29A.32.230](#)



George Washington

Contact Information:

Phone: 000-000-1789

Email: george@washington.pres

Website: washington.pres

Elected Experience: President, United States, 1789-1797; Virginia provincial legislator, 1758-1765.

Other Professional Experience: Senior Officer, U.S. Army, 1798-1799; Commander-in-Chief, Continental Army, 1775-1783;

Education: Elementary School-level education achieved through tutors. Trained in mathematics, trigonometry, surveying, drafting and map-making.

Community Service: Delegate to First Continental Congress (1774) and Second Continental Congress (1775).

Statement: The period for a new election of a citizen to administer this elected office being not far distant, and the time actually arrived when your thoughts must be employed in designating the person who is to be clothed with that important trust, it appears to me proper, especially as it may conduce to a more distinct expression of the public voice, that I should now apprise you of the resolution I have formed to beg your consent in returning to elected office.

In office I will promote as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened.

Be assured that this resolution has not been taken without a strict regard to all the considerations appertaining to the relation which binds a dutiful citizen to his country. I have the consolation to believe that, while choice, prudence and the strange reality of my newfound immortality invite me to quit the political scene, patriotism does not forbid my return.

I ask for your vote.

Candidate statements are not edited for grammar, punctuation or spelling by Elections staff. We recommend you have other people read your statement before you turn it in.

Local Voters' Pamphlet – Measures

Publishing a Local Voters' Pamphlet

A printed copy of the Local Voters' Pamphlet is mailed to all households within the election approximately 25 days prior to each election. Measure arguments appear in the printed Local Voters' Pamphlet and online. [RCW 29A.32.210](#)

Committee Information

The legislative authority of a district that submits a ballot measure must appoint committees to draft arguments 'for' and 'against' the measure. Committees are limited to three members and shall appoint a chairperson as the primary point of contact. At least one member of the committee must be named in the pamphlet in the committee information section.

If the district is unable to appoint a committee, it must notify the Auditor's Office in writing. [RCW 29A.32.280](#), [WAC 434-381-110](#), Kitsap County Administrative Rules - Local Voters' Pamphlet

Argument Word Limit

- 200 words (five paragraphs) including no more than four headings.
- Headings may not exceed 15 words and count towards the word limit.
- Headings are printed in bold type.
Kitsap County Administrative Rules - Local Voters' Pamphlet

Rebuttal Word Limit

- 75 words (one paragraph).
- No headings are permitted.
- Rebuttals may only address issues raised in the opposing argument.
[RCW 29A.32.060](#)

Argument and Rebuttal Specifications

- *Italics* may be used for emphasis.
- Bulleted lists, **bold**, underline, ALL-CAPS text and multiple indentations are not allowed and will be reformatted.
- Hyphenated words count as two words unless listed as one word by [dictionary.com](#).
- Arguments and rebuttals exceeding the word limit are shortened by deleting full sentences from the end until the limit is reached.
- Statements containing obscene, profane, libelous or defamatory language will be rejected. [RCW 29A.32.090](#)

Submission Deadlines



Election Date	Aug. 5	Nov. 4	Feb. 9, 2026	April 27, 2026
Committee Appointment	May 2	Aug. 5	Dec. 15, 2025	Feb. 23, 2026
Pro/Con Argument	May 13	Aug. 12	Dec. 22, 2025	March 1, 2026
Rebuttal	May 16	Aug. 15	Dec. 27, 2025	March 7, 2026

A final proof is provided to committees that must be approved within three business days, otherwise it is approved as submitted. [WAC 434-381-180](#)
Kitsap County Administrative Rules - Local Voters' Pamphlet



Voters' Pamphlet deadlines are intended to promote timely publication and may be adjusted.

Local Voters' Pamphlet – Measures

1. Ballot Title

The Ballot Title is submitted by the district as part of the resolution and reviewed by the Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney for all districts *except* cities.

2. Explanatory Statement

The Explanatory Statement is prepared by the Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney for county measures and by the attorney for the district for all other measures and submitted by the resolution deadline. (Max 200 words.)

3. Arguments

Arguments 'for' and 'against' the measure are prepared by committees appointed by the district. Once approved by the Auditor's Office, arguments are provided to opposite committees to draft rebuttals.

4. Rebuttals

Committees draft rebuttals to arguments prepared by the opposite committee. Rebuttals may only address topics presented in the opposite committee's argument and may not introduce new topics.

5. Contact Information

Committee contact information must include a committee name, a chairperson's name and may include two other member names, website, email, phone number, and mailing address.

Sample Argument

Local District

Proposition 1 - Measure request to voters

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Local District adopted Resolution No. 0000, concerning a proposition for programs and operations. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund programs and operations expenses:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/ \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2026	\$0.00	\$ 00,000,000
2027	\$0.00	\$ 00,000,000
2028	\$0.00	\$ 00,000,000
2029	\$0.00	\$ 00,000,000

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all as provided in Resolution No. 0000. Should this measure be approved?

Explanatory Statement (Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

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Argument For the Measure

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Argument Against the Measure

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The Auditor's Office is not responsible for the content of statements or their factual and grammatical accuracy.

Committee Videos

Committees may submit video arguments in addition to their written arguments. See page 18 for details.

Candidate and Measure Videos

Candidates and committees may submit video statements that convey the same messages as their printed statements.

Candidates and committees should consider the video statement as a video version of the written statement and should mostly be word-for-word reproductions of the written versions for a different audience.

Video statements are included in Online Ballot Access via VoteWA.gov, a digital ballot delivery system that also allows voters to access Voters' Pamphlet information.

Online Ballot Access uses the highest level of internet security and is fully accessible for use by all voters.

Video Specifications

- Video statements must be a spoken reproduction of the written statements.
- Candidate videos must not exceed 3 minutes.
- Committee videos must not exceed 3 minutes, 30 seconds and may include rebuttals.
- No pins, robes, signage, uniforms or insignias suggesting the wearer has held public office. [RCW 29A.32.110](#)
- Preferred file type is MP4. Maximum file size is 128 MB.

Bremerton – Kitsap Access Television

An alternative to filming your own video is to contact Bremerton – Kitsap Access Television (BKAT) to schedule a video shoot. BKAT charges to film, edit and submit videos.

Each video recording session is 20 minutes.

For more information on studio openings or to schedule a video shoot, contact BKAT.

Filming sessions are available weekdays by appointment only.

All candidates (whether in the Primary or not) and Primary Committees: May 22 – June 9.

Committees for or against General Election ballot measures: August 11-22.

Bremerton – Kitsap Access Television

Colleen Miko

colleen.miko@ci.bremerton.wa.us

360-473-5026

Note: BKAT will submit videos they film to the Kitsap County Auditor – Elections Division.

Cost: \$50, cash or check only.



Voters' Pamphlet and video deadlines are intended to promote timely publication and may be adjusted.

Video Submission Deadlines

Candidate and Committee Videos

- **June 16:** Deadline to submit videos for all candidates (Primary and General Election) and for measures on the Aug. 5 Primary Election ballot.

Committee Videos

- **September 15:** Deadline to submit videos for the Nov. 4 General Election.
- **January 5:** Deadline to submit videos for the Feb. 9, 2026 Special Election.
- **March 20:** Deadline to submit videos for the April 27, 2026 Special Election

Public Records Requests

Purchasing Voter Data

Orders may be placed by email, in person, or fax and may require up to three days to complete.

Affidavit

A signed affidavit that voter information will not be used for commercial purposes is required. [RCW 29A.08.740](#)

Format

Information is provided in a text format that is easily imported into programs, such as Excel, Access and Word.

Fees

- There is no fee for data sent electronically.
- Voter data sent by mail costs \$0.15 per page, plus postage.
- Payment must be received before the order is filled.

Data Options

Numerous data options are available:

District Choices: All districts and precincts within Kitsap County.

Report Types: Voting record, registered voters, and voters by district are among the many options.

Available Data: Name, address, political jurisdiction, gender, year of birth, voting record, date of registration, and registration number are available.

Confidential Data: Phone numbers and email addresses are confidential and not available for request. [RCW 29A.08.710](#)

Map Orders

District maps are available on our website or by email at no charge.

Printed maps are available in various sizes. Prices vary according to size:

- \$10 for district maps up to 34 x 44 inches.
- \$2.50 for each 11 x 17 inch map.
- \$0.15 for each 8.5 x 11 inch precinct map.
- Maps sent by mail require postage.
- Payment must be received before the order is filled.

Election Results

Local election results dating back to 1998 are on our website: kitsap.gov/elections, then click 'Past Election Results.'

For local election results prior to 1998, contact **Washington State Archives:**

- www.sos.wa.gov/archives
- research@sos.wa.gov
- 425-564-3940

Statewide Election Results

Statewide election results from 1900 to present are available on the Secretary of State's website:

- www.sos.wa.gov/elections/research/election-results-and-voters-pamphlets.aspx

Kitsap County Elections Contact Information

Office Address

619 Division St.
Port Orchard, WA 98366

auditor@kitsap.gov
kitsap.gov/elections

Regular Business Hours

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday

Phone Numbers

Office 360-307-VOTE (8683)
Fax..... 360-337-5769

Recounts

Mandatory Recount

A mandatory recount by machine occurs when any candidate apparently qualified for the General election or elected to office and the closest apparently defeated opponent is separated by:

- Less than 2,000 votes, AND
- Less than 1/2 of 1 percent of the votes cast. [RCW 29A.64.021](#),

Mandatory Manual Hand Recount

A hand recount is required for statewide offices or measures when candidates or responses are separated by:

- Less than 1,000 votes, AND
- Less than 1/4 of 1 percent of the votes cast. [RCW 29A.64.021](#),

A hand recount is required for local offices when candidates are separated by:

- Less than 150 votes, AND
- Less than 1/4 of 1 percent of the votes cast. [RCW 29A.64.021](#),

Requests for a Recount

When a mandatory recount is not required, an officer of a political party or any person who received votes may file a written application for a recount of the votes, or a portion of the votes cast in that election for all candidates for election to that office.

- Any group of five or more registered voters may apply for a recount of the votes or a portion of the votes cast for a ballot measure. The application must specify a manual or machine recount and be submitted no later than two business days after the official certification of the election. [RCW 29A.64.011](#)
- A deposit of \$0.15 per ballot cast for a machine recount or \$0.25 per ballot cast for a manual recount shall be made at the time of filing the application. The deposit shall be applied to the cost of the recount and the remaining cost, if any, will be billed to the requester. If the deposit exceeds the cost of the recount, the balance will be returned to the applicant. [RCW 29A.64.030](#)

Total Registered Voters: 197,211*

Voter Age/Gender Statistics

Age Range	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
Registered Voters	30,235	33,523	31,220	28,667	33,968	39,598
Percentage	15.33%	17.00%	15.83%	14.54%	17.22%	20.08%

Gender	Female	Male	Unspecified
Registered Voters	98,332	94,021	4,858
Percentage	49.86%	47.68%	2.46%

*Approximate totals as of March 17, 2025 and are subject to change.

Oaths of Office

All officials must take an oath of office prior to commencing the duties of the office.

[RCW 29A.04.133](#)

When Elected Officials Assume Office

Office/Position	Date
Mayor, City Council	Jan. 1, 2026 RCW 29A.60.280
School Board Director	First official Board of Directors meeting following certification of the election. RCW 28A.343.360 , RCW 29A.60.280
Fire, Port, Sewer, Utility, Water, and Park and Recreation Commissioner	Jan. 1, 2026, RCW 29A.60.280

When Administered

Oaths of Office may be administered up to 10 days prior to the scheduled date of assuming office, or at the last regular meeting of the governing body of the applicable district held before the winner assumes office.

An Oath of Office is administered to candidates filling an unexpired position, or short and full-term position upon certification of the election. A second Oath of Office is administered to candidates filling a short and full-term position prior to assuming office for the full term.

[RCW 29A.04.133](#), [RCW 29A.60.270](#), [RCW 29A.60.280](#)

Who Administers

An Oath of Office may be administered by a notary public or any officer authorized to administer oaths including judges, county commissioners, county auditors or deputies, town clerks, and school officials. [RCW 29A.04.133](#)

Where the Oath of Office is Filed

Office/Position	Where Oath Is Administered/Filed
Mayor, City Council, Fire, Port, Sewer, Utility, Water, and Park and Recreation Commissioners	Oaths for non-partisan offices are filed with the Kitsap County Auditor. RCW 36.16.060

State Measures Become Law

State measures approved by the voters become law upon proclamation of the governor unless the effective date is contained within the text of the measure. [RCW 29A.60.260](#)

Political Sign Regulations

Contact governing organizations listed below for specifics on size, type and placement options before making your signs. Contact the Public Disclosure Commission for regulations on political sign and campaign literature wording.

Unincorporated Kitsap County

Contact: Department of Community Development

Phone: 360-337-5777

Email: help@kitsap1.com

Web: www.codepublishing.com/wa/kitsapcounty/, Title 17.510.060.

Washington State Department of Transportation

Phone: 360-705-7294

Email: OutdoorAdvertisingControl@wsdot.wa.gov

Web: wsdot.wa.gov

Area: All state highways within Kitsap County – 3, 16, 166, 104, 160, 303, 304, 305, 307, 308, 310 and that portion of Kitsap Way from Highway 3 to Callow Avenue.

City of Bainbridge Island

Contact: City of Bainbridge Island Planning and Community Development

Phone: 206-842-2552

Email: pcd@bainbridgewa.gov

Web: www.codepublishing.com/WA/Bainbridgelsland, see Title 15.08.095

City of Bremerton

Contact: City of Bremerton Department of Community Development

Phone: 360-473-5289; **Fax:** 360-473-5278

Email: Garrett.Jackson@ci.bremerton.wa.us

Web: www.codepublishing.com/WA/Bremerton, see Title 20.52.085

City of Port Orchard

Contact: City of Port Orchard Planning Department

Phone: 360-874-5533; **Fax:** 360-876-4980

Email: planning@portorchardwa.gov

Web: www.codepublishing.com/wa/portorchard, see POMC 20.132.270

City of Poulsbo

Contact: City of Poulsbo Planning Department

Phone: 360-394-9748; **Fax:** 360-697-8269

Email: plan&econ@cityofpoulsbo.com

Web: <http://www.codepublishing.com/wa/poulsbo/> See Title 18.170.080

Campaign Regulations and Public Disclosure



We hear you've decided to run for office...

• Step 1: Introduce yourself

You are a candidate once you publicly announce your candidacy, raise or spend money on your campaign, or file during declaration week (May 5-9, 2025).

Within two weeks, register your campaign and file your personal financial affairs statement (F-1). See instructions and exceptions to this rule in the link to the right.



Registration and reporting basics

• Step 2: Consider your (reporting) options

Choose mini or full reporting. Unlike full-reporting, mini-reporting campaigns can raise or spend no more than \$7,000, or \$500 from each contributor without filing regular reports with the PDC (but must maintain records.)

Choose wisely! Mini reporting campaigns that exceed limits may face enforcement action. Switching to full reporting requires PDC approval and retroactive reporting.

• Step 3: Learn your responsibilities

Full-reporting campaigns must regularly report contributions and expenditures and abide by contribution limits, and all campaigns must follow political advertising rules and other requirements under RCW 42.17A and WAC 390.

"The public's right to know of the financing of political campaigns and lobbying and the financial affairs of elected officials and candidates far outweighs any right that these matters remain secret and private."

RCW 42.17A.001

• Step 4: Know your resources

Sign up today for one of the PDC's free online training sessions on:

- Disclosure 101: Candidates and Committees
- Understanding the F-1
- ORCA filing system demonstration



Training and resources for campaigns

Contact us: (360) 753-1111 pdc@pdc.wa.gov pdc.wa.gov

Elections Calendar – 2025-26

- April 21 First day **candidates may file by mail**. [RCW 29A.24.081](#)
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- May 2..... Last day for districts to **file resolutions, explanatory statements, and committee contacts** for August Primary. [WAC 434-381-120](#), [RCW 29A.32.280](#), [RCW 29A.04.330](#)
- May 5-9..... Candidate **filing week**. [RCW 29A.24.050](#)
- May 12..... Last day for candidates to **withdraw**. [RCW 29A.24.131](#)
- May 13..... Deadline for **committees** to submit **measure arguments** for the August Primary.
- May 16..... Measure **committee rebuttals** due for the August Primary.
- May 20..... Deadline for all **candidates to submit statements** and photos. [WAC 434-381-120](#)
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- June 16 Deadline to submit **measure videos** for August Primary. [WAC 434-381-120](#)
- June 21..... **Ballots** go to **overseas and military** voters for the August Primary. [RCW 29A.40.070](#)
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- July 11 Primary Local Voters' Pamphlet mailed. [RCW 29A.32.210](#)
- July 17 Final day to **file for free as a write-in** candidate for the August Primary. [RCW 29A.24.311](#) [RCW 29A.24.091](#)
- July 18 Ballots go to all voters for the August Primary. [RCW 29.40.070](#)
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- August 5 **Primary** – [RCW 29A.04.311](#)
Last day for districts to **file resolutions, explanatory statements, and committee contacts** for November General election.
- August 12 Deadline for committees to draft **arguments** for the November General Election. [WAC 434-381-120](#), [RCW 29A.32.280](#)
- August 15 Measure committee **rebuttals** due for the November General Election.
- August 19 Primary **certification** by counties. [RCW 29A.60.190](#)
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- Sept. 15 Deadline to submit **measure videos** for November General Election. [WAC 434-381-120](#)
- Sept. 19..... **Ballots** go to **overseas and military** voters for General Election 2025. [RCW 29A.40.070](#)
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- Oct. 12..... General Election Local Voters' Pamphlet mailed. [RCW 29A.32.210](#)[RCW 29A.32.210](#)
- Oct. 18..... Final day to **file for free as a write-in** candidate for the General Election. [RCW 29A.24.311](#) [RCW 29A.24.091](#)
- Oct. 19..... Ballots go to all voters for the November General Election. [RCW 29A.40.070](#)
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- Nov. 4 **General Election** – [RCW 29A.04.321](#)
- Nov. 25 General Election certification by counties. [RCW 29A.60.190](#)
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- Dec. 4 Final day for Secretary of State to certify the results of the General Election. [RCW 29A.60.250](#)
- Dec. 12 Last day for districts to **file resolutions, explanatory statements, and committee contacts** for the Feb. 10, 2026 Special Election. [WAC 434-381-120](#), [RCW 29A.32.280](#), [RCW 29A.04.330](#)
- Dec. 22 Deadline for **committees** to submit **measure arguments** for the August Primary.
- Dec. 27 Measure **committee rebuttals** due for the August Primary.
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- Feb. 10 Special Election
- Feb. 27 Last day for districts to **file resolutions, explanatory statements, and committee contacts** for the April 27, 2026 Special Election. [WAC 434-381-120](#), [RCW 29A.32.280](#), [RCW 29A.04.330](#)
- March 1..... Deadline for **committees** to submit **measure arguments** for the August Primary.
- March 7..... Measure **committee rebuttals** due for the August Primary.
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- April 28 Special Election
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