

Election Manual

for candidates and campaigns

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2009 Calendar of Events

5/26/2009	Last day to file a resolution for a special election held in conjunction with the August 18 Primary (RCW 29A.04.330)
6/1/2009	First day for candidates to file for office (RCW 29A.24.050)
6/1/2009	Last day a void in candidacy or vacancy will require a three-day filing period for the August 19 Primary. (RCW 29A.24.171 and RCW 29A.24.211)
6/2/2009	First day a void in candidacy or vacancy in a nonpartisan office (other than Superintendent of Public Instruction or Supreme Court Judge) requires a three-day filing period for the November 3 General Election. (RCW 29A.24.181)
6/5/2009	Last day for all candidates to file for office (RCW 29A.24.050)
6/11/2009	Last day for candidates to withdraw (RCW 29A.24.131)
7/18/2009	Last day for mail-in registrations, online voter registrations, and address changes for the August 18 Primary Election (RCW 29A.08.140)
7/19/2009	Deadline to mail Overseas and military ballots for the August 18 Primary (RCW 29A.40.070)
7/29/2009	Absentee ballots available for the August 18 Primary (RCW 29A.40.070)
7/31/2009	Absentee ballots mailed for the August 18 Primary (RCW 29A.40.070)
8/3/2009	Last day for in-person registration for voters not currently registered in Washington State for the August 18 Primary Election (RCW 29A.08.145)
8/11/2009	Last day to file a resolution for the November 3 General Election (RCW 29A.04.330)
8/17/2009	Last day that a vacancy in a nonpartisan office (other than Superintendent of Public Instruction or Supreme Court Judge) requires the opening of a three-day filing period for the November 3 General Election ballot (RCW 29A.24.181)
8/17/2009	Final day to file as a write in candidate for the August 18 Primary (RCW 29A.24.311)
8/18/2009	PRIMARY ELECTION (RCW 29A.04.311)
9/2/2009	County Canvassing Board to certify the August 18 Primary Election returns (RCW 29A.60.190)
10/2/2009	Last day to file as a write-in candidate for an office elected by Ranked Choice Voting for the November 3, 2009 General Election.
10/3/2009	Last day for mail-in registrations, online voter registrations, and address changes for the November 3 General Election (RCW 29A.08.140)
10/4/2009	Deadline to mail Overseas and military ballots for the November 3 General Election (RCW 29A.40.020)
10/14/2009	Absentee ballots available for the November 3 General Election (RCW 29A.40.070)
10/16/2009	Absentee ballots mailed for November 3 General Election (RCW 29A.40.020)
10/19/2009	Last day for in-person registration for voters not currently registered in Washington State for the November 3 General Election (RCW 29A.08.145)

11/2/2009	Final day to file as a write in candidate for the November 3 General Election (Except offices elected by Ranked Choice Voting) (RCW 29A.24.311)
11/3/2009	GENERAL ELECTION (RCW 29A.04.321)
11/24/2009	County Canvassing Board to certify the November 3 General Election returns (RCW 29A.60.190)
12/3/2009	Final day for Secretary of State to certify November 3 General Election returns (RCW 29A.60.250)
12/11/2009	Last day to file a resolution for a February 2, 2010 Special Election (RCW 29A.04.330)

Voter Statistics

Voter Turnout (Primary Elections):

YEAR	REG. VOTERS	POLLS	ABSENTEES	VOTES CAST	TURNOUT
2000	348,916	26,405	125,357	151,762	43.5%
2001	349,461	12,023	90,928	102,951	29.4%
2002	346,116	13,771	105,701	119,472	34.5%
2003	356,409	8,711	87,345	96,056	26.9%
2004	375,590	22,278	142,509	164,787	43.8%
2005	399,800	9,362	97,135	106,497	26.6%
2006	371,777	12,327	117,419	129,746	34.9%
2007	374,673	5,558	86,083	91,641	24.5%
2008	378,495	13,299	140,464	153,763	40.6%

Voter Turnout (General Elections):

YEAR	REG. VOTERS	POLLS	ABSENTEES	VOTES CAST	TURNOUT
2000	360,463	71,907	199,013	270,898	75.1%
2001	351,206	26,767	131,935	158,702	45.2%
2002	347,702	35,476	157,258	192,734	55.4%
2003	355,171	19,648	122,222	141,870	39.9%
2004*	405,023	62,034	254,981	317,015	78.2%
2005	391,611	28,059	159,808	187,867	48.0%
2006	373,909	33,841	182,733	216,574	57.9%
2007	373,207	19,620	146,759	166,379	44.6%
2008**	411,103	52,134	281,690	333,824	81.2%

* Numbers are based on final recount figures.

** The 2008 General Election included RCV elections for county offices. Turnout is based upon traditional ballots cast.

Voter Turnout (February Special Elections):

YEAR	REG. VOTERS	POLLS	ABSENTEES	VOTES CAST	TURNOUT
2000	331,893	26,418	122,927	149,345	45.0%
2001*	143,060	6,292	43,130	49,422	34.5%
2002	352,087	13,931	119,007	132,938	37.7%
2003*	33,457	1,262	11,433	12,695	37.9%
2004*	108,511	4,654	39,574	44,228	40.7%
2005*	39,503	934	15,683	16,617	42.0%
2006*	343,644	9,060	103,348	112,408	32.7%
2007*	81,413	999	27,468	28,467	34.9%
2008	378,551	8,975	131,030	140,005	36.9%

* Not a county-wide election

Precinct Statistics:

Pierce County Voter Statistics by District:

(Information current as of March 27, 2009)

District	Registered Voters	Polls	Absentees	Precincts
Pierce County	412,793	92,577	320,216	379*
County Districts				
County Council District No. 1	71,716	14,713	57,003	99
County Council District No. 2	57,893	13,109	44,784	45
County Council District No. 3	70,783	16,225	54,558	59
County Council District No. 4	53,385	13,322	40,063	36
County Council District No. 5	48,296	12,196	36,100	52
County Council District No. 6	43,492	10,109	33,383	42
County Council District No. 7	67,224	12,900	54,324	45
Congressional Districts				
Congressional District 6	176,625	40,231	136,394	142
Congressional District 8	97,519	20,457	77,062	100
Congressional District 9	138,645	31,886	106,759	136
Legislative Districts				
Legislative District 2	69,285	16,093	53,192	61
Legislative District 25	78,253	17,639	60,614	75
Legislative District 26	38,948	7,107	31,841	23
Legislative District 27	64,364	15,641	48,723	56
Legislative District 28	62,624	13,549	49,075	48
Legislative District 29	51,531	13,206	38,325	54
Legislative District 31	47,784	9,4339	38,445	61
Port of Tacoma				
Port of Tacoma	412,793	92,577	320,216	379

*Precinct 29-500 is a precinct used for non-resident military voters registered in Pierce County. Voters in this precinct are eligible for county-wide and state-wide issues only. This precinct is not included in the Congressional, Legislative, or County Council precinct counts, but is included in the county wide precinct totals.

Voter Statistics

District	Registered Voters	Polls	Absentees	Precincts
Cities - Towns				
City of Auburn <small>(Does not include King Co. figures)</small>	3,151	595	2,556	2
City of Bonney Lake	9,221	1,776	7,445	5
Bonney Lake - Council Ward 1	2,044	455	1,589	1
Bonney Lake - Council Ward 2	1,571	243	1,328	1
Bonney Lake - Council Ward 3	2,028	451	1,577	1
Bonney Lake - Council Ward 4	1,740	303	1,437	1
Bonney Lake - Council Ward 5	1,838	324	1,514	1
City of Buckley	2,324	577	1,747	2
Town of Carbonado	347	6	341	1
City of DuPont	3,684	776	2,908	2
Town of Eatonville	1,466	377	1,089	1
City of Edgewood	6,376	1,351	5,025	7
City of Fife	3,237	755	2,482	8
City of Fircrest	4,324	935	3,389	3
City of Gig Harbor	4,265	652	3,613	3
City of Lakewood	27,197	6,402	20,795	24
City of Milton <small>(Does not include King Co. figures)</small>	3,372	833	2,539	5
City of Orting	3,245	890	2,355	2
City of Pacific <small>(Does not include King Co. figures)</small>	55	2	53	1
City of Puyallup	19,935	4,234	15,701	15
Puyallup Council District No. 1	6,253	1,463	4,790	6
Puyallup Council District No. 2	6,804	1,419	5,385	4
Puyallup Council District No. 3	6,878	1,352	5,526	5
City of Roy	419	118	301	1
Town of Ruston	488	130	358	1
Town of South Prairie	274	64	210	1
Town of Steilacoom	3,900	832	3,068	3
City of Sumner	5,033	1,090	3,943	9
City of Tacoma	98,031	24,269	73,762	75
City of Tacoma, Council District No. 1	23,235	5,008	18,227	13
City of Tacoma, Council District No. 2	23,179	5,569	17,610	19
City of Tacoma, Council District No. 3	16,959	4,535	12,424	11
City of Tacoma, Council District No. 4	16,430	4,316	12,114	14
City of Tacoma, Council District No. 5	18,228	4,841	13,387	18
City of University Place	18,482	3,860	14,622	12
Town of Wilkeson	258	2	256	2

District	Registered Voters	Polls	Absentees	Precincts
School Districts				
SD No.1 Steilacoom Historical	10,910	2,109	8,801	12
SD No. 2 Yelm Community <small>(Does not include Thurston Co. figures)</small>	2,670	684	1,986	3
SD No. 3 Puyallup	66,318	14,508	51,810	47
SD No. 10 Tacoma	105,851	25,799	80,052	79
SD No. 19 Carbonado Historical	483	11	472	2
SD No. 83 University Place	17,031	3,645	13,386	11
SD No. 320 Sumner	23,873	4,704	19,169	37
SD No. 343 Dieringer	5,066	975	4,091	9
SD No. 344 Orting	7,142	1,797	5,345	12
SD No. 400 Clover Park	30,239	7,402	22,837	30
SD No. 401 Peninsula	38,948	7,107	31,841	23
SD No. 402 Franklin Pierce	22,492	5,435	17,057	27
SD No. 403 Bethel	51,341	12,251	39,090	48
SD No. 404 Eatonville <small>(Does not include Lewis Co. figures)</small>	7,088	1,421	5,667	10
SD No. 408 Auburn <small>(Does not include King Co. figures)</small>	3,131	592	2,539	1
SD No. 416 White River	12,693	2,416	10,277	30
SD No. 417 Fife <small>(Does not include King Co. figures)</small>	7,513	1,718	5,795	20
Fire Protection Districts				
FPD No. 2 Lakewood	28,736	6,704	22,032	26
FPD No. 3 University Place	18,507	3,863	14,644	13
FPD No. 5 Gig Harbor	29,032	5,153	23,879	18
FPD No. 6 Central Pierce	100,184	23,034	77,150	92
FPD No. 8 Edgewood	6,376	1,351	5,025	7
FPD No. 10 Fife	4,473	964	3,509	12
FPD No. 11 North Puyallup	935	169	766	1
FPD No. 13 Browns Point-Dash Point	1,534	320	1,214	1
FPD No. 14 Riverside	1,107	207	900	1
FPD No. 16 Key Peninsula	9,916	1,954	7,962	5
FPD No. 17 South Pierce	10,538	2,600	7,938	11
FPD No. 18 Orting	3,889	815	3,074	12
FPD No. 21 Graham	29,163	6,703	22,460	24
FPD No. 22 East Pierce	38,128	7,432	30,696	53
FPD No. 23 Ashford	747	0	747	2
FPD No. 25 Crystal Mountain	30	0	30	1
FPD No. 26 Greenwater	209	0	209	1
FPD No. 27 Anderson Island	772	0	772	1
Valley Regional Fire	3,206	597	2,609	3

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Park Districts				
Anderson Island Park and Rec District	772	0	772	1
Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	9,916	1,954	7,962	5
Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	99,565	24,589	74,976	76
Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	24,747	4,497	20,250	17
Water Districts				
Ashford Water District	134	0	134	1
Burnett Water District	51	0	51	1
Clear Lake Water District	137	24	113	1
East Gig Harbor Water District	287	42	245	1
Elbe Water District	28	0	28	1
Elkhorn Water District	19	0	19	1
Kapowsin Water District	47	10	37	1
Kopachuck Ridge Estates Water District	157	19	138	1
Lakewood Water District	28,761	6,730	22,031	29
McKenna Water District	67	18	49	1
Valley Water District	3,546	656	2,890	18
Sewer Districts				
Crystal Mountain Sewer District	30	0	30	1
Wollochet Harbor Sewer District	115	23	92	1

Open Offices, Incumbents and Filing Fees:

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Office	Fee	Term	Position Now Held By:
Pierce County			
Auditor	\$1,193.51	1 Year UE	Jan Shabro
Port of Tacoma			
Commissioner, Pos. 1	\$60.00	4 Year	Connie Bacon
Commissioner, Pos. 2	\$60.00	4 Year	Dick Marzano
Commissioner, Pos. 4	\$60.00	4 Year	R. Ted Bottiger
Auburn (City of) *File for office in King Co.*			Non-Charter Code City
Mayor	\$1,203.54	4 Year	Pete Lewis
Council, Position No. 2	\$117.00	4 Year	Gene Cerino
Council, Position No. 4	\$117.00	4 Year	Nancy Backus
Council, Position No. 6	\$117.00	4 Year	Rich Wagner
Municipal Court Judge	\$1,417.08	4 Year	Patrick Burns
Bonney Lake (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Mayor	\$96.00	4 Year	Neil Johnson
Council At Large, Position No. 1	\$48.00	4 Year	Dan Swatman
Council, Ward No. 1	\$48.00	4 Year	Dave King
Council, Ward No. 4	\$48.00	4 Year	David Bowen
Buckley (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Mayor	\$60.00	4 Year	Pat Johnson
Council, Position No. 1	\$30.00	4 Year	Randy Reed
Council, Position No. 2	\$30.00	4 Year	Cristi Boyle-Barrett
Council, Position No. 3	\$30.00	4 Year	Sandra Ramsey
Council, Position No. 5	\$30.00	2 Year UE	Vacant (3/31/09)
Council, Position No. 7	\$30.00	2 Year UE	Mark McNally
Carbonado (Town of)			4th Class Town
Council, Position No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year	Benjamin G. Burbank
Council, Position No. 2	\$0.00	4 Year	Peter Strub
Dupont (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Council, Position No. 1	\$36.00	4 Year	Roger C. Westman
Council, Position No. 2	\$36.00	ST 4 Year	Michael Grayum
Council, Position No. 3	\$36.00	4 Year	John Ehrenreich
Council, Position No. 6	\$36.00	2 Year UE	Vicky Marin
Council, Position No. 7	\$36.00	ST 4 Year	Larry Wilcox

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Office	Fee	Term	Position Now Held By:
Eatonville (Town of)			4th Class Town
Mayor	\$169.98	4 Year	Tom Smallwood
Council, Position No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year	Richard P. Adams
Council, Position No. 2	\$0.00	4 Year	Bruce Rath
Edgewood (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Council, Position No. 3	\$18.00	4 Year	Jeff Hogan
Council, Position No. 4	\$18.00	4 Year	Scott H. Malkuch
Council, Position No. 5	\$18.00	ST 4 Year	Donna J. O'Ravez
Council, Position No. 6	\$18.00	4 Year	Dave Olson
Fife (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Council, Position No. 3	\$63.12	ST 4 Year	Glenn Hull Jr.
Council, Position No. 6	\$63.12	4 Year	Nancy deBooy
Council, Position No. 7	\$63.12	4 Year	Kim Roscoe
Fircrest (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Council, Position No. 1	\$13.23	4 Year	Matthew P. Jolibois
Council, Position No. 2	\$13.23	4 Year	Chris Gruver
Council, Position No. 6	\$13.23	4 Year	Hans Hechtman
Council, Position No. 7	\$13.23	4 Year	Kathy L. McVay
Gig Harbor (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Mayor	\$110.76	4 Year	Charles L. Hunter
Council, Position No. 1	\$30.48	4 Year	Tim Payne
Council, Position No. 2	\$30.48	4 Year	Steven K. Ekberg
Council, Position No. 3	\$30.48	4 Year	Derek M. Young
Council, Position No. 7	\$30.48	4 Year	Paul L. Kadzik
Lakewood (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Council, Position No. 1	\$84.00	4 Year	Ron Cronk
Council, Position No. 2	\$84.00	4 Year	Pad Finnigan
Council, Position No. 3	\$84.00	4 Year	Helen McGovern
Council, Position No. 5	\$84.00	4 Year	Doug Richardson
Milton (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Mayor	\$180.00	4 Year	Katrina Asay
Council, Position No. 1	\$48.00	4 Year	Terry Borek
Council, Position No. 2	\$48.00	4 Year	Margaret Drotz
Council, Position No. 3	\$48.00	4 Year	Dwayne Neal
Council, Position No. 5	\$48.00	4 Year	Mark A. Beaudry

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Orting (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Mayor	\$120.00	4 Year	Cheryl Temple
Council, Position No. 1	\$12.00	4 Year	Scott A. Drennen
Council, Position No. 2	\$12.00	4 Year	George Wilson
Council, Position No. 3	\$12.00	4 Year	Dick Ford
Council, Position No. 4	\$12.00	2 Year UE	Nicola McDonald
Council, Position No. 7	\$12.00	4 Year	Joachim Pestinger
Pacific (City of) *File for office in King Co.*			Non-Charter Code City
Council, Position No. 2	\$24.00	4 Year	Barbara Lourdes
Council, Position No. 4	\$24.00	ST 4 Year	Vacant
Council, Position No. 5	\$24.00	4 Year	Dawn Drury
Council, Position No. 7	\$24.00	4 Year	Tren Walker
Puyallup (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Council, District No. 1, Position No. 1	\$134.00	4 Year	George D. Dill
Council, District No. 2, Position No. 2	\$134.00	ST 4 Year	Rick Hansen
Council, District No. 3, Position No. 2	\$134.00	4 Year	Mike Deal
Municipal Court Judge	\$1,346.25	ST 4 Year	Stephen R. Shelton
Roy (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Mayor	\$33.00	ST 4 Year	Natalie Harvey-Banks
Council, Position No. 1	\$0.00	ST 4 Year	Chuck Chappell
Council, Position No. 3	\$0.00	4 Year	Ray Bourne
Council, Position No. 5	\$0.00	ST 4 Year	Leon E. Garrison
Ruston (Town of)			4th Class Town
Mayor	\$60.00	ST 4 Year	Bruce Hopkins
Council, Position No. 1	\$10.00	ST 4 Year	Dan Albertson
Council, Position No. 2	\$10.00	4 Year	Wayne Stebner
Council, Position No. 4	\$10.00	ST 4 Year	C. Jane Krock Hunt
South Prairie (Town of)			4th Class Town
Mayor	\$12.00	4 Year	Peggy Levesque
Council, Position No. 3	\$0.00	4 Year	Dave Lykstad
Council, Position No. 5	\$0.00	4 Year	Laura K. Heideman
Steilacoom (Town of)			4th Class Town
Mayor	\$90.00	4 Year	Ron Lucas
Council, Position No. 1	\$36.00	4 Year	Rosalie Marcantonio
Council, Position No. 2	\$36.00	4 Year	Marion V. Smith
Council, Position No. 3	\$36.00	4 Year	Connie Aboubakr

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Office	Fee	Term	Position Now Held By:
Sumner (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Mayor	\$216.00	4 Year	Dave Enslow
Council, Position No. 1	\$90.00	4 Year	Ed Hannus
Council, Position No. 2	\$90.00	4 Year	Randy Hynek
Council, Position No. 3	\$90.00	4 Year	Steve Allsop
Tacoma (City of)			1st Class City
Mayor	\$816.82	4 Year	Bill Baarsma
Council At Large, Position No. 6	\$370.24	4 Year	Mike Lonergan
Council, District No. 2	\$370.24	4 Year	Jake Fey
Council, District No. 4	\$370.24	4 Year	Rick Talbert
Council, District No. 5	\$370.24	4 Year	Connie Ladenburg
Civil Service, Position No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year	Charles N. McKenna
Civil Service, Position No. 2	\$0.00	4 Year	Dan Sexton
University Place (City of)			Non-Charter Code City
Council, Position No. 1	\$164.04	4 Year	Linda Bird
Council, Position No. 3	\$164.04	4 Year	Lorna Smith
Council, Position No. 4	\$164.04	4 Year	Ken J. Grassi
Council, Position No. 5	\$164.04	4 Year	Stanley L. K. Flemming
Wilkeson (Town of)			4th Class Town
Mayor	\$0.00	4 Year	Janet E. Kepka
Council, Position No. 1	\$0.00	ST 4 Year	Darla McQueen
Council, Position No. 2	\$0.00	4 Year	Christine Fabiani Wilde
Council, Position No. 3	\$0.00	4 Year	Dennis L. Smith
School District No. 1 Steilacoom Historical			
Director, Position No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year	Albert Lawrence
Director, Position No. 2	\$0.00	4 Year	Michael Winkler
Director, Position No. 3	\$0.00	4 Year	Dawn Smith
School District No. 2 Yelm Community *File for office in Thurston Co.*			
Director, District No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year	Ed M. Sorger
Director, District No. 4	\$0.00	4 Year	Deborah Edwards
School District No. 3 Puyallup			
Director, Position No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year	Pat Donovan
Director, Position No. 4	\$0.00	4 Year	Greg Heath
School District No. 10 Tacoma			
Director, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	Connie G. Rickman
Director, Position No. 4	\$0.00	6 Year	Kurt Miller
School District No. 19 Carbonado Historical			
Director, Position No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year	Laurie A. McNabb
Director, Position No. 2	\$0.00	4 Year	Andrew B. Mills

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Open Offices, Incumbents and Filing Fees

Office	Fee	Term	Position Now Held By:
School District No. 83 University Place			
Director, Position No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year	Ray Tennison
Director, Position No. 2	\$0.00	4 Year	Paul G. Koppe
School District No. 320 Sumner			
Director, District No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year	Mike Pavlik
Director, District No. 5	\$0.00	4 Year	Sherman Voiles
School District No. 343 Dieringer			
Director, District No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year	Jim Barfoot
Director, District No. 2	\$0.00	2 Year UE	James Premo
Director, District No. 3	\$0.00	4 Year	Pete E. George
Director, District No. 4	\$0.00	4 Year	John McKenna
School District No. 344 Orting			
Director, District No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year	Robin L. Martin
Director, District No. 2	\$0.00	4 Year	Laura Fischer
School District No. 400 Clover Park			
Director, District No. 3	\$0.00	4 Year	Connie Coleman-Lacadie
Director, District No. 4	\$0.00	4 Year	Marty Schafer
Director, District No. 5	\$0.00	2 Year UE	John P. Wagermann
School District No. 401 Peninsula			
Director, District No. 2	\$0.00	4 Year	Wendy Wojtanowicz
Director, District No. 5	\$0.00	4 Year	Jill A.S. Johnson
School District No. 402 Franklin Pierce			
Director, District No. 2	\$0.00	4 Year	John I. Harstad
Director, District No. 5	\$0.00	4 Year	Cole Roberts
School District No. 403 Bethel			
Director, District No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year	Kenneth J. Blair
Director, District No. 3	\$0.00	4 Year	Susan G. Smith
School District No. 404 Eatonville			
Director, District No. 1	\$0.00	2 Year UE	Paulette Gilliard
Director, District No. 2	\$0.00	4 Year	Robert Homan
Director, District No. 4	\$0.00	2 Year UE	Timothy Patterson
Director, District No. 5	\$0.00	4 Year	Ronda S. Litzenberger
School District No. 408 Auburn *File for office in King Co.*			
Director, District No. 3	\$0.00	4 Year	Janice Nelson
Director, District No. 5	\$0.00	4 Year	Lisa Connors
School District No. 416 White River			
Director, District No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year	John McArtor
Director, District No. 3	\$0.00	4 Year	Denise Vogel
Director, District No. 4	\$0.00	4 Year	Joe Dieringer

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Office	Fee	Term	Position Now Held By:
School District No. 417 Fife			
Director, District No. 3	\$0.00	4 Year	Rex N. Sutherland
Director, District No. 4	\$0.00	4 Year	Marisa Michaud
Director, District No. 5	\$0.00	4 Year	Bruce A. Burnside
Fire Protection District No. 2 Lakewood			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	John J. Clancy
Fire Protection District No. 3 University Place			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	David J. Cratsenberg
Commissioner, Position No. 4	\$0.00	6 Year	Tom Michael
Fire Protection District No. 5 Gig Harbor			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	\$0.00	6 Year	Kevin L. Entze
Commissioner, Position No. 5	\$0.00	ST 6 Year	Scott A. Casebolt
Fire Protection District No. 6 Central Pierce			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	Bill Eckroth
Fire Protection District No. 8 Edgewood			
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	6 Year	Dale T. Mitchell
Fire Protection District No. 10 Fife			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	\$0.00	6 Year	John T. Kleca
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	4 Year UE	Daniel Nelson
Fire Protection District No. 11 North Puyallup			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	\$0.00	6 Year	Alec Perozzo
Fire Protection District No. 13 Browns Pt-Dash Pt			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	James C. Oberg
Fire Protection District No. 14 Riverside			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	\$0.00	6 Year	Peter Allison
Fire Protection District No. 16 Key Peninsula			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	James A. Bosch
Commissioner, Position No. 4	\$0.00	ST 6 Year	Sheila Hunt
Fire Protection District No. 17 South Pierce			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	Baron Banks/ Mark A. Guentner
Fire Protection District No. 18 Orting			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	ST 6 Year	Shawn Mahoney
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	2 Year UE	Shelley Jackson
Fire Protection District No. 21 Graham Fire & Rescue			
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	6 Year	Robert E. Skaggs

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Office	Fee	Term	Position Now Held By:
Fire Protection District No. 22 East Pierce Fire & Rescue			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year UE	Raymond R. Bunk, III
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	Karlyne McGinnis Cheryl K. Bylin Mike Cathey
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	6 Year	
Commissioner, Position No. 5	\$0.00	6 Year	
Fire Protection District No. 23 Ashford			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	\$0.00	6 Year	Gene Casey
Fire Protection District No. 25 Crystal Mountain			
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	6 Year	David Wolfendale
Fire Protection District No. 26 Greenwater			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	\$0.00	ST 6 Year	James D. Harte
Fire Protection District No. 27 Anderson Island			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year UE	Stephen Woolley
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	6 Year	Thomas W. Huffar
Anderson Island Park & Recreation District			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	\$0.00	2 Year UE	William P. Spears
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	4 Year	Kristina MacQuarrie
Commissioner, Position No. 4	\$0.00	4 Year	Richard G. Anderson
Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	ST 6 Year	William Trandum
Commissioner, Position No. 4	\$0.00	6 Year	Bruce J. Nicholson
Metropolitan Park District Of Tacoma			
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	6 Year	Larry Dahl
Peninsula Metropolitan Park District			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	William V. Sehmel
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	6 Year	Scott A. Junge
Ashford Water District			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	\$0.00	6 Year	Ben Morrison
Burnett Water District			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	Bill Larson
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	4 Year UE	David R. Youmans
Clear Lake Water District			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	Tom Folk
East Gig Harbor Water District			
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	6 Year	Terence Hanley
Elbe Water District			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	Julie L. Clark

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Office	Fee	Term	Position Now Held By:
Elkhorn Water District			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year UE	Margi Pratt
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	2 Year UE	Vacant (1/08)
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	6 Year	Marla Kowal
Kapowsin Water District			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	\$0.00	4 Year UE	Glenn E. Mattison
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	Tricia Hodge
Kopachuck Ridge Estates Water District			
Commissioner, Position No. 1	\$0.00	ST 6 Year	Paul Hildebrand
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	4 Year UE	Greg Baer
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	2 Year UE	Dave Gordon
Lakewood Water District			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	Lawrence R. Ghilarducci, Jr.
McKenna Water District			
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	6 Year	Calvin P. Weamer
Valley Water District			
Commissioner, Position No. 2	\$0.00	6 Year	Robert Fulton, Jr.
Crystal Mountain Sewer District			
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	6 Year	Daniel T. Dennehy
Wollochet Harbor Sewer District			
Commissioner, Position No. 3	\$0.00	ST 6 Year	Vacant (4/09)

Candidate Filing Guidelines

Where to File Your Declaration of Candidacy

*Candidates for Federal Offices, Statewide Offices, Legislative Offices, Court of Appeals Division II and all Superior Court Departments that are wholly contained within Pierce County have the choice of filing their declarations with the Pierce County Auditor or with the Secretary of State. (Reference RCW.29A.24.050, 29A.24.070)

Any nonpartisan office except Judicial and School positions shall file in the county that contains the majority of the registered voters of the district.
(Reference RCW 29A.24.070, 28A.323.040)

If you are running for one of the following offices, your Declaration of Candidacy needs to be filed at the Pierce County Elections Center during filing week.

Pierce County Auditor
Port of Tacoma Commissioners
City and Town Council Members
School District Directors
Fire Protection District Commissioners
Park and Recreation District Commissioners
Water District Commissioners
Sewer District Commissioners

When to File

Candidate Filing Week:
June 1 – June 5, 2009
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Where to File

Pierce County Elections Center
2501 South 35th Street, Suite C
Tacoma, WA 98409

Lot drawings to determine ballot placement will take place after the close of filing on Friday, June 5, 2009. All candidates are invited to observe. The lot drawing will commence after the filings have been proofed for accuracy. (RCW 29A.36.131)

*Pending legislation could change this requirement.

Residency Requirements

US Senate: Candidates must be at least 30 years of age, US citizens and residents of the state for which they shall be chosen.

(Reference US Constitution, Article 1, Section 3)

US Representative: Candidates must be at least 25 years of age, US citizens and residents of the state for which they shall be chosen.

(Reference US Constitution, Article 1, Section 2)

State Legislature: Candidates must be a citizen of the US and a qualified voter in the district.

(Reference State Constitution, Article II, Section 7)

State Offices: Candidates must be a citizen of the US and a qualified elector of the State of Washington. (Reference State Constitution, Article III, Section 25)

Supreme, Superior, District Court Judges: Candidates must be resident electors of their district and admitted to practice law in the courts of record of the State of Washington. (Reference State Constitution, Article IV, Section 17; RCW 3.50.057)

Court of Appeals Judges: Candidates must be residents of the district for not less than one year and admitted to practice law in the courts of the State of Washington for not less than five years prior to taking office. (Reference RCW 2.06.050)

Tacoma Municipal Court Judges: Candidates must be qualified resident electors of Pierce County and admitted to practice law in the courts of record of the State of Washington.

(Reference Tacoma City Charter Article 5, State Constitution, Article IV, Section 17, RCW 3.46.067, 3.50.057, 35.20.170)

County Offices: Candidates must be US citizens, residents and registered voters of Pierce County. County Council candidates must be residents and registered voters of their district for one year prior to filing. No County Council District boundary change shall disqualify the council member from holding office during the remainder of the term.

(Reference Pierce County Charter 4.30, RCW 29A.20.021)

***City of Tacoma:** Candidates for Council shall be qualified electors (registered voters) and residents of the City for two years immediately preceding the time of filing, and residents of their district for one year immediately preceding the time of filing. No person shall be eligible for the office of council person while holding any other elective public office. (Reference Tacoma City Charter Section 2.2, RCW 29A.20.021, 42.04.020)

*Only appears on ballot in odd years.

***Non-Charter Code Cities:** Candidates must be registered voters at the time of filing and residents for a year on election day.

(Reference RCW 35A.12.030, 35A.13.020, 29A.20.021)

***4th Class Cities and Towns:** Candidates must be resident electors (registered voters).

(Reference RCW 35.27.080, 29A.20.021)

***Port Districts:** Candidates must be registered voters of Pierce County.

(Reference RCW 53.12, 29A.20.021)

***School Districts:** Candidates must be registered voters of district or director district.

(Reference RCW 28A.343, 29A.20.021)

***Park and Recreation Districts:** Candidates must be resident electors (registered voters) of district. (Reference RCW 36.69, 29A.20.021)

***Fire, Water and Sewer Districts:** Candidates must be qualified electors (registered voters) of district. (Reference RCW 52.14.010)

Drainage Districts: Candidates must be both property owners in the district and registered voters in the State of Washington for thirty days. **Note:** Drainage District Elections are held in February in even years. (Reference RCW 85.38)

*Only appear on ballot in odd years.

Term Limits

The State of Washington and Pierce County have term limits for the following offices:

County Elected Offices

Three consecutive four-year terms in the same position for Sheriff, Assessor-Treasurer and Auditor. The Prosecuting Attorney is not subject to term limits. All other county elected offices are subject to two consecutive four-year terms in the same position. Establishment of residency in an alternate district will not circumvent this restriction. (Reference Pierce County Charter 4.90)

City of Edgewood

No person may serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.
(City of Edgewood Municipal Code Ord. 97-58)

City of Tacoma

No persons shall be allowed to serve on the Council for more than ten consecutive years as a Council person, Mayor, or combination thereof. (Tacoma City Charter Article II, Sec. 2.35) Additional references: RCW 42.04, 43.01, 44.04; Pierce County Charter 4.90; Tacoma City Charter Article II.

Declaration of Candidacy and Filings

A candidate who desires to have his or her name printed on the ballot for election to an office other than President of the United States and Vice President of the United States, shall complete and file a Declaration of Candidacy. A person filing a Declaration of Candidacy for an office shall, at the time of filing, possess the qualifications specified by law for persons who may be elected to the office. The candidate must be properly registered to vote in the geographic area, district and/or division represented by the office at the time of filing.
(Reference RCW 29A.24.031)

When filing for an office, no candidate may use a nickname that denotes present or past occupation or military rank, use a nickname that denotes the candidate's position on issues or political affiliation, or use a nickname designed to intentionally mislead voters.
(Reference RCW 29A.24.060)

Filings made by mail for regular Candidates and Precinct Committee Officers must be received by the filing officer not earlier than ten working days (May 18, 2009) before the first day of filing and no later than the close of business (Pierce County Elections Division close of business is 4:30 p.m.) on the last day of the filing period, irrespective of postmark. Failure to meet the deadline renders the filing invalid and will be returned. Candidate filings (except for Precinct Committee Officers) must be notarized if mailed or if delivered by someone other than the candidate.
(Reference RCW 29A.24.081; WAC 434-215)

If a candidate files a declaration by fax, the original signed and notarized document must be received by the Auditor's Office not later than seven calendar days after the receipt of the fax. If there is a filing fee, it must be paid before the close of filing with the faxed declaration or it will not be accepted.
(Reference RCW 29A.04.255; WAC 434-208-070,080,090)

Ranked Choice Voting Candidate Petitions

To be placed on the ballot for a Ranked Choice Voting office, a candidate must present to the Auditor no later than the end of filing week petition statements supporting the candidacy with original signatures of no less than 25 persons qualified to vote for the office the candidate is seeking. The County Council may change the signature number requirement by ordinance so long as the same number applies to all candidates. (Pierce County Charter 4.15)

Filing Fees

A filing fee equal to 1% of the annual salary at the time of filing shall accompany each Declaration of Candidacy for any office with an annual salary of more than \$1,000. A filing fee of \$10 will be charged for offices with annual salaries under \$1,000. Per diem is not considered a salary. Offices paid per meeting or per diem do not require a filing fee. A filing fee is not charged for offices without a fixed annual salary. **FILING FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.** If a candidate withdraws and re-files for a different position, a second filing fee must be paid for the new position. (Reference RCW 29A.24)

Candidate Filings posted on Auditor's Website

Candidate filings will be posted daily after 5:00 p.m. on the Auditor's website at piercecountywa.org/auditor. Candidates are strongly encouraged to review all information for accuracy. Please verify that your filing has been posted in the correct office and position. Verify the spelling of your name, your address, phone number, e-mail address and website address.

Candidates Who Lack Funds to Pay the Filing Fee

Candidates or candidate committees lacking sufficient assets or income to pay the filing fee may submit a filing fee petition in lieu of the filing fee along with a Declaration of Candidacy. The petition must be on the prescribed form available in the Auditor’s office or on our website, and contain one valid signature for each dollar of the filing fee. For example, if the filing fee for the office you are seeking is \$200.00, the petition must contain 200 **valid signatures** of registered voters who reside in the district/jurisdiction of the office you are seeking. You must gather enough signatures to allow for invalid signers. Additional signatures may not be submitted after Friday, June 5, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. Petitions cannot be combined with money for the filing fee. (Reference RCW 29A.24.091, 101, 111 & 29A.84.261)

Minor Party and Independent Candidates

There is no distinction between major party candidates, minor party candidates, or independent candidates filing for partisan congressional or state office. (Reference WAC 434-215-130)

RCV Partisan Nominations and Independent Candidates

County Executive and County Council positions:

The county central committee of each major political party may determine which candidates may use their party label for each partisan County level office. The Minor Party County Executive Committee, or if there is none, the Minor Party State Executive Committee of each minor party who files with the State Public Disclosure Commission shall determine which candidates may use their party label for each partisan county level office. All candidates meeting the foregoing qualifications will appear directly on the general election ballot. There will be no publicly financed primary for affected County level offices. On or before the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy as a candidate for a partisan RCV county level office, anyone qualified to assume office if elected may file a declaration of candidacy as an “Independent”. (Reference Pierce County Charter 4.15)

Ranked Choice Voting Major Party Designation Timeline

February - First Monday	Major Parties to indicate to the Auditor their intent to designate candidates for county RCV offices who can use the party label
February - Second Week	Auditor to publish Notice of Major Party Intent to designate candidate for county RCV offices
April - 15th	Major parties to provide list of designated candidates to the Auditor, who can use party label for county RCV offices
After Major Party Notification	Auditor to publish list of party designated candidates for county RCV offices
June - First Monday	First day for all candidates to file for office (RCW 29A.24.050, 29A.20.201)

Write-in Candidates

Any person desiring to be a write-in candidate for an elected office (except offices elected by Ranked Choice Voting) may, if the jurisdiction of the office sought is entirely within one county, file a Declaration of Candidacy with the County Auditor and pay the filing fee (if any) no earlier than the day after the regular filing period and no later than the day before the election.

Write-in candidates for offices elected by Ranked Choice Voting must file a declaration of candidacy, pay the filing fee, and submit a Ranked Choice Voting filing petition no later than 31 days prior to the election, (October 2, 2009).

If the jurisdiction of the office sought encompasses more than one county, the Declaration of Candidacy shall be filed with the appropriate filing officer. Votes cast for write-in candidates who have filed such declarations **need only specify the name of the candidate in the appropriate location on the ballot and connect the arrow to the right of the write-in in order to be counted. Write-in votes will not be tallied unless a significant number which could affect the outcome of the election were cast for an office.**

No person may file as a write-in candidate where:

- At a General Election, the person attempting to file either filed as a write-in candidate for the same office at the preceding Primary or the person's name appeared on the ballot for the same office at the preceding Primary.
- The person attempting to file as a write-in candidate has already filed a valid write-in declaration for the Primary or General Election, unless one of the two filings is for the office of precinct committee officer.
- The name of the person attempting to file already appears on the ballot as a candidate for another office, unless one of the two offices is that of precinct committee officer.

The Declaration of Candidacy shall be similar to that required by RCW 29A.24.031. No write-in candidate filing under RCW 29A.24.311 may be included in any voter's pamphlet produced under chapter RCW 29A.32 unless that candidate qualifies to have his or her name printed on the General Election ballot.

(Reference RCW 29A.24.311, 29A.32)

Write-in votes for candidates who have not filed a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy must include the office sought and, if applicable, position number and political party in order to be counted. Names of persons receiving write-in votes are not tallied or reported unless these votes impact the outcome of the election.

(Reference RCW 29A.24.311, 320 & RCW 29A.60.021)

No Double Filings

Excluding the office of Precinct Committee Officer, Freeholder, or Charter Review Commissioner, a candidate's name shall not appear for more than one race on the ballot. (Reference RCW 29A.36.201)

Withdrawal of Filing

A candidate may withdraw their Declaration of Candidacy **in writing** through Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. There shall be no withdrawal period for Declarations of Candidacy filed during special filing periods. **Filing fees are not refundable.** (Reference RCW 29A.24.120 & 131)

Vacancies/Voids in Offices

Political parties can no longer fill a void in candidacy. A void in candidacy only occurs when no valid declaration of candidacy has been filed, or all persons who filed have either died or been disqualified. A special filing period is opened (Reference RCW 29A.24.141, WAC 434-215-140). If after the last day for candidates to withdraw, no candidate has filed for any office, a special three-day filing period will be opened. Notice of the special three day filing period will be given by notifying the press, radio, or television.

The three-day filing period is also required whenever, before the *eleventh Tuesday prior to a Primary:

- A vacancy occurs in any nonpartisan office which is scheduled for election but for which filings have not been held;
- A nominee for Judge of the Superior Court dies or is disqualified.

If a void in candidacy or a vacancy occurs in an office other than Supreme Court Justice or Superintendent of Public Instruction, after the *eleventh Tuesday prior to the Primary but before the *eleventh Tuesday prior to the General Election, the procedure is the same as described above with the exception that the candidates are listed on the General Election ballot only. (Reference RCW 29A.28.011, 021, RCW 29A.24.211, RCW 29A.24.181)

*Pending legislation could change this requirement.

What if no one files for a non-partisan office? (Lapsed Elections)

A scheduled election for nonpartisan office is lapsed when:

- A void in candidacy for Supreme Court Justice or Superintendent of Public Instruction occurs after the eleventh Tuesday prior to the primary;
- A nominee for Judge of the Superior Court dies or is disqualified on or after the eleventh Tuesday prior to a Primary Election;
- In other elections for nonpartisan offices, a void in candidacy occurs or a vacancy occurs, leaving an unexpired term to be filled on or after the eleventh Tuesday prior to a General Election in an odd year election;
- After the special three-day filing period is passed and no candidate has filed for any city, town, or district position, the incumbent continues to serve until a successor is elected at the next odd year election. (Reference RCW 29A.24.181, 201)

Ballot Order (Reference RCW 29A.36.121; WAC 434-230-020, 030)

Candidates and measures are placed on ballots in the following order:

- Federal Offices & Measures
- State Wide Offices & State Measures
- County Offices & Measures*
- Precinct Committee Officers
- Justices of the Supreme Court
- Judges of Court of Appeals
- Judges of Superior Court
- Judges of District Court
- Regional Offices & Measures
- Port Offices & Measures
- Rural Library Measures
- Transit Measures
- City/Town Offices & Measures
- School District Offices & Measures
- Fire Protection Offices & Measures
- Park & Recreation District Offices & Measures
- Water District Offices & Measures
- Sewer District Offices & Measures
- Road District Offices & Measures

*Note: Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) offices will be listed on a separate RCV ballot card. Voters will receive both a traditional ballot card and RCV ballot card(s). These RCV candidates will only appear on the general election ballot.

Website Information

piercecountywa.org/auditor

You are encouraged to visit the Pierce County Auditor's website where you will find a wealth of useful information to aid you in your campaign endeavors. This should also be your resource on election night to view the latest election results. Outlined below is an overview of the Election Division site.

Info by Address: Allows you to enter an address to find a variety of information. You can use this to locate a polling place, view or print a map of the polling place, as well as a precinct walking map of the specific precinct. It also displays the names and contact information of state and federal legislators who represent an area.

My Vote: Personalized voting information and more...

Military/Overseas Voters: Provides resources for voting for those who are in the military or overseas. Just because you are far away doesn't mean you can't be heard.

Election Archives: Results from previous elections, absentee ballot return statistics, voters' pamphlets and ballots returned by district through the day after the election.

On-line Forms: Voter pamphlet submittal form, candidate statement form, absentee ballot request form, on-line change of address form, voter registration form, election data order form, oath of office, and request for public information form.

Candidate Filings: Posted each day during filing week. You can also find candidate filings for previous election years in our archive section. Also, refer to the Secretary of State's website for candidate filings that encompass more than one county: secstate.wa.gov/election

Open Offices: Report for the upcoming 2009 Election year. Information is updated throughout the year as changes occur.

Elected Officials: For all districts in Pierce County.

Election Manual for Candidates and Campaigns: This entire manual is also on-line with an easy to navigate table of contents.

Legislative and County Council District Maps: PDF files of our large legislative and county council district maps. Adobe Acrobat is required to view or print these files.

Ranked Choice Voting: In November of 2006 the voters of Pierce County approved Charter Amendment No. 3 - Instant Runoff Voting, which provides that the election of all county officials, except judges and the Prosecuting Attorney shall be conducted using instant runoff voting. All qualifying candidates will appear directly on the general election ballot.

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

Pierce County publishes an Official Local Voters' Pamphlet for all elections. It is available in printed format and on our website. Distribution of this pamphlet will precede the first mailing of Absentee and Vote-By-Mail ballots for each election by two to three days. In Special Elections, pamphlets are mailed to all registered voter households. In County-wide Primary and General Elections, pamphlets are mailed to all households in Pierce County.

The state publishes a pamphlet prior to the General Election. State propositions and candidates for state and federal offices appear in this publication. Local offices and local measures appear in the Pierce County Pamphlet.

Candidates are limited to responding to the following headings about themselves: Education, Occupation, Professional Qualifications, Personal Information, Community Involvement, and Personal Views. Candidate statements may be up to 150 words in length (headings not included in the word count). Be sure to consult the Administrative Rules when preparing a statement.

Pamphlet Inclusion

Voter pamphlet submittal information is available prior to filing week at the Pierce County Elections Division and on the Auditor's website at piercecountywa.org/auditor for candidates for Pierce County Offices only. Online statement and photo submittal is also available. State candidates should receive pamphlet statement submittal information from the Office of the Secretary of State subsequent to the filing period.

Candidate Voters' Pamphlet Deadlines

Filing week is Monday, June 1st through Friday, June 5th at 4:30 p.m. Candidates statements and photos are due by Monday, June 8 at 4:30 p.m. Statements may be submitted at the time of filing or electronically by the deadline.

Statement Submittal - Ballot Measures

Explanatory statements for propositions are allowed up to 200 words. For and Against statements for propositions are allowed up to 150 words. Rebuttal statements for propositions are allowed up to 75 words. Statements must be submitted in block paragraph form. Bold and/or italicized print is permissible. Bullets, multiple line indents, words in all caps, or underlining are not allowed. Incidental errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation may be corrected by the Auditor's Office, where such corrections do not alter the meaning or substance of the statements. Be sure to consult the Administrative Rules when preparing a statement.

Resolution Submittal Deadlines

Item	Aug. 18, 2009 Primary Election	Nov. 3, 2009 General Election
Deadline to make Committee Appointments Names of persons appointed to serve on the For and Against committees. See RCW 29A.32.280 *The publication date is based on deadlines to mail ballots and voter pamphlets to uniformed and overseas absentee voters (UOCAVA).	June 4, 2009	August 20, 2009
Resolution Deadline	May 26, 2009 4:30 pm	Aug. 11, 2009 4:30 pm
Ballot Title Summary of the ballot measure as it will appear on the ballot.	May 26, 2009 4:30 pm	Aug. 11, 2009 4:30 pm
Explanatory Statement Discusses the effect of the measure if it passes into law. Reviewed and approved by jurisdiction's attorney.	May 26, 2009 4:30 pm	Aug. 11, 2009 4:30 pm
Mandatory Resolution Cover Sheet	May 26, 2009 4:30 pm	Aug. 11, 2009 4:30 pm
Statement For Written by the committee for the measure.	June 8, 2009 4:30 pm	Aug. 24, 2009 4:30 pm
Statement Against Written by the committee against the measure.	June 8, 2009 4:30 pm	Aug. 24, 2009 4:30 pm
Rebuttal Statements Rebutting the argument made by the opposition. Arguments prepared by the for and against committees will be made available to the opposing committees for rebuttal after the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on the statement submittal deadline.	June 10, 2009 4:30 pm	Aug. 26, 2009 4:30 pm

Public Disclosure Commission (PDC)

Note: The information contained in this section is for informational purposes only. Candidates are advised to verify that they are in compliance with all state, county, and local laws. Candidates are strongly encouraged to contact PDC directly with any questions or concerns.

Forms, Instruction Manuals & Brochures On CD

Call PDC at (360) 753-1111 or 1-877-601-2828, or visit their website, or pick up the current year's CD. They are available at the Auditor's Office 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Paper forms/instruction manuals **are not** available at the Auditor's Office.

Where to File PDC Reports

The Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) is filed with PDC. All Pierce County candidates for and incumbents presently in county level offices and county level judicial positions, are required to file an original F-1 with an original signature with the Pierce County Auditor. The offices include Pierce County Executive, Assessor/Treasurer, Auditor, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Council and District Court. Candidates and incumbents also must submit the original of all campaign disclosure reports (the C series) to PDC and submit a copy of the C series reports to the county Auditor, unless filing electronically with PDC. They are filed as of the postmark or when hand carried to PDC.

Contribution Limits for County Offices and Port Commissioner Offices

Candidates for the Port of Tacoma are subject to a contribution limit of \$1,600 per election. Candidates for Pierce County offices are subject to a contribution limit of \$800 per election.

Expenditure Limits for candidates

Mini reporting has an expenditure maximum of \$5,000. Pierce County offices and state offices do not have an expenditure limit. Please contact King County Elections, (206) 296-1540 for information on specific King County offices.

Does PDC Have an 800 Number? A website?

Yes. The number is 1-877-601-2828. Yes. The PDC website address is www.pdc.wa.gov.

Public Disclosure Assistance

The Senior Political Finance Specialists at the Public Disclosure Commission are there to help all candidates with PDC questions. Each of them has been assigned specific counties (for county or local candidates), legislative districts (for legislative candidates), or state races. Candidates are encouraged to call or email the specialist assigned to Pierce County for answers to their questions. The Auditor's office cannot give legal advice.

Purchasing Election Data

State law establishes rules and restrictions on the use of registered voter data. The RCW related to the use of this data is printed below:

Voter information may not be used for commercial or other non-political purposes.

RCW 29A.08.740

Violations of restricted use of registered voter data -- Penalties -- Liabilities.

(1) Any person who uses registered voter data furnished under RCW 29A.08.720 for the purpose of mailing or delivering any advertisement or offer for any property, establishment, organization, product, or service or for the purpose of mailing or delivering any solicitation for money, services, or anything of value is guilty of a class C felony punishable by imprisonment in a state correctional facility for a period of not more than five years or a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or both such fine and imprisonment, and is liable to each person provided such advertisement or solicitation, without the person's consent, for the nuisance value of such person having to dispose of it, which value is herein established at five dollars for each item mailed or delivered to the person's residence. However, a person who mails or delivers any advertisement, offer, or solicitation for a political purpose is not liable under this section unless the person is liable under subsection (2) of this section. For purposes of this subsection, two or more attached papers or sheets or two or more papers that are enclosed in the same envelope or container or are folded together are one item. Merely having a mailbox or other receptacle for mail on or near the person's residence is not an indication that the person consented to receive the advertisement or solicitation. A class action may be brought to recover damages under this section, and the court may award a reasonable attorney's fee to any party recovering damages under this section.

(2) Each person furnished data under RCW 29A.08.720 shall take reasonable precautions designed to assure that the data is not used for the purpose of mailing or delivering any advertisement or offer for any property, establishment, organization, product, or service or for the purpose of mailing or delivering any solicitation for money, services, or anything of value. However, the data may be used for any political purpose. Where failure to exercise due care in carrying out this responsibility results in the data being used for such purposes, then such person is jointly and severally liable for damages under subsection (1) of this section along with any other person liable under subsection (1) of this section for the misuse of such data.

Voter Registration Information

Voter information may be obtained from:

Pierce County Auditor	Tacoma	(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979
Data Resources	Olympia	(360) 754-8220
Data Supply	Tacoma	(253) 922-3494
Labels & Lists	Bellevue	(800) 842-5478
Mail Northwest/FPS	Tacoma	(253) 565-2866

Pierce County report formats:

- Election Data on CD or via email
- Election abstracts on CD
- Labels
- Paper printouts
- Photocopied election abstracts

Data may include:

- Name of registered voter
- Registered address, city, state, zip
- Mailing address, if different and if provided to County Auditor
- Precinct number
- Date of registration
- Date of birth
- Voter history for the last twenty elections
- Identify if an ongoing or regular absentee ballot has been requested
- Identify those who have or have not returned an ongoing or regular absentee ballot for a previous election or election in progress

State law does not allow phone numbers or email addresses to be public.

(Reference RCW 29A.08.710)

Of additional use:

- Labels and lists by district or precinct (alphabetically or by household).
- Walking" or "door-belling" lists in street order for precincts and districts.
(Does not include voter history.)

<p>Lists: The following options are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Individual registered voters in alphabetical order. ● Targeted voters who voted in specific elections. ● Walking lists (registered voters in address/precinct order). (Does not include voter history.) ● Voter history for the last six elections. 	<p>Labels: The following options are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All registered voters in alphabetical or precinct order. ● Ongoing Absentees and/or Poll Voters. ● By household (does not allow for targeting voters). ● Targeted Voters (may specify voters who voted in up to six out of the last six elections).
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Sample label:



To order miscellaneous election information (data, labels or lists):

1. Come into the Election Department to place an order or mail your payment with the order form. Payment is required in advance for all orders.
2. Your order will generally be completed within 24 hours.

Purchasing Election Data

To order absentee labels or lists:

Absentee voter information is available in the form of labels, lists, or data. The permanent absentee voter information is available approximately 29 days prior to each election. Specific election information is available at this time also. You can purchase lists or data of voters who have returned their absentee ballots (match backs).

Commercial Demographic Firms

Business firms also offer various voter statistic formats and services, such as targeting, printing, designing and mailing. They can also provide phone numbers and other demographic information. Options and charges for these services may vary from vendor to vendor. Check sources for a variety of products, services and fees.

Pierce County Auditor's Office Fees

Data	
CD containing Data (county wide per district)	\$15.00
District File	\$15.00
Abstracts on CD	\$15.00
Absentee ballots returned data (match backs)	\$15.00 per day
Labels and Lists	
Precinct list printout	\$12.00
Precinct labels	\$12.00
Precinct walking list	\$12.00
District printout, list or labels	\$300.00 per district
Miscellaneous labels	\$.75 per sheet
Maps	
Legislative or County Council district map (large)	\$2.00
11 x 17 legislative district map	\$.50
Standard G.I.S. generated map	\$20.00
Custom G.I.S. generated map	\$60.00
Miscellaneous	
Certificate of voter registration	\$3.00
Copies	
Miscellaneous copies	\$.15 per page

Sample - Data, Lists & Labels Order Form:

Registered Voters or Absentee Data, Lists & Labels Order Form

The following 2 options are available for purchasing voter data: (check one)

- Countywide CD prepared monthly, new file created the 1st Monday of every month: \$15.00
Public Disclosure Request for data - This option allows 5 business days for processing: \$15.00 (Subject to RCW 42.56 and Pierce County Code Ch. 2.04)

Candidate / Campaign Name:

Contact Person's Phone:

E-mail Address:

Signature:

I acknowledge by signing this form that I am in compliance with RCW 29A.08.740 and the restricted use of voter data. (Full text of RCW is on the back of your receipt.)

Electronic Voter Data on CD (Voter data is provided as a delimited text file.)

- Active Voters/No History, Newly Registered Voters only from to, Active Voters/with History, Inactive Voters, Date of Birth

Absentee Matchbacks for current election and date(s) requested are:

What districts or precincts would you like:

Paper List or Labels Which would you like: Lists or Labels (circle one)

What format would you like?

- Voter History, Alpha by Precinct, Alpha (List Only), Street Order, By Household* (labels only), 2-up walking list (does not include voter history)

Who would you like to target:

- All Voters, Absentee Voters Only, Poll Voters Only, Voters who voted in out of elections (List elections to target)

Order Date:
Taken By:
Comments:

Completed by:
Date: Time:

Receipt #

*Campaign Planning for Ballots by Mail

Current Pierce County Election Division statistics show that over 77% of registered voters have requested to be put on permanent absentee status.

There are three kinds of mail ballots:

Ongoing Absentee Ballots

Registered voters who have requested ongoing (permanent) absentee status are automatically mailed a ballot 18 days prior to any election in which they are eligible to vote. A permanent year-round mailing address is required.

(Reference RCW 29A.40.070)

Regular Absentee Ballots

Registered voters who wish to have a ballot mailed to their home address or an alternate mailing address for one election need only contact the Elections Division by telephone or letter. Regular absentee ballots can be obtained up until the day before the election.

Vote-By-Mail Precinct Ballots

Voters living in a precinct with 200 or fewer registered voters, after the number of Ongoing Absentee voters have been deducted, may be assigned to a Vote-By-Mail Precinct. A ballot is automatically mailed to all registered voters in Vote-by-Mail precincts for all elections in which they are eligible to vote and Pierce County pays for return postage.

For candidates, or for jurisdictions planning ballot measures, a sampling of 2002-2008 election statistics may help in preparing campaign strategies:

Sample Mail Ballot Returns

Running Percentage of Absentee Ballots Received on Selected Days

Number of Days Before Election	11/4/03 General Election	11/2/04 General Election	11/8/05 General Election	11/7/06 General Election	11/6/07 General Election	11/4/08 General Election
11	9.32%	14.66%	10.08%	10.73%	7.19%	13.96%
6	18.62%	33.41%	20.27%	21.71%	14.35%	30.02%
Election Day and Day After	38.04%	70.06%	41.17%	47.10%	34.20%	60.25%
	49.06%	78.64%	50.38%	56.38%	42.78%	63.53%

This is just a sample - check our website for the full breakdown by day for past elections.

*Pending legislation may require Pierce County to conduct all elections by mail.

Using an Absentee Ballot Request Form

If incorporating an Absentee Ballot Request Form as part of campaign material, the Auditor requests the candidate use a form which is postcard size and has all the information as shown below. If printed as a two-sided card, there is space available to provide a message to the voter if the return address section is placed on the back of the request. To be accepted, the information must be in the same format as the sample below, whether using a one or two-sided design. Be sure to check with the Post Office prior to printing to ensure compliance with postal regulations.

PIERCE COUNTY ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ONGOING A YEAR-ROUND MAILING ADDRESS IS REQUIRED	Additional Information: (253) 798-VOTE (8683) 1-800-446-4979	Send To: Pierce County Auditor 2501 S 35th St, Suite C Tacoma, WA 98409
PRINT NAME AS REGISTERED		
PRINT ADDRESS WHERE YOU LIVE	CITY	ZIP CODE
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME PHONE NUMBER (OPTIONAL)	
YEAR-ROUND MAILING ADDRESS		
PRINT MAILING ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE

Sign Regulations

Roadside Campaign Signs and Pierce County Regulations

The Department of Planning and Land Services has compiled a list of Pierce County's regulations for roadside campaign signs posted within unincorporated Pierce County. Requirements are:

1. All signs must be removed within ten (10) days after the election.
2. Signs cannot be in the public right-of-ways (usually the space between a telephone pole and the edge of the road), if they may obstruct the line of vision of a user of the road.
* See *Collier v. City of Tacoma*, 121 Wn.2d 737 (1993)
3. Signs shall not be placed on a telephone or power pole.
4. Signs shall not be placed on or near traffic control sign, signal or luminaire supports.
5. Signs shall not be erected upon any private property without permission of the resident or owner thereof.
6. Permits are not required for exempted political signs. Exempted political signs **shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area** and shall not obstruct safe visibility of any mobile or pedestrian traffic.
7. In order to erect a sign over 16 square feet in area, a candidate may take out a permit at the Planning and Land Services Development Center. Call (253) 798-3739 for details.
8. Political signs may not be displayed more than ten (10) days after the date of election. Signs for candidates whose names will appear on the ballot in the General Election may be displayed after the Primary and up to ten (10) days after the General Election.
9. Signs erected in a public area may not be placed within 300 feet of any entrance to a polling place on election day. Signs on **private land** may be placed within 300 feet of a polling place with the permission of the property owner.

All political signs are subject to the zoning laws of Pierce County. The Department of Planning and Land Services will notify the candidate if they see a sign that is in violation. If the sign is not relocated within a reasonable period of time, the Department will have no choice but to confiscate the sign as allowed by law. Violations of ordinances may also result in a fine not to exceed four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$475).

Signs found placed on or near traffic control sign, signal or luminaire supports, or otherwise constituting a potential safety concern for road users will be removed without notice to the candidate. Such sign removed from the County roads may be retrieved within 10 days of removal from the Pierce County Traffic Operations Center (253-531-6990) or Road Operations Central Maintenance Facility (253-798-3815).

Sign violation complaints do not come under the jurisdiction of the County Auditor. Please check with your jurisdiction regarding local sign ordinances and requirements. Also check for additional requirements for Pierce County by contacting the departments listed below.

To speak with a Counter Technician at Planning and Land Services regarding the regulations, call: **(253) 798-3739**. The Pierce County Department of Planning and Land Services is located at 2401 S. 35th St., Rm. 150, Tacoma, WA 98409-7460. Telephone: (253) 798-7210. FAX: (253) 798-3131.

State Sign Regulations

Revised code of Washington (RCW) 47.42, the Highway Advertising Control Act, regulates signing on Interstate highways, Primary highways, and highways that are part of the Scenic and Recreational system. Signs erected on private property adjacent to these highways must comply with the Highway Advertising Control Act, rules contained in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66, and applicable local agency sign codes.

In accordance with WAC 468-66-050, Sign Classifications, political campaign signs are considered a Type 3(d) on-premise sign for which no fee or application is necessary. Temporary political campaign signs are signs which express the property owner's endorsement of a political candidate or ballot issue, with the following restrictions:

- 1) Temporary political campaign signs are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet
- 2) Temporary political campaign signs must be removed within ten days following the election
- 3) Temporary political campaign signs are subject to all other applicable provisions of RCW 47.42 and WAC 468-66 that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs

In addition to the above restrictions, the erection of temporary political campaign signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is prohibited. Accordingly, signs placed within the right-of-way of any state highway will be removed by the Department of Transportation.

Also, RCW 47.36.180(1) states in part that it is unlawful to erect any structure, sign, or device visible from a city street, county road, or state highway the simulates any directional, warning, or danger sign likely to be mistaken for such a sign. Therefore, a campaign sign cannot be designed in a manner that resembles an official traffic control sign.

Questions?

Department of Transportation
(360) 704-3223
P.O. Box 47440
Olympia, WA 98504-7440

Primary Election Guidelines

Partisan Offices (Except Ranked Choice Voting Candidates)

Regardless of the number of candidates filing, a Primary Election will be held for each partisan office open for election, except for county level Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) offices. All candidates for these RCV offices will advance directly to the General Election RCV ballot. (Reference RCW 29A.52, 29A.36, 29A.80, Pierce County Charter 4.1)

Candidates for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not indicate endorsement by the party. On the primary election ballot, candidate's shall be listed in the order determined by lot. (Reference WAC 434-230-015 and 045)

It is the voter's option to vote for party candidates of their choice and/or vote for any or all non-partisan races and issues.

The names of candidates for County Council will appear only on ballots within their council district. (Reference Pierce County Charter 2.15)

The two candidates who receive the greatest number of votes cast will advance to the general election ballot regardless of party preferences. They will appear on the ballot in descending order of votes cast at the primary.

Judicial/Nonpartisan Offices (Except Ranked Choice Voting Candidates)

A primary election will not be held for county level Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) offices. All candidates for these offices will advance directly to the General Election RCV ballot in lot draw order. (Pierce County Charter 4.1)

State Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction will appear on the Primary Election ballot, no matter how many candidates file. The candidates' names will appear in order determined by lot drawing.

If only one candidate files for Superior Court there is no Primary Election for this race. A certificate is issued to the candidate.
(Reference RCW 29A.52.220, Art IV Sec 29)

If two or more candidates file for Superior Court and one receives a majority of the votes cast in the Primary, a certificate is issued and the candidate is declared the winner. If no candidate receives the majority, the top two vote getters appear on the General Election ballot in descending order of votes cast in the Primary.

If three or more candidates file in any city, town, school, special purpose district or district court, the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes continue on to the General Election, with the top vote getter appearing first on the ballot. If a Superior Court candidate receives a

majority of the votes cast for a particular office, where three or more file, the General Election for that office is dispensed with UNLESS a petition, indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted, is signed by 100 qualified voters and presented to the Auditor within 10 days after the date of the Primary Election. There will be no Primary Election held for the office of Commissioner of a Park & Recreation District. (**Excludes** Metropolitan Park Districts). RCW 36.69.090, RCW 29A.52.220, RCW 35.61.050

The chart below outlines the appearance of Judges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction on the Primary and General ballot.

No. of Candidates	Supreme Court/Supt. of Public Instruction/Court of Appeals		Superior Court		**District Court/Tacoma Municipal Court	
	Primary	General	Primary	General	Primary	General
1	Yes	Yes	No - certificate issued	No	No	Yes
2	Yes	Yes - Top vote getter if majority: two top if no majority	Yes - If top vote getter receives majority, certificate issued and no General	*No - If one receives majority Yes - If no one receives majority	No	Yes - Position is determined by Lot Drawing
3	Yes	Yes - Top vote getter if majority: two top if no majority	Yes - No General if one receives majority	Yes - Two top vote getters if no one receives majority No - If one receives majority	Yes	Yes - Top vote getter if majority; two top if no majority

No Primary Election shall be held if two or fewer people file for a Superior Court *Unexpired Term* in an odd-year election. (Reference State Constitution, Article IV, Section 29, RCW 29A.52.010)

Elections for District Court Judges can only occur in even numbered years. (Reference RCW 29A.04.320)

*Provided there is no write-in petition of 100 valid signatures presented within 10 days after the Primary Election. (Reference State Constitution, Article IV, Section 29, Amendment 41; RCW 29A.36)

**Pending legislation may change these requirements.

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)

In November of 2006, the voters of Pierce County approved Charter Amendment No. 3 - Instant Runoff Voting, which provides that the election of all county officials, except judges and the Prosecuting Attorney be conducted using instant runoff voting. All qualifying candidates will appear directly on the general election ballot. Instant runoff voting is also known as 'Ranked Choice Voting' as voter's rank candidates in their order of preference.

What is Ranked Choice Voting?

Ranked choice voting allows Pierce County voters to rank a first, second, and third choice candidate for a single office for certain county offices. For the RCV races, no primary will be held. The RCV election will be held at the General Election. All candidates will be listed on a separate ballot card.

Who is elected using Ranked Choice Voting?

In 2009, Pierce County will use Ranked Choice Voting to elect the Pierce County Auditor.

Ranked Choice Voting will not apply to the election of state and federal officials or the adoption of ballot measures. RCV will not apply for the elections for Port of Tacoma, cities and towns, school districts, fire districts, park districts, water districts, sewer districts, or drainage districts.

How does Ranked Choice Voting work?

- To start, every voter's first-choice vote is counted until one candidate receives a majority.
- Ranked Choice Voting will be conducted in rounds.
- The candidate who received the fewest number of first-choice votes is eliminated from the race after each round.
- Voters who selected the eliminated candidate as their first choice will have their vote transferred to their second choice.
- The candidate or candidates with the fewest votes after each round shall be eliminated until one candidate receives a majority.
- The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes is the winner. Your second choice will only be counted if your first-choice candidate has been eliminated. Your third choice will only be counted if both your first-choice and second-choice candidates have been eliminated.

Do other jurisdictions use Ranked Choice Voting?

Other jurisdictions have been using RCV in recent years for some offices. Although their systems are somewhat different from the system used by Pierce County, you can visit their websites for additional background information:

San Francisco, California - www.sfelections.org

Burlington, Vermont - www.ci.burlington.vt.us/ct/elections/

Wake County, North Carolina - www.wakegov.com/elections

General Election Guidelines

In March 2008, the United States Supreme Court reinstated the Top Two Primary, a system that sends the two leading vote-getters on to the November General Election regardless of party preference.

Partisan Offices

Candidates filing for partisan office have the option of stating their personal preference for a political party. You do not have to be endorsed, nominated, or supported by that party, and you are not claiming to be a member of or represent that party. You also have the option of not selecting or stating a political party preference. On General Election ballots, the name of the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes for the position at the Primary shall be listed first, followed by the name of the candidate who receives the next greatest number of votes.

Judicial/Nonpartisan Offices

On General Election ballots, the name of the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes for the position at the Primary shall be listed first, followed by the name of the candidate who receives the next greatest number of votes. If a Primary was not required in any city, town, special purpose district, or district court, the candidate names will be listed in lot order. (Reference RCW 29A.52) EXCEPTION: For the offices of Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Superior Court, and Superintendent of Public Instruction where three or more candidates file and one receives a majority of votes, his/her name alone will appear on the General Election ballot. (Reference RCW 29A.36.171)

No Primary Election will be held for Park and Recreation District positions. All Candidates will advance directly to the General Election ballot in lot draw order.

Candidates for Metropolitan Park District positions will appear on the Primary ballot if three or more candidates file for the position. The two candidates who receive the most votes will advance to the General Election ballot with the top vote getter appearing first on the ballot.

County Offices

The elections of all County officials, except judges and the Prosecuting Attorney, shall be conducted using Ranked Choice Voting. Candidates will file for office during the normal filing week period. Candidates names will appear on the General Election ballot only. There will be no publicly financed primary for these offices.

Special Elections - Validation Demystified

The passage of Engrossed House Joint Resolution 4204 in November of 2007 changed the constitutional requirement as it relates to **school district** levy elections. A school district levy now requires a simple majority to pass. School Bond issues still must validate and require a 60% majority to pass.

Understanding “Validation” or How Levies and Bonds Pass or Fail

Passing a levy or bond issue is a two step process. First the issue must validate (step 1) and secondly, must receive at least a 60% favorable majority (step 2). Validation requirements are different for Levy issues and Bond issues.

Validation is based on a percentage of the number of voters who voted within the district, school, fire, etc., in the previous November General Election. For example, the City of XYZ intends to put two issues on a spring special election ballot: A Maintenance and Operation Levy and a General Obligation Bond.

Requirements for Passing a Levy

Step 1:

A total of 48,812 people voted in the City of XYZ in the preceding General election; the amount required to validate the levy is 11,715 YES votes. This validation figure is calculated as follows: $48,812 \times .40$ (40% of total votes cast the previous General Election) $\times .60$ (60% of the 40%) = 11,715. In this election at least 11,715 of the people casting ballots in the special election must vote YES to validate. For example, if 11,626 vote YES, the Levy issue would fail because it did not validate. Do not proceed to Step 2.

Step 2:

If the Levy issue has validated, the next step is to determine if at least 60% of the votes cast for Proposition No. 1 are favorable. The City of XYZ voters approved Proposition No. 1 with 66.94% voting YES.

(Reference Washington State Constitution Article 7, Section 2) Note: For information on 106% Levy Lid Lifts and Benefit Charges refer to RCW 84.55.050 (Levy Lid Lifts) and RCW 51.18.050 (Benefit Charges).

Requirements for Passing a Bond

Step 1:

48,812 voters in the City of XYZ cast ballots in the preceding General election; the amount required to validate a bond is 19,525 TOTAL votes (Total of yes and no votes). This validation figure is calculated as follows: $48,812 \times .40$ (40% of total votes cast the previous General Election) = 19,525. If the total votes cast are 19,230 the Bond issue would fail because it did not validate. Do not proceed to Step 2.

Step 2:

If the Bond issue has validated, the next step is to determine if at least 60% of the votes cast for Bond Proposition No. 2 are favorable. City of XYZ voters approved Bond Proposition No. 2 with 60.90% voting YES.

The City of XYZ special election results are shown below. Both Propositions passed; Proposition No. 1, the M & O Levy and Proposition No. 2, the Bond issue.

Summary Report
City of XYZ
Final Official Results

City of XYZ – Proposition No. 1 - Levy

YES	14,622	66.94%
NO	7,220	33.06%

City of XYZ – Proposition No. 2 - Bond

YES	13,289	60.90%
NO	8,533	39.10%

Observing the Election Process

Public Access at the Election Center

Citizens may view the absentee ballot process anytime during the workday. Public observers must use the Customer Service Entrance to the Pierce County Election Center, located at 2501 S. 35th Street, Suite C, Tacoma. A public viewing area is provided to observe the election process. Visitors may be required to sign an oath of non-divulgence when observing ballot processing at the Election Center.

*Public Access at the Polling Place (Poll Watchers)

Only one poll watcher per candidate per polling place will be permitted to remain at a polling place at any one time. The poll watcher is required to obtain an authorization letter from the Pierce County Auditor. This letter must be an original, signed in blue ink. Copies are not allowed – each poll watcher must have his/her own signed original letter. Contact the Elections Division to get authorization to be a poll watcher.

The poll watcher is required to possess his/her own list of voters registered in the precinct and is responsible for maintaining the list of who has voted. Crosschecking of voters between the poll watcher's list and the poll book must not interfere with the processing of voters. Poll watchers are not permitted to remain seated at the poll check-in table. The poll watcher must remain in the area assigned to him/her by the Inspector. A poll watcher is not permitted to remain in the area between the poll workers and the voting booth.

The poll watcher must not discuss the election or other issues with the voters or poll workers. All matters arising during the day will be brought to the attention and discussed (as necessary) with the Inspector away from the voters. The poll watcher may observe the poll book and the issuing of ballots to determine the names of individuals voting at the polls.

The poll watcher is not permitted to wear campaign buttons, distribute campaign literature, or carry out any activities of a partisan nature.

The poll watcher does not have access to the use of a telephone at the polling place. The poll watcher must provide his/her own phone and can only be used away from the voting area. Cell phones are not permitted in the voting area.

*Pending legislation may require Pierce County to conduct all elections by mail beginning in 2009.

***Acts Prohibited in the Vicinity of the Polling Place**

On the day of any Primary, General or Special Election, no person may, within a polling place or in any public area within 300 feet of any entrance to such polling place:

1. Suggest, persuade or attempt to suggest or persuade any voter to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure;
2. Circulate cards or handbills of any kind;
3. Solicit signatures to any kind of petition;
4. Engage in any practice which interferes with the freedom of voters to exercise their franchise or disrupts administration of the polling place.

No person may obstruct the doors or entries to a building in which a polling place is located or prevent free access to and from any polling place. No person may:

1. Remove any ballot from the polling place before the closing of the polls;
2. Solicit any voter to show his or her ballot.

No person other than an Inspector or Judge of Election may receive from any voter a voted ballot or deliver a blank ballot to such an elector.
(Reference RCW 29A.44 & WAC 434.253)

After the Polls Close

The Poll Watcher is not permitted to interfere with the processing of ballots following the close of the polling place.

It is expected that Poll Watchers will cooperate with all election poll workers and the Poll Watchers of other candidates. Any disruption to the normal conduct of the poll, for whatever reason, will not be tolerated.

(Reference RCW 29A.44, WAC 434-253-090)

*Pending legislation may require Pierce County to conduct all elections by mail beginning in 2009.

How to Get Election Results

Election Day

Results are available at approximately 8:30 p.m. on election night at the **Pierce County Auditor's Election Center, 2501 S. 35th Street, Suite C, Tacoma**. Campaign committees are welcome to come in to obtain immediate results. The Auditor's Office will not fax results to campaigns or jurisdictions.

Access results on-line at piercecountywa.org/results. Results will be posted starting with the first release of the absentee ballots. The site will be updated with each new release of results. Other important election information will be added as it becomes available.

After Election Day

Pierce County Elections staff will continue to verify, open and tabulate absentee, vote-by-mail, and provisional ballots until certification. Updated results will be released each day through certification. The public, candidates or members of his or her committee can observe the processing of ballots from the public viewing areas at the Pierce County Election Center.

Recounts

An automatic recount applies to **candidates and statewide measures** and will occur if less than 2,000 votes and also less than 1/2 of 1% of the votes cast for that race separate candidates or issues. The recount is applicable only to candidates apparently nominated or elected and the closest defeated opponent. The automatic recount will tally only votes for the position or measure in question and will be conducted without charge to any candidate.

For Statewide elections, if the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than 1,000 votes and also less than 1/4 of 1% of the total number of votes cast for both candidates, the votes shall be recounted manually.

For all other races, if the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than 150 votes and also less than 1/4 of 1% of total number of votes cast for both candidates, the votes shall be recounted manually. An alternative counting method may be used if both candidates agree in writing and the procedure is suited to the ballot system that was used for casting the votes for the office.

All requested recounts must be submitted no later than three business days after the official canvass is complete. A deposit equal to \$.15 (machine recount) or \$.25 (manual recount) per ballot by certified check or cash is required. Final cost of the recount will be determined by the canvassing board and may be less or more than the deposit. The recount will be conducted within three business days after receipt of the request for recount or after certification.

Automatic recounts do not apply to non-statewide ballot measures, such as levy, bond and other special elections.

(Reference RCW 29A.64)

In an RCV recount, a machine recount will be conducted upon filing of proper application and deposit. There will be no manual recount conducted for RCV offices. In an election involving hundreds of thousands of ballots, Rank Choice Voting requires the use of a computer programmed vote tabulation system, see County Charter 4.10(1), and manual recounts are not feasible for RCV offices.

Resources For Newly Elected Officials

I won the election and have been certified the winner, what do I need to do next?

Take your oath of office

Candidates are elected when the General Election results have been certified, which occurs 21 days after the General Election. In order to become “qualified” for the office, winning candidates must take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation that you will faithfully and impartially carry out the duties of your office to the best of your ability. (Reference RCW 29A.04.133)

Who can administer oaths:

Judges, court clerks, a notary public or any officer authorized to administer oaths. County council members, the county auditor and school or educational service district superintendents are also authorized to give oaths.

Where to obtain a blank oath of office:

Elections Division website
Elections Division Office
Cities, Towns, School Districts and Special Purpose Districts Clerks
Pierce County Council (for County Offices) Note: this oath is unique to County positions

Filing your Oath of Office

Once the oath of office has been taken for a local or County office, the original must be filed with the auditor. Elected Officials may wish to complete a second original oath for retention or display purposes.

To learn more about Public Office

Newly elected officials may wish to contact their local city or town clerk, school superintendent as well as fellow council members and commissioners to learn more about their jurisdiction and the duties required. Additional agencies and resources are listed at the end of this manual.

Please see the tables on the following page for more information regarding oaths and the timelines for assuming office.

Oaths of Office	Where <i>Original</i> Oaths are Filed
President/Vice President	Verbal
US Senator	Verbal
US Representative	Verbal Oath on convening of Congress
State Legislators/State Wide Offices	Verbal Oath on convening of Legislature (Reference State Constitution, Article III, Section 4)
Supreme Court Justice	Secretary of State (Reference State Constitution, Article IV, Section 28)
Court of Appeals and Superior Court Judges	Secretary of State (Reference RCW 2.06.085)
District Court and Tacoma Municipal Court Judges	County Auditor (Reference RCW 36.16.060)
County Offices, City, Town, Special Purpose and School Districts	County Auditor (Reference RCW 36.16.060)
Precinct Committee Officer	No Oath required

Timelines for Assuming Office	
President/Vice President	12 noon, January 20th (Reference US Constitution, Amendment XX, Section 1)
US Senator	12 noon, January 3rd (Reference US Constitution, Amendment XX, Section 1)
US Representative	12 noon, January 3rd (Reference US Constitution, Amendment XX, Section 1)
State Legislators/State Offices	2nd Monday in January (Reference RCW 44.04.010; Reference State Constitution, Article III, Section 4)
Supreme Court Justice	2nd Monday in January (Reference RCW 2.04.071)
Court of Appeals Judge	2nd Monday in January (Reference RCW 2.06.070)
Superior Court Judge	2nd Monday in January (Reference RCW 2.08.070)
District Court and Municipal Court Judge	2nd Monday in January (Reference RCW 3.34.070)
County Offices	January 1st, after elected and qualified (Reference RCW 29A.04.133, 29A.20.040; County Charter 4.80)
City Offices	January 1st, after elected and qualified (Reference RCW 29A.04.133, 29A.20.040)
Special Purpose Districts, Fire Protection, Park & Rec, Water, Sewer Districts	January 1st, after elected and qualified (Reference RCW 29A.04.133, 29A.20.040)
School Districts	At the first meeting after Certification of General Election (Reference RCW 28A.343.360)
Precinct Committee Officers	December 1st (Reference RCW 29A.80.051)

Note: Candidates elected to an unexpired or short term take office upon certification of the election.

Voter Registration Guidelines

To register to vote in the State of Washington, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of the State of Washington
- At least 18 years old by the next election day

You may not register to vote if you are:

- Presently denied your civil rights due to a felony conviction
- Judicially declared mentally incompetent and ineligible to vote

Federal & State Laws require, if registering for the first time, that you provide your Washington state driver's license number or Washington state identification card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number if you do not have a Washington state driver's license or Washington state identification card;

Other acceptable forms of identification include:

- Valid photo Identification
- A valid enrollment card of a federally recognized Indian tribe in Washington state
- A copy of a current utility bill
- A current bank statement
- A copy of a current government check
- A copy of a current paycheck
- A government document that shows both the name and address of the voter

If you are in the military, a dependent or a citizen living overseas and you want to register in the State of Washington:

Submit a Registration and Absentee ballot request form, also known as the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) See page 57. Registering to vote in this state will change your legal voting residence; once registered you are considered a resident of Washington and must obtain a Washington state drivers' license and license your automobile(s) in this state. Forms and information are available online by going to one of the following links: fvap.gov or overseasvotefoundation.org. Forms may also be obtained from your registration officer; for further assistance please contact the Elections Department at 253-798-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-446-4979 during regular business hours or by email: crupert@co.pierce.wa.us. The Military/Overseas Voter Guide contains valuable information on various options for voting while in the military, overseas or a service voter. The guide is on our website and copies are available in the office. Visit our website at piercecountywa.org/auditor.

When to Register:

You can register any time, but at least 29 days in advance of an election to be eligible to vote in that election. If you register by mail, your application must be postmarked by the 29-day cutoff or it will not become effective until after the upcoming election. If you miss the deadline, you may still register in person at the Pierce County Auditor’s Elections Department. This special registration period ends 8 days prior to an election. This special in-person late registration period is only available to individuals who are not currently registered to vote in Washington State. Persons registering to vote during this period are required by state law to vote by absentee ballot in the first election after they register.

Election Dates	Online/Mail-in Voter Registration Deadline	In-Person Registration Deadline
February 9, 2010	January 11, 2010	February 1, 2010
April 27, 2010	March 29, 2010	April 19, 2010
May 18, 2010	April 19, 2010	May 10, 2010
August 17, 2010	July 19, 2010	August 9, 2010
November 2, 2010	October 4, 2010	October 25, 2010

Where to Register:

Online voter registration is available at vote.wa.gov or you may also register in person at the Pierce County Election Center customer service office during regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Forms are also available at city and town clerks’ offices, public schools, state offices, public libraries, City of Tacoma fire stations, and all staffed fire stations in unincorporated Pierce County.

If you are New Resident in Pierce County

You must submit a new registration form. Voter registrations are not transferable from state to state or from county to county.

If you are Moving within Pierce County

Notify the Elections Division of the address change at least 30 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote in your new precinct and district in the upcoming election. Address changes within Pierce County can be completed in person, or by calling the Elections Division at 253-798-VOTE (8683) during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., via the Auditor's Election website, or by submitting a mail-in registration form.

What is Inactive status?

Voter registrations are placed in an inactive status when any correspondence from the Elections Division is returned by the US Postal Service as undeliverable. Example of mail which may be returned as undeliverable may include voter registration identification cards and absentee ballots. A voter is returned to active status if they vote in an election, notify the Election Division of their new address, or sign a petition for which the signatures are required to be verified by the Elections Division.

Cancellations due to non-voting

Your registration will be canceled if you remain in an inactive status for two consecutive Federal elections. Once a registration is cancelled, in order to be eligible to vote, you must re-register by submitting a new voter registration form.

If you want to vote permanently by absentee ballot

To receive an absentee ballot permanently for all elections registered voters may submit an ongoing absentee request form or make a request in writing to the Elections Division. Forms are available online, in the Elections Division, and printed in the Pierce County Local Voters' Pamphlet. A permanent year-around mailing address is required for the ongoing absentee ballot.

How can I obtain an absentee ballot for one election?

You may request an absentee ballot by mail, phone, online or in person at the Elections Division. Ballots are issued at the Elections Department until 4:30 p.m. the day prior to an election; a replacement ballot can be issued on election day. A registered voter requesting a ballot for a Primary Election can also request at the same time for a ballot for the following General Election. Requests made by military, overseas or service voters for a Primary Election ballot will be considered as a request for the following General Election. Information required for requesting absentee ballots includes the voter's registered address, a complete mailing address if different than the registered address and the voter's date of birth. Only an immediate family member may pick up or request an absentee ballot for a relative and must provide the relative's date of birth.

Elections Division Forms

Samples of the following forms are included in the booklet:

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Sample - State Mail-in Voter Registration Form:

Mail-In Voter Registration Form



Use Black or Blue Pen Only - Please Print Clearly NAME CHANGE ADDRESS CHANGE SIGNATURE UPDATE NEW REGISTRATION

1 NOTE: Voter registration requires U.S. Citizenship Will you be at least 18 years of age or older before Election Day? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO Are you a citizen of the United States? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
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Federal and state law require you to provide your Washington Driver's License number or Washington ID Card number. If you do not have a Washington Driver's License or Washington ID Card, provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

2 A. Washington Driver's License or ID Number	B. Last four Digits/SSN	<input type="radio"/> Check here if you do not have a Washington Driver's License, ID Card, or SSN.	3 Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
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4 Last Name	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Daytime Phone Number ()
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5 First Name	Middle Name	<input type="radio"/> Jr. <input type="radio"/> II <input type="radio"/> Sr. <input type="radio"/> III	Email Address (optional)
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6 Washington Residential/Physical Address (Required)	City or Town	ZIP
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7 Address Where You Get Your Mail (if different from residential/physical address)	City or Town	State	ZIP
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8 Check any that currently apply Military Domestic Military Foreign National Guard/Reserves U.S. Citizen Overseas

9 ONGOING ABSENTEE REQUEST **NOTE:** If your county is vote by mail, do not complete this section. A ballot will be mailed to you automatically.
 I would like to receive absentee ballots for all future elections YES NO

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10 NOTE: Previous registration information

I was previously registered under this name and address:

Name _____	Sign as previously registered
Address _____ County _____	X
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____	

WARNING: If you knowingly provide false information on this voter registration form or knowingly make a false declaration about your qualifications for voter registration, you will have committed a class C felony that is punishable by imprisonment for up to five years, or by a fine of up to ten thousand dollars or both imprisonment and fine. (RCW 29A.08.210)

11 Voter Declaration

By signing this document, I hereby assert, under penalty of perjury, that I am legally eligible to vote. If I am found to have voted illegally, I may be prosecuted and/or fined for this illegal act. In addition, I hereby acknowledge that my name and last known address will be forwarded to the appropriate state and/or federal authorities if I am found to have voted illegally. (RCW 29A.08.210)

- I declare that the facts on this registration form are true;
 - I am a citizen of the United States;
 - I am not presently denied my civil rights as a result of being convicted of a felony;
 - I will have lived in Washington state at this address for thirty days immediately before the next election at which I vote;
 - I will be at least eighteen years old when I vote.
- (RCW 29A.08.230)

SIGN OR MARK IN THE BOX

X

12 If you are physically unable to sign your name, please have the person who assisted you in completing this form provide:	NAME _____	DATE SIGNED _____
	ADDRESS _____	____/____/____ Month/Day/Year

Sample - Federal Voter Registration Form:

(After completion, fold to inside and seal before mailing.)

WARNING: Knowingly presenting false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

Standard Form 76A (Rev. 10-2005)

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (Mark only one):

- (a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT
- (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY
- (c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY

2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle)			SUFFIX (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)	b. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable)	
c. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	d. RACE	e. DATE OF BIRTH (MMDDYYYY)	f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER - -		g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER
h. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)			i. FAX NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)		
j. EMAIL ADDRESS					

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Military, use legal residence. Overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.)

a. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. Box)					
b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE		c. COUNTY		d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE -

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required)	b. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (NOTE: Complete 4b. only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4a.)
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c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: MAIL FAX EMAIL

5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections):

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots - see instructions for Block 6, paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)

7. AFFIRMATION (Required)

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

1. I am a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and
2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and
3. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, and
4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and
5. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
6. The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ (MMDDYYYY) Signed: _____ (Witness/Notary and Address (if required)) Date: _____ (MMDDYYYY)

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

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Resources

Organization	Phone	Online Access
City of Tacoma Council	253-591-5100	cityoftacoma.org
Federal Voting Assistance Program	800-438-8683	fvap.gov
Municipal Research and Services Center	206-625-1300 800-933-6772	www.mrsc.org
Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction	360-725-6000	www.ospi.wa.gov
Pierce County Council	253-798-7777	piercecountywa.org/council
Pierce County Elections	253-798-VOTE (8683) 800-446-4979	piercecountywa.org/elections
Public Disclosure Commission	360-753-1985	www.pdc.wa.gov
Puget Sound Educational Service District No. 121	425-917-7600	www.psesd.org question@psed.org
Secretary of State	800-448-4881	vote.wa.gov
Washington State Association of Counties	360-586-4219	www.wacounties.org
Washington State Auditor's Office	360-902-0370 866-902-3900	www.sao.wa.gov sonntagb@sao.wa.gov

About This Manual

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This manual should be used in conjunction with state and local laws, not in place of them. RCW, WAC and other notations are offered as references for additional research. The material contained herein may change due to new legislation, judicial determination or further office vacancies after printing.

For additional information concerning elections in Pierce County, please contact:

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2501 S. 35th St., Suite C
Tacoma, WA 98409-7405
piercecountywa.org/auditor
Phone: (253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979

