

2022 Candidate Filing Information

Important dates

May 2	First Day filing officer may receive candidate declarations by mail
May 16, 9:00am	Official Candidate filing online and in person starts
May 20, 4:00pm	Candidate filing ends, and Lot Draw for ballot order
May 23, 4:00pm	Candidate withdrawal deadline
May 27, 4:00pm	Final day to submit your candidate biography, statement and photo for the Local Voters' Pamphlet

File online at masoncountyelections.us

Requirements to file online

- Be registered to vote in the district for which you are filing.
- Pay with Visa, MasterCard or American Express (credit or debit).
 - There are no additional card fees if you file online.
 - Filing fees are not refundable, even if you withdraw your candidacy.
- Provide a valid email address.

Online Candidate Filing will be Open 24 hours a day starting May 16th at 9:00am and closes promptly at 4:00pm May 20th.

- You must submit before 4:00 pm on Friday, May 20th. The portal will stop receiving declarations at that time.
- Mobile devices are not recommended.
- Payment must be received before an election official can process the declaration of candidacy (must be received before 4:00 pm May 20th).
- Please allow 24-48 hours for candidacy approval. You will receive a confirmation email to the candidate email address.

File in person or by mail

The Mason County Auditor's Office accepts filings for all offices in Mason County.

- Candidate filling is open Monday May 16th 9:00am through Friday May 20th 4:00pm.
- Vote Center located at 411 N 5th Street, Shelton (entrance at the back of the building off of Pine St.)
- Or by mail send to:
 - Mason County Auditor, PO Box 400, Shelton, WA 98584
- Complete a Declaration of Candidacy form and submit filing fee, (If applicable) both must be received during the filing period.
- In person, pay with cash, check, credit or debit card. By mail, check or money order only.
 - Payment must be received before an election official can process the declaration of candidacy.
- Paying with a credit or debit card in the office has an addition processing fee.
- Filing fees are not refundable, even if you withdraw your candidacy.

Order of Names - Lot Draw

After the close of filing, Friday, May 20th 4:00pm.

- Names will be drawn at random to determine the order of candidate names on the Primary Election ballot. The lot draw order will apply to all races.

Offices in a Primary Election

Partisan Office – have a Primary Election regardless of the number of candidates filed unless the office is an unexpired county race.

- The following races skip the Primary Election: Cemetery, some judicial districts, any unexpired county partisan race with one candidate and PCO with only one candidate.

Nonpartisan Office – three or more candidates in the Primary Election.

Withdrawal of Candidacy

A candidate must complete the Withdrawal of Candidacy form and return in person, by email or fax. It must be received by 4:00pm Monday May 23rd to be removed as a candidate from the election. The form is available in our office or on our website masoncountyelections.us

Campaign Regulation

For political advertising and financial regulations and reporting, all State and local candidates should contact:

Washington Public Disclosure Commission

- Website - pdc.wa.gov
- Toll Free - 1 (877) 601-2828 or (360) 753-1111