

**VOTERS' PAMPHLET  
FORMAT ON PAGE 13!**

**2023**

# **CANDIDATE GUIDE**

Thurston County Elections Division  
Elections Division  
2400 Evergreen Park Drive SW  
Olympia, WA 98502  
360.786.5408  
711 Washington Relay  
[ThurstonWAVotes.gov](http://ThurstonWAVotes.gov)

# Table of Contents

Welcome Letter .....	1
Offices Subject to Election in 2023 .....	2-7
Position Descriptions .....	8
Key Filing Dates .....	9
Elections Calendar .....	10
Filing for Office .....	11-12
Voters' Pamphlet Information .....	13
Political Signs - State, County & Local Excerpts .....	14-18
Guidelines: Voting Center & Ballot Drop Boxes .....	19
Important Contact Information .....	20
Local Media Contact Information .....	20
24-Hour Ballot Drop Box Locations .....	21



## Letter from the Auditor

Dear Candidate:

Congratulations on your decision to run for office! This guide is a valuable tool for your candidacy. It contains information and instructions you will find helpful for your campaign. Please take time to review this guide.

You must do the following to become a candidate:

- File with the Public Disclosure Commission at [pdc.wa.gov](http://pdc.wa.gov)
- Complete a Declaration of Candidacy during Candidate Filing Week
- Pay filing fees (if any)

Candidate Filing Week is May 15 - 19. You may file:

- Online: Starting 9 a.m. May 15 through 4 p.m. May 19 at [ThurstonWAVotes.gov](http://ThurstonWAVotes.gov)
- By mail: May 1 through May 19 (must be *received* no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 19)
- In person: May 15 through May 19, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Thurston County Elections Division.

We invite candidates to include their photo, campaign contact information and statement in the local voters' pamphlet. To learn more about what you need for submission, see page 13 of this guide.

Submit these materials electronically using one of the following:

- Online: State-provided link after approval of your candidate filing
- Email: [pamphlet@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:pamphlet@co.thurston.wa.us)
- In person:\* Thurston County Elections Division, Elections Division  
2400 Evergreen Park Dr SW  
Olympia, WA 98502  
\*Materials must be on an electronic storage device.

We will use a single statement in the Primary and General Election voters' pamphlets. Your statement and photo are due by Friday, May 26 at 4:30 p.m. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

The Elections staff stands ready to serve you. Please contact us at 360.786.5408 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

*Mary Hall*

Mary Hall, Auditor

# Government Office Positions Subject to Election in 2023

Office	Incumbent	Jurisdiction	Filing Fee
<b>Thurston County (Partisan Office)</b>			
<b>Commissioner, District No. 4</b> (One Year Unexpired Term, Partisan)	VACANT	Thurston	\$1,319.04
<b>Commissioner, District No. 5</b> (Three Year Unexpired Term, Partisan)	VACANT	Thurston	\$1,319.04
<b>Thurston County</b>			
<b>Superior Court Judge, Pos. 6</b> (One Year Unexpired Term, Partisan)	Anne Egeler	Thurston	\$TBD
<b>Port of Olympia</b>			
<b>Port Commissioner, District No. 1</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	Joe Downing	Thurston	\$72
<b>Port Commissioner, District No. 4</b> (Four or Two Year Term, Nonpartisan)	VACANT	Thurston	\$72
<b>Port Commissioner, District No. 5</b> (Four or Two Year Term, Nonpartisan)	VACANT	Thurston	\$72
<b>Town of Bucoda</b>			
<b>Mayor</b> (Two Year Unexpired Term, Nonpartisan)	Robert Gordon	Thurston	\$0
<b>Town Council, Position No. 1</b> (Short+ Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	Vacant	Thurston	\$0
<b>Town Council, Position No. 2</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	Steven Lyle	Thurston	\$0
<b>Town Council, Position No. 4</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	Mike Finley	Thurston	\$0
<b>Town Council, Position No. 5</b> (Two Year Unexpired Term, Nonpartisan)	Kiersten Presley	Thurston	\$0
<b>City of Lacey</b>			
<b>City Council, Position No. 1</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	Malcom Miller	Thurston	\$220.80
<b>City Council, Position No. 2</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	Lenny Greenstein	Thurston	\$207
<b>City Council, Position No. 3</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	Ed Kunkel	Thurston	\$207

# Government Office Positions Subject to Election in 2023

## City of Olympia

<b>City Council, Position No. 2</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Yen Huynh</b>	Thurston	\$290.46
<b>City Council, Position No. 3</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Dani Madrone</b>	Thurston	\$290.46
<b>Mayor</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Cheryl Selby</b>	Thurston	\$337.46

## City of Rainier

<b>City Council, Position No. 2</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>George Johnson</b>	Thurston	\$36
<b>City Council, Position No. 4</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Ron Kemp</b>	Thurston	\$36

## City of Tenino

<b>City Council, Position No. 2</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Elaine Klamm</b>	Thurston	\$0
<b>City Council, Position No. 5</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Rachel L. Davidson</b>	Thurston	\$0
<b>Mayor</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Wayne Fournier</b>	Thurston	\$180

## City of Tumwater

<b>City Council, Position No. 1</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Leatta Dahlhoff</b>	Thurston	\$105
<b>City Council, Position No. 2</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Angela Jefferson</b>	Thurston	\$105
<b>City Council, Position No. 3</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Joan Cathey</b>	Thurston	\$105
<b>City Council, Position No. 7</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Charles (Charlie) Schneider</b>	Thurston	\$105

## City of Yelm

<b>City Council, Position No. 1</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>James Blair</b>	Thurston	\$98.16
<b>City Council, Position No. 2</b> (Short + Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Joseph Richardson</b>	Thurston	\$98.16
<b>City Council, Position No. 6</b> (Short + Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Ashley Brooks</b>	Thurston	\$98.16

# Government Office Positions Subject to Election in 2023

## Centralia School District No. 401-L

**School Board Director, Position No. 2**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Maritza Bravo**      Thurston      \$0

**School Board Director, Position No. 3**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Vickie Jackson**      Thurston      \$0

**School Board Director, Position No. 4**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Mandi McDougall**      Thurston      \$0

## Griffin School District No. 324

**School Board Director, Position No. 1**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Dan Teuteberg**      Thurston      \$0

**School Board Director, Position No. 2**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Emma J Rose**      Thurston      \$0

**School Board Director, Position No. 3**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Brad Ridgeway**      Thurston      \$0

## North Thurston Public Schools

**School Board Director, District No. 1**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Gretchen Maliska**      Thurston      \$0

**School Board Director, District No. 4**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Graeme Sackrison**      Thurston      \$0

**School Board Director, District No. 5**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Dave Newkirk**      Thurston      \$0

## Olympia School District No. 111

**School Board Director, District No. 1**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Maria Flores**      Thurston      \$0

**School Board Director, District No. 2**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Talauna Reed**      Thurston      \$0

**School Board Director, District No. 4**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Hilary Seidel**      Thuston      \$0

## Rainier School District No. 307

**School Board Director, District No. 1**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Amanda Siemandel**      Thurston      \$0

**School Board Director, District No. 2**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Jerry F. Sprouffske**      Thurston      \$0

**School Board Director, District No. 3**  
(Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)      **Dana Morgan Spivey**      Thurston      \$0

# Government Office Positions Subject to Election in 2023

## **Rochester School District No. 401**

<b>School Board Director, District No. 2</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Grant Rodeheaver</b>	Thurston	\$0
<b>School Board Director, District No. 3</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Juana Rivera</b>	Thurston	\$0
<b>School Board Director, District No. 4</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>James (Neil) Turner</b>	Thurston	\$0

## **Tenino School District No. 402**

<b>School Board Director, District No. 2</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Ryan Hilton</b>	Thurston	\$0
<b>School Board Director, District No. 3</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Adam Barr</b>	Thurston	\$0
<b>School Board Director, District No. 4</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Jessica Reeves-Rush</b>	Thurston	\$0

## **Tumwater School District No. 33**

<b>School Board Director, District No. 1</b> (2 Year Unexpired Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Jill Adams</b>	Thurston	\$0
<b>School Board Director, District No. 2</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Casey Taylor</b>	Thurston	\$0
<b>School Board Director, District No. 3</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Scott Killough</b>	Thurston	\$0

## **Yelm Community Schools**

<b>School Board Director, District No. 2</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Donna Edwards</b>	Thurston	\$0
<b>School Board Director, District No. 3</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Denise Hendrickson</b>	Thurston	\$0
<b>School Board Director, District No. 5</b> (Four Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>William F. Hauss</b>	Thurston	\$0

## **Fire Protection District No. 03 - Lacey**

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 3</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Frank Kirkbride</b>	Thurston	\$0
<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 4</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Liberty Ryder</b>	Thurston	\$0

# Government Office Positions Subject to Election in 2023

## Fire Protection District No. 06 - East Olympia

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 3</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Brandon Faust</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	----------------------	----------	-----

## Fire Protection District No. 08 - South Bay

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 1</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Gloria (Glo) Zvirzdys</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	------------------------------	----------	-----

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 2</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Milt Harper</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	--------------------	----------	-----

## Fire Protection District No. 09 - McLane Black Lake

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 3</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Len Albert</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	-------------------	----------	-----

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 4</b> (Four Year Unexpired Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Jason Foust</b>	Thurston	\$0
---	--------------------	----------	-----

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 5</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Mark Thompson</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	----------------------	----------	-----

## Fire Protection District No. 12

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 4</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>R. Kip Busby</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	---------------------	----------	-----

## Fire Protection District No. 13 - Griffin

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 1</b> (Four Year Unexpired Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Arthur Dalessandro</b>	Thurston	\$0
---	---------------------------	----------	-----

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 3</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Dave Pearsall</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	----------------------	----------	-----

## Fire Protection District No. 17 - Bald Hills

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 1</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Harry Miller</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	---------------------	----------	-----

## SE Thurston Fire Authority- Sub Region 1

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 2</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Dave Shepherd</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	----------------------	----------	-----

## SE Thurston Fire Authority- Sub Region 2

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 2</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Jeff DeHan</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	-------------------	----------	-----

### **SE Thurston Fire Authority- Sub Region 3**

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 1</b> (Four Year Unexpired Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Bill DeVore</b>	Thurston	\$0
---	--------------------	----------	-----

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 2</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Steven Slater</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	----------------------	----------	-----

### **West Thurston Regional Fire (Littlerock)**

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 2</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>David C. Pethia</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	------------------------	----------	-----

### **West Thurston Regional Fire (Rochester)**

<b>Fire Commissioner, Position No. 1</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Ben M. Elkins</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	----------------------	----------	-----

### **Tanglewilde Parks & Recreation District No. 1**

<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Commissioner, Position No. 1</b> (Two Year Unexpired Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Davy Lowry</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	-------------------	----------	-----

<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Commissioner, Position No. 2</b> (Two Year Unexpired Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Robert E. Coker</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	------------------------	----------	-----

<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Commissioner, Position No. 3</b> (Short + Four Year Term Nonpartisan)	<b>VACANT</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	---------------	----------	-----

<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Commissioner, Position No. 4</b> (Short + Four Year Term Nonpartisan)	<b>Nicholas Terry</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	-----------------------	----------	-----

<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Commissioner, Position No. 5</b> (Two Year Unexpired Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>VACANT</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	---------------	----------	-----

### **Cemetery District No. 1 (Grand Mound)**

<b>Cemetery Commissioner, Position No. 3</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Marc S. Spiegelberg</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	----------------------------	----------	-----

### **Cemetery District No. 2 (Yelm)**

<b>Cemetery Commissioner, Position No. 3</b> (Six Year Term, Nonpartisan)	<b>Gary S. Sortor</b>	Thurston	\$0
--	-----------------------	----------	-----



# Position Descriptions - Local

**County Commissioners:** Serves as the local government and legislative authority outside city limits.

**Port of Olympia Commissioners:** Set objectives, policies and overall Port direction through comprehensive plans.

**City & Town Councils:** Thurston County has two types of government: council-manager or mayor-council. Under both, the council is the legislative and policy making body.

**Council-Manager (Lacey):** The city council appoints a city manager to oversee day-to-day affairs and selects one member to act as chair, with the title of mayor, presiding over council meetings and serving as ceremonial head of the city.

**Council-Manager (Olympia):** The mayor is elected, presides over council meetings and serves as ceremonial head of the city.

**Mayor-Council (Bucoda, Rainier, Tenino, Tumwater and Yelm):** The mayor and council members are elected. The mayor administers day-to-day city affairs, presides over council meetings, and has veto power.

**School District Directors:** Five directors make a board whose responsibilities include: budget, policy development, curriculum approval, planning and communications for the school district.

**Fire Protection District & Regional Fire Authority Commissioners:** Commissioners oversee districts that provide fire prevention services, fire suppression, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the county. With voter approval, they may issue bonds and make excess levies for specific purposes.

**Parks and Recreation District Commissioners:** State law allows for the formation of park and recreation districts as municipal corporations for the purpose of providing recreational activities of a non-profit nature as a public service to the residents of the district. These districts may acquire property, make contracts, establish fees, make rules governing park property, and manage and operate facilities. They may also impose property taxes, establish local improvement districts, and issue revenue bonds.

**Cemetery District Commissioners:** Commissioners acquire, improve and operate cemeteries. They also set a budget and establish fees and rules for cemetery use.

## 2023 Key Filing Dates

Filing for office by mail Must be received on the 19 <sup>th</sup> by 4:30 p.m.	May 1 - 19	(RCW 29A.24.081)
Filing Week In person 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Online Monday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday	May 15 - 19	(RCW 29A.24.040, 050)
Lot draw for ballot order	May 19, 4:30 p.m.	(RCW 29A.36.131)
Last day for candidate withdrawal (Must be in writing)	May 22, 4:30 p.m.	(RCW 29A.24.131)
Last day to file as declared write-in candidate	<b>Primary:</b> July 13, 4:30 p.m. August 1, 8:00 p.m. <b>General:</b> October 19, 4:30 p.m. November 7, 8:00 p.m.	(WAC 434.215.180) (No filing fee) (Must pay filing fee) (No filing fee) (Must pay filing fee)

# Get connected with the Elections Division!



Thurston County  
Auditor's Office



@TCAuditor



New Website:  
ThurstonWAVotes.gov

# Election Calendar



May 1, 2023	First day to file by mail (RCW 29A.24.081)
May 15, 2023	First day to file for office (RCW 29A.24.050)
May 19, 2023	Last day to file for office (RCW 29A.24.050)
May 22, 2023	Last day to withdraw (RCW 29A.24.131)
May 26, 2023	Last day to submit Local Voters' Pamphlet information and photo by 4:30 p.m.
June 16, 2023	Overseas and military ballots with Voters' Pamphlets mailed for the Primary (RCW 29A.40.070)
July 5, 2023	Approximate day of Voters' Pamphlet mailing to local households
July 12, 2023	Local ballots mailed, voting center open, and accessible units available at the Thurston County Elections Division for the Primary Election (RCW 29A.40.070)
July 13, 2023	Last day to file as a write-in candidate without paying a filing fee
July 24, 2023	Last day to register or change your address online, by mail, or any other means (other than in person) for the Primary Election. Must be received by an election official (RCW 29A.08.140)
August 1, 2023	Voter must appear in person to change their address or register to vote for the Primary. We're open until 8 p.m. on Election Day (RCW 29A.08.140)
August 1, 2023	Last day to file as a write-in candidate for the Primary Election, must pay filing fee by 8 p.m. (RCW 29A.24.311)
August 1, 2023	<b>PRIMARY ELECTION</b> (RCW 29A.04.311)
August 15, 2023	County certification of the Primary (RCW 29A.60.190)
August 18, 2023	State certification of the Primary (RCW 29A.60.240)
September 22, 2023	Overseas and military ballots with Voters' Pamphlets mailed for the General Election (RCW 29A.40.070)
October 12, 2023	Approximate day of Voters' Pamphlet mailing to households
October 18, 2023	Local ballots mailed, voting center open, and accessible units available at the Thurston County Elections Division for the General Election (RCW 29A.40.070)
October 19, 2023	Last day to file as a write-in candidate without paying a filing fee
October 30, 2023	Last day to register or change your address online, by mail, or any other means other than in person for the General Election. Must be received by an election official (RCW 29A.08.140)
November 7, 2023	Voter must appear in person to change their address or register to vote for the General. We're open until 8 p.m. on Election Day (RCW 29A.08.140)
November 7, 2023	Last day to file as a write-in candidate for the General Election, must pay filing fee by 8 p.m. (RCW 29A.24.311)
November 7, 2023	<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b> (RCW 29A.04.321)
November 28, 2023	County certification of the General Election (RCW 29A.60.190)
December 7, 2023	State certification of the General Election (RCW 29A.60.250)

# Filing for Office



## Where to file

### Thurston County

(File at [ThurstonWAVotes.gov](https://www.thurstonwvotes.gov))

Candidates file with the Thurston County Elections Division for the following offices:

- County Commissioner
- Port Commissioner
- Town Council (Bucoda)
- Town Mayor (Bucoda)
- City Council (Lacey, Olympia, Rainier, Tenino, Tumwater, Yelm)
- City Mayor (Olympia, Tenino)
- School Board Director (Griffin School District, North Thurston Public Schools, Olympia School District, Rainier School District, Rochester School District, Tenino School District, Tumwater School District, Yelm Community Schools)
- Fire Commissioner (Fire Protection District No. 03 - Lacey, Fire Protection District No. 06 - East Olympia, Fire Protection District No. 08 - South Bay, Fire Protection District No. 09 - McLane Black Lake, Fire Protection District No. 12, Fire Protection District No. 13 - Griffin, Fire Protection District No. 17 - Bald Hills, SE Thurston Fire Authority Sub Regions 1, 2, & 3, West Thurston Regional Fire Authority (Littlerock and Rochester).
- Parks & Recreation Commissioner (Tanglewilde Parks & Recreation District No. 1)
- Cemetery Commissioner (District No. 1-Grand Mound, Cemetery District No. 2-Yelm)

### Lewis County

(File at [elections.lewiscountywa.gov](https://elections.lewiscountywa.gov))

Candidates file with the Lewis County Elections Division for the following offices:

- School Board Director (Centralia School District)

## How to file in Thurston County

Thurston County prefers candidates file electronically at [ThurstonWAVotes.gov](https://www.thurstonwvotes.gov). For mail and in-person candidate filing, visit the Elections Division (address below).

### Requirements

- Be a registered voter of the district and meet the residency requirements for the office you are filing for (exemption for municipal court judges, must be a registered voter in the county).
- Pay filing fee by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, cash, check, or filing fee petition (see next page).
- Your name will not appear on any official list as a candidate for office until your Declaration of Candidacy is approved and your filing fee is paid.
- Provide an email address.

### Filing deadline is Friday, May 19, 2023

#### Mail (received by elections)

**or in-person:** 4:30 p.m.  
Thurston County Elections Division  
2400 Evergreen Park Dr SW  
Olympia, WA 98502

**Online:** 4:00 p.m.

# Filing for Office



## How & When to Submit Your Statement, Photo & Contact Information

Send your photo, statement, and contact information by emailing [pamphlet@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:pamphlet@co.thurston.wa.us), using the link provided by the state, or mailing an electronic version to:

**Thurston County Elections Division**  
2000 Lakeridge Dr SW  
Olympia, WA 98502

**Photo & statement deadline is Friday, May 26, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.**

## Candidates Collecting Signatures in Lieu of a Filing Fee RCW 29A.24.091, 101, 111

Candidates may submit a filing fee petition in lieu of filing fee.

- The petition must be presented with the Declaration of Candidacy.
- The form is available on the Elections Division website: [ThurstonWAVotes.gov](http://ThurstonWAVotes.gov) under Candidates & Jurisdictions.
- The form must contain one **valid**, registered voter signature for each dollar of the filing fee. For example, if the filing fee is \$421.06, the petition must contain 421 valid signatures of registered voters in the district/jurisdiction of the office you are seeking.
- Gather extra signatures to allow for invalid ones. You can't submit additional signatures if you don't meet the number needed.
- No signatures may be submitted after Friday, May 19, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
- Petitions cannot be combined with money for the filing fee.

## Write-in Candidates RCW 29A.24.311

### Declaration of Candidacy for Write-in Candidates

Primary:  
July 13, 4:30 p.m. - No filing fee  
August 1, 8:00 p.m. - Must pay filing fee

General:  
October 19, 4:30 p.m. - No filing fee  
November 7, 8:00 p.m. - Must pay filing fee

## Candidate Order on Ballot RCW 29A.36.131, 170

In the Primary Election, candidate order on the ballot is determined by random lot draw. Then, the candidate with the most votes in the Primary Election is listed first on the General Election ballot. If there isn't a primary, the lot drawing conducted at the end of filing week will be the order on the ballot for the General.

# Voters' Pamphlet Information

The format changed in 2020; please review!

The deadline to submit Voters' Pamphlet information for the Primary and General Elections is **Friday, May 26, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.** Send your statement and photo as early as possible.

The pamphlet provides an opportunity for candidates to publish a current photo, statement and campaign information.

If you experience technical problems, call the Elections Division immediately. **Technical difficulties will not excuse candidates from meeting the deadline.** Thurston County publishes an official pamphlet for every Primary and General Election.

## Since 2020:

Local Thurston County Office:

\*Submits to Thurston County

\*Uses Thurston County Administrative Rules

\*Biography is now allowed

Thurston County	Word Limit	Formatting
Local Offices	200 words 4 paragraphs	<b>Allowed:</b> Italics <b>Not Allowed:</b> Bold, ALL CAPS, underlining, lists, bullets
Contact Information	Not included in word count; must be provided.	<b>Allowed:</b> Campaign name, phone, at least one method of contact, email, website, or address must be provided. <b>Not Allowed:</b> Titles (Dr., President)
(NEW) Biography	100 words divided into four categories	Elected Experience, Other Experience, Education, Community Service

**\*The complete Administrative Rules for Candidates can be found at [ThurstonWAVotes.gov](http://ThurstonWAVotes.gov)**  
**Local Voters' Pamphlet Statement/Photo:**

Submit statement and photo electronically using one of the following:

- The link emailed to you when your filing was approved
- Email to: [pamphlet@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:pamphlet@co.thurston.wa.us)
- Electronic storage device to:  
Thurston County Elections Division,  
2400 Evergreen Park Dr Olympia, WA 98502

## Matchback Reports

A matchback report contains information regarding ballots received, accepted, or challenged during a specific election. All voter information in these reports is public information. Usage of this data is subject to RCW 29A.08.720 and RCW 29A.08.740. Use the form available at [ThurstonWAVotes.gov](http://ThurstonWAVotes.gov) or contact us at [elections@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.thurston.wa.us) or call 360.786.5408 to request more information. **Voter Data Requests must to be directed to the Office of the Secretary of State. Contact information on page 20.**

## State Sign Classifications

In accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468.66.050, classification of signs, political signs are considered a Type 3(d) on-premise sign for which no fee or application is necessary. Temporary political signs are signs which express the property owner's endorsement of a political candidate or ballot issue, with the following restrictions:

- Temporary political campaign signs are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
- Temporary political campaign signs must be removed within ten (10) days after the election. After primary elections, temporary political campaign signs endorsing a successful candidate may remain up to ten days after the succeeding general election.
- Sign installers must have permission of the underlying property owner prior to placing signs.
- Temporary political campaign signs are subject to all other applicable provisions of Chapter 47.42 RCW and Chapter 468-66 WAC that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs.

In addition to the above restrictions, the posting of advertising signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is illegal. Accordingly, any sign placed within the right-of-way\* of any state highway will be removed by the Department of Transportation.

A campaign sign cannot be designed in a manner that resembles an official traffic control sign.

\* The road right-of-way includes the paved road and strip of land, usually on either side of the road, that is reserved for shoulders, drainage ditches, sidewalks, traffic signs, electrical traffic signal control boxes, utility lines and future road expansion.

## Thurston County Code Title 20.40.020

### General provisions

1. No sign shall protrude over the street right-of-way.
2. No sign shall be erected that interferes with the visibility of traffic control devices or street name signs.
3. Signs may be luminous, reflecting, or illuminating, but no sign shall be flashing or oscillating.
4. No sign shall be placed so as to cause visual obstruction of a public right-of-way.
5. All signs shall conform to Washington State statutes or building code, if in effect.

## Thurston County Code Title 20.40.035: Exempt Signs

"Political campaign signs advertising a candidate or candidates for public elective office, or a political party, or a sign urging a particular vote on a public issue decided by ballot may be erected on any privately owned lot or parcel, excluding right-of-way. Each sign shall be removed within fifteen days after that election. For a successful candidate in a primary election, the sign may remain until the final election but shall be removed within fifteen days after that election. The candidate or committee for which the sign is displayed shall be responsible for its removal and subject to the penalties as provided in this title..."

### Contact Info:

Thurston County Public Works Department  
9605 Tilley Rd S Ste C  
Olympia, WA 98512  
360.867.2300  
web: [www.thurstoncountywa.gov/pw](http://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/pw)

**Sign violation complaints do not fall under the jurisdiction of Thurston County Elections.**

**For additional sign regulations in your city/town, please contact your local Public Works Department.**

# Town of Bucoda



For questions regarding campaign signs, city regulations, etc., please directly contact the Town of Bucoda:

Town of Bucoda  
101A East 7th Street  
PO Box 10  
Bucoda, WA 98530  
360.278.3525  
Email: budoca@scattercreek.com  
web: bucoda.us

# City of Lacey- Excerpts



## 16.75.020 (DD): Definitions

“Political sign” means a sign advertising a candidate or candidates for public elective office, or a political party, or sign urging a particular vote on a public issue decided by ballot.

## 16.75.100 Temporary Signs

Temporary signs are permitted subject to the applicable limitations:

E. Political signs. No sign permit is required. Political signs or posters may be placed upon private property only and shall not be larger than ten square feet of sign area and shall not be posted or attached to telephone poles, power poles or other public utility facilities. Such signs must be removed seven days after the election in which the candidate or issue advertised on a sign has been determined. For a successful candidate in a primary election the sign may remain until the final election, but shall be removed within seven days after the election. The candidate or committee for which the sign is displayed shall be responsible for its removal and/or subject to the penalties as provided in this code.

## 16.75.120 Enforcement and sign removal

A. Termination of Illegal Signs. The right to maintain any sign shall terminate and shall cease to exist whenever the sign is:

1. Abandoned. No persons shall maintain or permit to be maintained on any premises owned or controlled by such persons any sign which has been abandoned.
2. Damaged or destroyed beyond fifty percent.

The determination whether a sign is damaged or destroyed beyond fifty percent shall rest with the code administrator and shall be based upon the actual cost of replacing said sign; and/or

3. Structurally substandard under any applicable ordinance of the city to the extent that the sign becomes a hazard or a danger.

## 16.75.120 (C) Violation -- Penalty

1. Violation of the provisions of this code or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall constitute a misdemeanor and such violation shall be punished as provided by the statutes of the state of Washington for the commission of a misdemeanor. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.
2. The erector, owner or user of an unlawful sign or the owner of the property on which an unlawful sign is located and who maintains such violation may each be found guilty of a separate offense and suffer the penalties herein provided. (Ord. 1454 §2, (part) 2015)

## Contact Information:

City of Lacey  
Community & Economic Development  
420 College Street SE  
Lacey, WA 98503  
360.491.5642  
Email: [planning@ci.lacey.wa.us](mailto:planning@ci.lacey.wa.us)  
web: [ci.lacey.wa.us](http://ci.lacey.wa.us)



# City of Olympia- Excerpts



## 18.43.085 Noncommercial Message Temporary Sign Types and Standards (Permits: not required. 18.43.040 Exemptions)

### A. On private property in Downtown, Auto Mall, and Business & Corridor Sign Zones:

1. The sign area of all noncommercial speech signs on a lot shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
2. Freestanding: Maximum height from grade to top of sign: four (4) feet within five feet of property lines; ten (10) feet if more than five feet from all property lines.
3. Building Mounted: Shall not extend above the roof line.
4. Number: Limit of one per street frontage.

### B. On private property in Residential Sign Zone:

1. Residential Uses:
  - a. The sign area of noncommercial speech signs shall not exceed ten (10) square feet.
  - b. Maximum height from grade to top of sign is four (4) feet.
  - c. Minimum setback from property lines: Five (5) feet.

- d. Number: No limit.
2. Approved Nonresidential and Multifamily Complexes:
  - a. The sign area of noncommercial speech signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet.
  - b. Maximum height from grade to top of sign is four (4) feet.
  - c. Minimum setback from property lines: Five (5) feet.
  - d. Number: Limit of one per street frontage.

### Contact Information:

Community Planning and Development  
601 4th Ave E  
PO Box 1967  
Olympia, WA 98507  
360.753.8314  
Email: cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us  
web: olympiawa.gov

# City of Rainier- Excerpts



## 18.48.130 Signs

E. Signs Not Requiring Permits or Exempt from this Regulation. The following types of signs are exempted from permit requirements but must be in conformance with all other requirements of this chapter:

6. Temporary signs not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet in sign area so long as the sign is removed within ten (10) days after the event or happening.

M. Sign Construction and Maintenance. All signs must be designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with the following standards:

2. Except for banners, flags, pennants, temporary signs, and certain window signs, all signs must be constructed of permanent materials and be permanently attached to the ground, a building, or other structure by direct attachment to a rigid wall, frame, or structure.
3. All signs must be maintained in good structural condition, in compliance with all building and electrical codes, and in conformance with this code, at all times. Banners or flags with messages that have been torn, damaged, or destroyed are not considered to be in good structural condition.

S 3. Violations. The following are violations of this section and subject to enforcement provisions of Section 18.12.130:

- a. To install, create, erect, or maintain any sign:
  - i. Without a permit, if a permit is required;
  - ii. In a way that is inconsistent with any permit governing the sign or lot where the sign is located.
- b. To fail to remove any sign that:
  - i. Is installed, created, erected, or maintained in violation of this regulation; or
  - ii. Has a lapsed permit.

Each day of continued violation will be considered a separate violation for each sign installed, created, erected, or maintained when applying penalty portions of this regulation.

### Contact Information:

City of Rainier  
Code Enforcement Office  
102 Rochester St W  
Rainier, WA 98576  
360.446.2265  
Email: rainier@ywave.com  
web: cityofrainierwa.org

# City of Tenino- Excerpts



108.30.130.B Definitions: Sign, political, means a temporary sign used in connection with a local, state, or national election or referendum.

108.30.130.(D)(2)(g) Signs Not Requiring Permits: 7. Political signs not to exceed 16 square feet in sign area.

108.30.130.G.(2) Enforcement 3. Violations. The following are violations of this section and subject to enforcement provisions of section 108.30.G.(2).(c) 1):  
a. To install, create, erect, or maintain any sign in a way that is inconsistent with any permit governing the sign or lot where the sign is located. b. To fail to remove any sign that is installed, created, erected, or maintained in violation of this regulation. Each day of continued violation will be considered a separate violation for each sign installed, created, erected or maintained when applying penalty portions of this regulation.

## Contact Information:

Codes, Laws & Regulations  
City of Tenino  
149 Hodgden St S  
PO Box 4019  
Tenino, WA 98589  
360.264.2368  
Email: [rdurand@cityoftenino.org](mailto:rdurand@cityoftenino.org)  
web: [cityoftenino.us](http://cityoftenino.us)

# City of Tumwater- Excerpts



18.44.070 Exemptions. The following signs are exempt from the permit requirements of this chapter, and shall not be included in the computation of sign size area for regulated signs. This shall not be construed as relieving the owner of the sign from the responsibility of its erection and maintenance and its compliance with any other applicable law or ordinance.

H. Temporary noncommercial signs, including noncommercial A-frame signs, subject to the following:

1. The maximum height of freestanding signs shall be four feet;
2. Building mounted signs shall not be displayed above the roofline;
3. Signs shall not exceed six square feet in area in residential zone districts (RSR residential/sensitive resource, SFL single-family low density residential, SFM single-family medium density residential, MFM multifamily medium density residential, MFH multifamily high density residential, and MHP manufactured home park zone districts) and the temporary sign area limits for commercial and industrial zone districts found in TMC 18.44.150;
4. Signs shall not be placed within the rights-of-way or block the sight distance of motorists;
5. Signs shall not be illuminated internally or externally;
6. Signs shall not incorporate or include flags, spinners, pennants, ribbons, balloons, or similar devices;
7. Signs placed on the inside of windows shall not exceed fifty percent of the area of the window on which they are displayed in aggregate; and
8. Signs may be displayed for up to one hundred and twenty days in any calendar year;

18.44.080 Prohibited Signs. The following signs are prohibited: (I) Signs that are located upon or projecting over public streets, sidewalks or rights-of-way, except signs of an official nature such as traffic signs, pole banners, wayfinding signs, or street banners.

18.44.120 Removal. (D) Signs which the administrative official finds upon public streets, sidewalks, rights-of-way, or other public property may be immediately removed by the administrative official without prior notice. For signs that appear to the code administrator to have substantial value (that is other than poster board types of signs such as political and real estate signs), the sign will be retained for five business days and the code administrator should make a reasonable attempt to notify the sign owner that the sign has been confiscated and extend an offer for the owner to retrieve the sign within this five-business-day time period. Hazardous signs shall be removed in accordance with the International Building Code.

## Contact Information:

Community Development Department  
555 Israel Rd SW  
Tumwater, WA 98501  
360.754.4180  
Email: [cdd@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:cdd@ci.tumwater.wa.us)  
web: [ci.tumwater.wa.us](http://ci.tumwater.wa.us)



18.62.010 Intent. A sign is any communication device, structure, or fixture that is extended to aid an establishment in identification, and to advertise and/or promote a business, service, activity, or interest. (Ord. 995 § 12 (Exh. A), 2015).

18.62.040 Temporary Signs. A temporary (nonpermanent) sign is intended to be displayed for a limited period of time only.

E. Political Signs. Signs advertising a candidate or candidates for public elective office, a political party, or signs urging a particular vote on a public issue shall not exceed 10 square feet of sign area. Signs must be removed within seven days after the election in which the candidate or issue advertised on a sign has been determined. The candidate or committee for whom the sign is displayed shall be responsible for its removal and subject to the penalties as provided in this code.

18.62.150 Removal of Unlawful Signs.

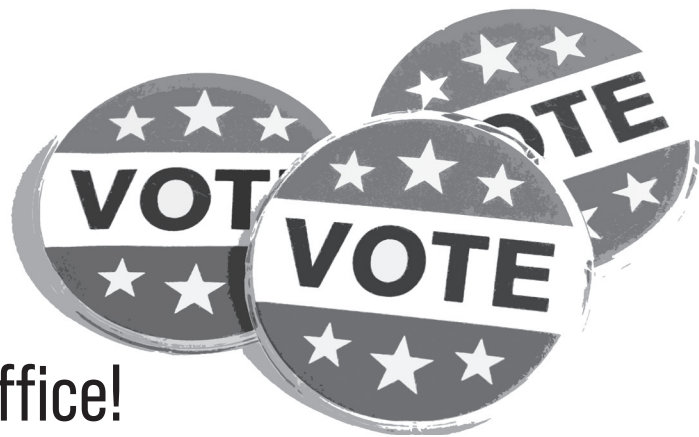
A. Any unlawful sign which has not been removed within 30 days after notice of violation may be removed by the city and the costs charged to the violator. If removal costs have not been paid and the sign reclaimed within 30 days of its removal by the city, the city may sell or otherwise dispose of the sign and apply the proceeds toward costs of removal. Any proceeds in excess of costs of removal shall be paid to the owner of the sign.

**Contact Information:**

Community Development  
901 Rhoton Rd NW  
Yelm, WA 98597  
360.458.8406  
Email: SavanaT@yelmwa.gov  
web: ci.yelm.wa.us

---

## Did you know that a person who turns 18 between the August Primary and the November General Election can vote in the Primary?!



Questions? Contact our office!  
360.786.5408 or Elections@co.thurston.wa.us  
ThurstonWAVotes.gov

This guide is for informational purposes only and does not supersede local, state, or federal laws. RCW, WAC and county code notations are offered as a reference for additional research only.

# Guidelines: Voting Center & Ballot Drop Boxes

## **RCW 29A.84.510 Acts prohibited in voting center**

(1) During the voting period that begins eighteen days before and ends the day of a special election, general election, or primary, no person may:

(a) Within a voting center or student engagement hub or in any public street or room in any public manner within 100 feet measured radially from the entrance to a voting center or student engagement hub or 25 feet measured radially from a ballot drop box as described in RCW 29A.40.170:

(i) Suggest or persuade or attempt to suggest or persuade any voter to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure;

(ii) Circulate cards or handbills of any kind;

(iii) Solicit signatures to any kind of petition; or

(iv) Engage in any practice which interferes with the freedom of voters to exercise their franchise or disrupts the administration of the voting center;

(b) Engage in any activities restricted under (a) of this subsection through electronic amplification located more than 100 feet from an entrance to a voting center or student engagement hub or 25 feet from an entrance to a ballot drop box if the person is capable of being understood within 100 feet of the voting center or student engagement hub or 25 feet of the ballot drop box;

(c) Obstruct the doors or entries to a building in which a voting center or ballot drop location is located or prevent free access to and from any voting center or ballot drop location.

(2) The auditor shall post a sign at the point or points specified at each voting center as required by RCW 29A.40.160 during the voting period providing notice of the prohibition in subsection (1)(a) of this section.

(3) Any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or municipal law enforcement officer shall stop the prohibited activity, and may arrest any person engaging in the prohibited activity.

(4) Any violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor, punishable to the same extent as a gross misdemeanor that is punishable under RCW 9A.20.021, and the person convicted may be ordered to pay the costs of prosecution.

(5) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit or otherwise restrict the access of an authorized political party observer to a voting center, student engagement hub, or ballot drop box for the purpose of observing the election process.

## **RCW 29A.84.540 Ballots - Removing from voting center or ballot drop box location.**

“Any person who, without lawful authority, removes a ballot from a voting center or ballot drop location is guilty of a class C felony punishable to the same extent as a class C felony that is punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.”

## **RCW 9.41.284 - Possessing dangerous weapons at voting facilities**

Weapons are prohibited in the ballot processing center. No weapon, whether concealed or openly carried, may be possessed in any ballot counting center or areas of facilities while being used as a ballot counting center. Weapons are restricted at the voting centers. This restriction does not prohibit concealed carry of a pistol, by a person licensed to carry a concealed pistol pursuant to RCW 9.41.070, in any voting center, student engagement hub, county elections and voter registration office, or areas of facilities while being used as a voting center, student engagement hub, or county elections and voter registration office.

## **Campaign Materials**

Campaign materials cannot be placed in or on top of mailboxes without paying postage, nor should campaign materials be placed in newspaper delivery tubes. (18 U.S. Code § 1725)

Visit [ThurstonWAVotes.gov](http://ThurstonWAVotes.gov) to:

- register to vote
- view voter registration requirements
- view election archives
- read news releases
- request matchback data
- and more!
- see sample ballots

This guide is for informational purposes only and does not supersede local, state, or federal laws. RCW, WAC and county code notations are offered as a reference for additional research only.

# Important Contact Information



## Thurston County Elections Division

Elections Division  
2400 Evergreen Park Dr SW  
Olympia, WA 98502  
360.786.5408  
Fax: 360.754.4591  
711 Washington Relay  
elections@co.thurston.wa.us  
ThurstonWAVotes.gov

Ballot Processing Center  
2905 29th Ave SW, Suite E & F  
Tumwater, WA 98512  
360.786.5408  
Fax: 360.705.3518  
elections@co.thurston.wa.us

## Public Disclosure Commission

711 Capitol Way, Rm 206 877.601.2828  
PO Box 40908 360.753.1111  
Olympia, WA 98504-0908 pdc@pdc.wa.gov  
pdc.wa.gov

## Secretary of State, Elections

PO Box 40229 360.902.4180  
Olympia, WA 98504 800.448.4881  
elections@sos.wa.gov  
www.sos.wa.gov/elections  
votewa.gov

# Local Media Contact Information

## PRINT

### **The Chronicle**

321 N Pearl St, Centralia, WA 98531  
360.736.3311 legals@chronline.com

### **The Nisqually Valley News**

401 Creek St SE STE B, Yelm, WA 98597  
PO Box 597, Yelm, WA 98597  
360.458.2681 class@yelmonline.com

### **The Olympian**

605 11th Ave SE, Suite 102, Olympia, WA 98501  
360.754.5400 news@theolympian.com

### **The Tenino Independent**

297 Sussex Ave W, Tenino, WA 98589  
360.264.2500  
independent@devaulpublishing.com

## TELEVISION

### **Thurston Community Media**

440 Yauger Way SW Ste C, Olympia, WA 98502  
Phone: 360.956.3100 Fax: 360.357.2894  
info@tcmedia.org

### **TVW**

1058 Capitol Way S, Olympia, WA 98501,  
Phone: 360.529.5310 tvw@tvw.org

## ONLINE

### **Thurston Talk**

2962 Limited Ln NW  
Olympia, WA 98502  
360.482.1671  
submit@thurstontalk.com

## RADIO

### **KAOS 89.3 FM**

The Evergreen State College  
2700 Evergreen Pkwy NW - CAB 101  
Olympia, WA 98505  
360.867.6888

### **KGY 95.3 FM**

1700 Marine Dr NE, Olympia, WA 98501  
360.943.1240 nick.kerry@kgyradio.com

### **KRXY 94.5 FM - ROXY**

2124 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98506  
360.236.1010 Toll Free: 866.945.ROXY

### **MIXX 96.1 - KXXO**

119 Washington St NE, Olympia, WA 98501  
PO Box 7937, Olympia, WA 98507  
360.943.9937 air@mixx96.com

### **KUOW 94.9 FM & 1340 AM - NPR**

4518 University Way NE Ste 310,  
Seattle, WA 98105  
206.543.2710 Toll Free: 866.820.9919  
newsroom@kuow.org

### **KNKX 88.5 NPR**

930 Broadway, Tacoma, WA 98402  
877.677.5659 info@knkx.org

# Drop Box Locations

Our ballot drop boxes are free, safe and convenient. They are emptied regularly by a team of two election staff members. Boxes are opened the day ballots become available and locked promptly at 8:00 p.m. on Election Night.

## Lacey Area

Lacey Fire 3, Station 34.....	8447 Steilacoom Rd SE
Lacey Fire 3, Station 35.....	3701 Willamette Dr NE
Lacey City Hall .....	420 College St SE
Lacey Post Office .....	5815 Lacey Blvd SE
Martin Village .....	5600 Martin Way E
Woodland Retirement & Assisted Living .....	4532 Intelco Lp SE

## Olympia Area

Church of the Good Shepherd.....	1601 North St SE
Crain's Office Supply .....	1006 4th Ave E
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church .....	1515 Harrison Ave NW
Haggen NW Fresh .....	1313 Cooper Point Rd SW
Olympia City Hall .....	601 4th Ave E
The Evergreen State College.....	2700 McCann Plaza Dr NW
Thurston County Courthouse .....	2000 Lakeridge Dr SW
South Puget Sound Community College.....	2011 Mottman Rd SW
Thurston County Atrium.....	3000 Pacific Ave SE

## Tumwater Area

McLane Black Lake Fire, Station 95 .....	5911 Black Lake Blvd SW
Tumwater Timberland Library .....	7023 New Market St SW
Tumwater School Administration .....	621 Linwood Ave SW

## South County Area

Bucoda.....	103 S Main St
Tenino School District Administration .....	301 Old Hwy 99 N

## Southeast County

Lackamas Elementary.....	16240 Bald Hill Rd SE, Yelm
Nisqually Tribal Admin Bldg.....	4820 She Nah Num Dr SE
Rainier City Hall .....	102 Rochester St W
Yelm Schools Administration .....	110 1 <sup>st</sup> St N

## Southwest County

Grand Mound Center .....	19949 Old Hwy 99 SW, Rochester
Littlerock Fire 11.....	10828 Littlerock Rd SW, Olympia
Rochester Fire 1, Station 3.....	18346 Albany St SW

## Steamboat Island

Griffin Fire 13, Station 1 .....	3707 Steamboat Lp NW
----------------------------------	----------------------

## North County

South Bay Fire 8, Station 81.....	3506 Shincke Rd NE
South Bay Fire 8, Station 83.....	5046 Boston Harbor Rd NE