



City of Winston, Oregon Election Petition Instructions

**General Election
November 3, 2026**

Date: June 3, 2026
To: Those Interested in Seeking Candidacy for Mayor and Winston City Council
Re: City Election Petition Instructions for the November 3, 2026, General Election

The following positions on the Winston City Council will expire on December 31, 2026, and are open for election at the November 3, 2024, General Election:

Mayor – Currently held by *Christie Knutson*
Councilor – Ward 1 – Precinct 23 currently held by *Dorie White*
Councilor- Ward 2 – Precinct 24 currently held by *Nick Wiggins*

The Mayor is nominated and elected at large, by the community. The term of office is two years, and the next term will expire December 31, 2028. Councilors are nominated and elected by ward or precinct and terms are four years. The next terms will expire December 31, 2030.

Pursuant to the 2011 Winston City Charter the following eligibility requirements must be met:

- Candidates for each council seat must reside in their respective ward.
- Candidates for mayor must reside within the city limits.
- Candidates must be qualified electors for at least 60 days prior to the 2026 General Election.
- Candidates must have been a resident of the City of Winston for twelve months prior to the day of election.

Packets are available at Winston City Hall, 201 NW Douglas Blvd., and the city's website at www.WinstonCity.org. Deadline to file petitions with the City, is Tuesday, August 18, 2026 by 5:00 pm for elected incumbents and August 25, 2026 by 5:00 pm for appointed incumbents.

Please refer to the Candidate Manual for circulation guidelines. Candidates need valid signatures of registered voters to be nominated. The number of signatures required for the upcoming election are as follows:

Mayor	25 required. It is recommended to gather at least 50.
Councilor	12 required. It is recommended to gather at least 24.

(Based on 1% of votes cast for the 2022 Gubernatorial race)

Those signing a petition for City Councilor must reside in the same Ward as the candidate. Any registered voter living within the city limits of Winston may sign the petition for Mayor. Each person may only sign a candidate's petition once for a particular office (Once for each Mayoral candidate and once for each Council candidate from their precinct).

*****It is strongly suggested that several extra signatures be gathered should some signers not be qualified*****

The attached packet contains the following:

1. SEL 101 – “Candidate Filing” All elections for Mayor/Councilor in Winston are nonpartisan. Filing is allowed by “Prospective Petition” only. The bottom of the last page must be signed, and is a certification that the candidate 1) accepts the nomination; 2) qualifies for the office; and 3) that all information provided is “true” to the best of the candidate’s knowledge.
2. SEL 121 – “Petition for Nonpartisan Nomination Signature Sheet” This is the form people actually sign. Each sheet holds up to 10 signatures and 5 sheets are included in this packet. Be sure to fill in all the necessary information in the heading and sign the sheet if you are the circulator, or have the circulator sign it. **Important: SIGNATURE SHEETS MUST BE APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION AND SIGNED BY THE CITY MANAGER BEFORE BEING CIRCULATED.** This is to ensure that you understand the rules about who may circulate and who may sign petitions.
3. SEL 338 – “Petition Submission; Candidate”. This form must be completed and filed with any submission of signatures.
4. Douglas County does not publish a voter’s pamphlet.

Additional forms, candidate’s manual, and other resources available at:
www.OregonVotes.org.

Candidate Filing

Major Political Party or Nonpartisan

SEL 101

rev 09/25
ORS 249.031

Filing Dates		Candidate Filing	Candidate Withdrawal
Primary Election May 19, 2026	First Day to File Last Day to File	September 11, 2025 March 10, 2026*	March 13, 2026
General Election November 3, 2026	First Day to File Last Day to File	June 3, 2026 August 25, 2026*	August 28, 2026

*An incumbent seeking re-election to the same office must file their declaration of candidacy or nominating petition at least seven days before applicable filing deadline for non-incumbent candidates. Incumbent candidates that were appointed to the position they are seeking election to are subject to the same filing deadline as non-incumbent candidates.

Filing Information

This filing is an Original Amendment

Office Information

Filing for Office of:

District, Position or County:

Party Affiliation: Democratic Party Republican Party Nonpartisan

Incumbent: No Yes If Incumbent: Elected** Appointed

****If you are an Elected Incumbent, you are subject to an earlier filing deadline!**

Filing Method

Fee

Office	Filing Fee	Office	Filing Fee
United States Senator	\$150	Justice of the Peace	n/a
United States Representative	\$100	County Office	\$50
Statewide Offices	\$100	City Office	Set by charter or ordinance
State Senator or Representative	\$25	MSD Executive Officer, MAD Director	\$100
Circuit Court, District Attorney	\$50	MSD Councilor	\$25

Prospective Petition, in lieu of filing fee Some circulators may be paid Yes No

Candidate Information

Name of Candidate

First | MI | Last

How you would like your name to appear on the ballot

Candidate Residence / Route Address

Street Address | City | State | Zip | County

Candidate Mailing Address and Contact Information Only one phone number and an email is required.

Street Address or PO Box | City | State | Zip

Work Phone | Home Phone | Cell Phone

Email Address | Web Site, if applicable

Race and Ethnicity Optional

Occupation (present employment) If not employed, enter "Not Employed".

Occupational Background (previous employment) If no relevant experience, None or NA must be entered.

Educational Background (schools attended)

Complete name of School	Last Grade completed	Diploma/Degree/Certificate	Course of Study

Educational Background (other) Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed) If no relevant experience, None or NA must be entered.

Campaign Finance Information Not applicable to candidates for federal office.

A candidate must file a Statement of Organization not later than three business days of first receiving a contribution or making an expenditure and no later than the deadline for filing a nominating petition, declaration of candidacy, or certificate of nomination, whichever occurs first, unless they meet the criteria for an exemption. To meet the criteria, the candidate must serve as their own treasurer, not have an existing candidate committee, and not expect to spend or receive more than \$1,500 during the entire calendar year (including in-kind contributions and personal funds).

If you have an existing candidate committee you must amend the statement of organization not later than 10 days after a change in information. This includes changes to the election you are active in and the office you are running for.

See the [Campaign Finance Manual](#) for the procedural and legal requirements of establishing and maintaining a candidate committee.

Residence Address Exemption

To exempt your residence address from public disclosure, complete form [SEL 180 – Residence Address Exemption Request](#). The request for a Residence Address Exemption MUST include a publicly disclosable mailing address. See the Candidates Manual for further information.

I don't want my residence address to be disclosed. I will be filing a separate [SEL 180 – Residence Address Exemption Request](#).

Candidate Attestation

By signing this document, I hereby state that:

- I will accept the nomination for the office indicated above;
- I will qualify for said office if elected;
- All information provided by me on this form is true to the best of my knowledge; **and**
- No circulators will be compensated based on the number of signatures obtained by the circulator on a prospective petition

For Major Political Party Candidates

- if not nominated, I will not accept the nomination or endorsement of any political party other than the one named
- I have been a member of said political party, subject to the exceptions stated in ORS 249.046, for at least 180 days before the deadline for filing a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy (ORS 249.031). Does not apply to candidates filing for the office of US President.

Warning

Supplying false information on this form may result in conviction of a felony with a fine of up to \$125,000 and/or prison for up to 5 years. (ORS 260.715). A person may only file for one lucrative office or not more than one precinct committee person at the same election. Unless the person has withdrawn from the first filing, all filings are invalid. (ORS 249.013 and ORS 249.170)

Candidate Signature

Date

Candidate Signature Sheet | Nonpartisan

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i Signatures must be verified by the appropriate county elections official before the petition can be filed with the filing officer.

Petition ID _____

County _____

Candidate Information

Name	Office
Election	District or Position Number (include city if applicable)

To the Elections Official/Filing Officer, We the undersigned voters, request the candidate's name be placed on the ballot at the election listed above for nomination to the office indicated.

! Signers must initial any changes the circulator makes to their printed name, residence address or date they signed the petition.

Signature _____ **Date Signed** mm/dd/yy _____ **Print Name** _____

Residence or Mailing Address street, city, zip code _____

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Circulator Certification This certification must be completed by the circulator and additional signatures should not be collected on this sheet once the certification has been signed and dated! I hereby certify that I witnessed the signing of the signature sheet by each individual whose signature appears on the signature sheet, and I believe each person is a voter qualified to sign the petition (ORS 249.061). I also hereby certify that compensation I received, if any, was not based on the number of signatures obtained for this petition.

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Date Signed mm/dd/yy _____

Sheet Number
Completed by
Candidate _____

Printed Name of Circulator _____

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Petition Submission

Candidate, Voters' Pamphlet

SEL 338

rev. 12/24
GAR 165-010-0005, 165-016-0000

→ This form must be completed and filed with any submission of signatures.

Election Type	Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Special Election	<input type="checkbox"/> 2024 <input type="checkbox"/> 2025 <input type="checkbox"/> 2026

Petition Information
Petition ID/Candidate's Name

Type of Filing	Number of Signatures Submitted
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Nominating	
<input type="checkbox"/> Voters' Pamphlet, Candidate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Voters' Pamphlet, Measure	

Candidate's Nominating/Voters' Pamphlet Filing
→ By signing this document, I hereby state that all information on the form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name	Contact Phone	Email Address
Signature	Date Signed	

Measure Argument Filing
→ By signing this document, I hereby state that all information on the form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name	Contact Phone	Email Address
Signature	Date Signed	

For office use only	
Submittal number	Number of signatures accepted
Is the petition complete? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Will there be additional submittals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No