

Primary Election – Aug. 4, 2015

Election Information and Results Schedule

What's on the Ballot?

- Pierce County Advisory Vote No. 1 – General Services Building
- 30th Legislative District, State Representative No. 2
- Charter Review Positions – Elected by County Council District
 - Primary elections in 17 of 21 offices
 - 80 candidates
- Port of Tacoma
- Primary elections and propositions for cities, towns, school districts and fire districts.

To learn more about the candidates and local measures view the [printed voters' pamphlet](#) or the [online voter guide](#).

Special Elections

District	Pass/Fail Requirements
Pierce County – Advisory Vote No. 1 GSA Building	Simple Majority
Town of Steilacoom – Proposition No. 1 EMS Tax Levy	Simple Majority
Fire Protection District No. 3 – Proposition No. 1 Tax Levy for M&O	6,197 Yes votes plus a 60% favorable margin
Fire Protection District No. 10 – Proposition No. 1 EMS Tax Levy	481 Yes votes plus a 60% favorable margin
Fire Protection District No. 16 – Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift	Simple Majority
Fire Protection District No. 18 – Proposition No. 1 EMS Tax Levy	935 Yes votes plus a 60% favorable margin
Fire Protection District No. 23 – Proposition No. 1 EMS Tax Levy	111 Yes votes plus a 60% favorable margin
Fire Protection District No. 26 – Proposition No. 1 EMS Tax Levy	30 Yes votes plus a 60% favorable margin

Voting - Returning Ballots

By Mail

- One first class stamp (49 cents) is required to return the ballot.
- Ballot must be postmarked on or before Aug. 4, 2015.
- Return your ballot early. Don't wait!

Ballot Drop Boxes

- Open 24/7 until 8 p.m. on Aug 4, 2015.
- 30 drop boxes open for this election.
- No stamp is required.
- One new box recently installed
 - Roy City Hall, 216 McNaught Rd. S., Roy
- [Drop Box locations](#)

Voting Centers

- Four voting centers are open.
 - Gig Harbor Civic Center, 3510 Grandview St., Gig Harbor
 - Pierce County Elections Center, 2501 S 35th St., Suite C, Tacoma
 - Puyallup Library, 324 South Meridian, Puyallup
 - TACID – Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities, 6315 S 19th St., Tacoma
- Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- Services provided:
 - Accessible voting using a touch screen machine.
 - Provisional ballots.
 - Voter assistance.
- [Voting Center locations](#)



Key Dates

Primary Election Day	Aug 4, 2015	Results 8:15 p.m.
Canvassing Board Meeting	Aug. 14, 2015	10 a.m.
Canvassing Board Meeting – Certification	Aug. 18, 2015	11 a.m.

General Election Dates

Registration deadline mail and online	Oct. 5, 2015
Registration deadline in-person (new voters only)	Oct. 26, 2015
Election Day	Nov. 3, 2015

Turnout

Total registered voters	454,124
2015 Primary Election expected turnout	23% or approximately 104,000 ballots
2013 Primary Election turnout	19.8%
2011 Primary Election turnout	27.1%
2009 Primary Election turnout	19.2%

Why is turnout so low in odd-year primaries?

- Political disengagement is increasing across the country (remember the 2014 General Election?)
- Voter confidence is decreasing across the country (see the latest Elway Poll, released yesterday).
- In the Primary for local government, voters are unfamiliar with many of the candidates and don't always understand the role of the local elected official.
- This year, County Charter Review Commissioners may really be throwing voters for a loop.
- In these off-year Primaries, there are rarely any races that have a party affiliation. Some voters feel lost without the party brand.
- During the NW summer season, people may be distracted with vacations or projects.

Results Release Schedule

Visit the Auditor's Office [current election page](#) for the latest results.

Tuesday, Aug. 4 Election Day	8:15 p.m. (includes ballots processed through Election Day)
Wednesday, Aug. 5	7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 6	7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 7	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 11	4 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 13	4 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 14	4 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 17	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 18	12 p.m. (final results)

Results are unofficial until election certification. Schedule is subject to change dependent on volume of ballots. Times are approximate.

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