

## Summer 2026

### To: Prospective City Council Candidates

Congratulations on your decision to run for public office!

The 2026 General Election will be held November 3, 2026. In Newberg, a Mayor and three Councilors will be elected to the Newberg City Council. The current terms of office for Bill Rosacker (Mayor), Peggy Kilburg (District 2), Robyn Wheatley (District 4), and Derek Carmon (District 6) will end on December 31, 2026.

- Filing opens: June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Incumbent Deadline: August 18<sup>th</sup>
- Non-Incumbent Deadline: August 25<sup>th</sup>

The 2026 candidate elections are for Mayor and Councilors in Districts 2, 4, and 6 for a term of January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2030. All offices are elected at large.

This guide provides an overview of the local election process. For more information, candidates should review the [Newberg City Charter and Municipal Code online](#). Chapter VII of the Newberg City Charter and Chapter 2.05, Article II lists requirements for local candidate elections. The City is also bound by Oregon Election Law as administered by the Secretary of State. Yamhill County conducts the election.

Candidates for local office also need to be aware of state requirements, including campaign finance rules, and should review the state elections website: <https://www.oregonvotes.org>. In addition, the Yamhill County elections website is a valuable source of information: <https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/content/current-year-elections>

To run for office in Newberg, residents can do so by either:

1. Filing a declaration of candidacy ([SEL 101](#)) and a petition ([SEL 121](#)) and collecting 25 signatures of qualified, legal voters of the City of Newberg, Yamhill County, Oregon or
2. Filing a declaration of candidacy ([SEL 101](#)) and paying a \$25 filing fee.
3. Candidates who wish their personal address to remain confidential must file an [SEL 180](#) with the state.

Statements for the Voter's pamphlet are filed with the Yamhill County Clerk.

Candidates should review the requirements for Campaign Finance and file any needed documentation with the state: [State of Oregon: Elections - Campaign Finance and Disclosures](#)

To withdraw you must file an [SEL 150](#) with the city.

### Newberg Candidate requirements:

Candidates must be registered voters in the state of Oregon and have lived in the City of Newberg for 12 months immediately preceding the election. Candidates must also reside in the district where they are running for office and remain in residence throughout their term.

Forms are available at the links above from the Secretary of State website. The local elections official must verify candidates and approve petition nominating signature sheets in writing. Failure to do so before beginning circulation will result in rejection of the signature sheets. All information is a public record and can be requested by the public through the Oregon Public Records and Meetings Law.

It is your responsibility to ensure your candidate paperwork is complete and submitted on time. When you are ready to file candidate papers, please contact the City Recorder to make an appointment to submit them in person.

### Contact Information:

Rachel Thomas  
City Recorder/ City Elections Officer  
(503) 537-1283  
[cityrecorder@newbergoregon.gov](mailto:cityrecorder@newbergoregon.gov)

### Candidate Checklist

#### Method A) By Petition

1. Turn in the following forms (before gathering any signatures).
  - SEL 101 Candidate Filing – See the Candidate Manual for guidelines on completing this form. Allow 2-5 business days for the City Recorder to verify you are a valid candidate.
  - SEL 121 Candidate Signature Sheet – Nonpartisan – See the Candidate manual for guidelines on completing this form.
2. The City Recorder approves the SEL 121 for signature gathering and provides the candidate with a letter authorizing the collection of signatures. **After it has been approved you may start collecting signatures. All signatures must be validated before the filing deadline.**
  - Newberg Municipal Code requires the petition be signed by not less than 25 electors whom reside in the district you are a candidate in. Signers must also be a valid active registered voter in the state of Oregon, and have resided in the City for not less than three months prior to signing. If voters are uncertain if they are an active voter, have them contact Yamhill County Elections at (503) 554-7850, [elections@co.yamhill.or.us](mailto:elections@co.yamhill.or.us), or 414 NE Evans Street, McMinnville, Oregon.

3. Once completed signature sheets are returned to the City Recorder and sent to the county for validation. **It is highly suggested that this is completed a week before the applicable filing deadline to ensure all documents can be verified in time.**
4. Accept the nomination by signing the acceptance letter supplied by the City Recorder before the deadline.

#### Method B) Filing Fee

1. Turn in the following form
  - a. SEL 101 Candidate Filing – See the Candidate Manual for guidelines on completing this form. Allow 2-5 business days for the City Recorder to verify you are a valid candidate.
2. Pay \$25 Filing Fee to City of Newberg.
3. Accept the nomination by signing the acceptance letter supplied by the City Recorder before the deadline.

#### Deadlines:

- Incumbent (elected) Deadline: August 18<sup>th</sup>
- Non-Incumbent (and appointed incumbents) Deadline: August 25<sup>th</sup>

For clarification on incumbent status, please contact the City Recorder. All materials must be submitted and all signatures verified by this deadline. If you are filing by petition, please allow for extra time to verify signatures.

#### Additional Steps after filing for office:

- As required by state law, candidates must follow campaign finance reporting requirements. Visit [Oregonvotes.gov](https://www.oregonvotes.gov) to review the reporting manuals. Be sure to review the contribution and expenditure reporting requirements and observe the filing deadlines.
- City candidates may buy space in the county voter pamphlet by submitting the “Candidate’s Statement for Voter’s Pamphlet” form together with a fee. **The voter pamphlet filing must be submitted to the Yamhill County Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., August 25, 2026.** Go to <https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/408/Candidate-Committee-Resources> for forms.
- Political Signs and printed material. [Regulations for temporary signs](#) are detailed in the municipal code. Contact the Planning Department for any questions at [planning@newbergoregon.gov](mailto:planning@newbergoregon.gov)
- The last day a candidate may withdraw their filing is August 28, 2026. All state election forms and manuals can be found online at [www.oregonvotes.org](https://www.oregonvotes.org).

## November 3, 2026 Elections Calendar

Mayor, Districts 2, 4, and 6

First date to file as a candidate	June 3, 2026
First date to submit statement to the County for voter's pamphlet	July 6, 2026
Last date to complete paperwork as an incumbent candidate (current councilor or mayor)	August 18, 2026
Last date to complete paperwork as a non-incumbent candidate (not a current councilor or mayor)	August 25, 2026
Deadline to withdraw candidacy	August 28, 2026
Deadline to submit statement to County for voter's pamphlet	August 25, 2026
Last date to register to vote	October 13, 2026
Election Day	November 3, 2026