



**November 3, 2026, General Election
City of Yamhill
City Council Candidate Application Packet**

At the 2026 General Election, the positions of Mayor and two Councilor positions will appear on the ballot. The filing period for interested candidates **begins on June 3, 2026. The filing process, including signature verification, must be completed by August 18th, 2026, for incumbents and August 25th, 2026, for new candidates.**

The City Recorder, Angie Fowler, is responsible for holding/noticing the caucus. All acceptance of nominations, declarations of candidacy, and nomination petitions shall be filed with the City Recorder. The City Recorder will verify signatures on petitions. The City Recorder shall maintain copies of required paperwork for City elections, per Yamhill Municipal Code 1.12. You may contact Angie Fowler at (503) 662-3511 ext. 102, or at a.fowler@yamhilloregon.gov.

OPEN CITY OF YAMHILL POSITIONS

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| Mayor | Currently held by Shea Corrigan | Two-Year Term |
| Councilor | Currently held by Kim Kind | Four-Year Term |
| Councilor | Currently held by Patty Pairan | Four-Year Term |

- All positions are non-partisan.
- All positions are volunteer/non-paid.
- All terms will begin in January 2027.

QUALIFICATIONS AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify as a candidate for Mayor or a City Councilor, you must be:

- A qualified elector under the laws and constitution of the State of Oregon and a registered voter of the City of Yamhill; and
- A resident of the City of Yamhill who has resided continuously in the city during the 12 months immediately preceding the election for which they are filing for.
- Not employed by the City of Yamhill

YAMHILL CITY CAUCUS

Yamhill is the only City in Oregon that continues to hold a caucus for the purpose of nominating “City Ticket” candidates for the City Council.

Registered voters within the City of Yamhill will gather and make their nominations for positions open in the November 3, 2026, General Election. The nominees who accept will then be voted on by the assembly of electors, and the nominee with the largest number of votes will be placed upon the ballot as candidates for the respective offices for which so nominated.

The City Caucus will be held on June 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Beulah City Park.

Please note: Candidates nominated by caucus need to meet the same qualifications and residency requirements as those of candidates filing via petition.

HOW TO FILE VIA PETITION

Please review this information packet that will assist candidates in fulfilling the requirements to appear on the November ballot. The City of Yamhill follows the state guidelines for Candidates Filing by Nominating Petition (as set forth in the Candidate Elections Manual). The referenced filing forms are also included in this packet. Elections Manuals produced by the Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division can be found at their website – www.sos.state.or.us.

Step 1: Submit Declaration of Candidacy Form and Prospective Petition Form

Complete the two forms listed below and submit to the City Elections Officer for approval **PRIOR TO GATHERING ANY SIGNATURES** and well in advance of your respective filing deadline.

- SEL 101 – Candidate Filing – Nonpartisan (marked “Prospective Petition”)
- SEL 121 – Candidate Signature Sheet – Nonpartisan

Guidelines for completion of these forms can be found in the City Candidate Elections Manual.

The City Elections Officer will review the prospective petition, determine that the candidate meets requirements, and **provide written approval** authorizing the candidate to begin the collection of signatures. This process can take 5-7 business days to complete, and may require additional information to be provided for verification.

Step 2: Collect Signatures

The City of Yamhill Charter requires a petition to contain at least 10 qualified signatures (City of Yamhill-registered voters). It is recommended that you gather more than the minimum to ensure you have the required amount necessary.

When ample signatures have been collected, the candidate shall submit the petition(s) to the City of Yamhill/City Recorder, for verification of signatures at Yamhill City Hall, 205 S. Maple Street, Yamhill.

Oregon law requires that each petition sheet be properly certified by its circulator, who must personally witness each signature. Please review the guidelines for the circulation of petitions in the Oregon Secretary of State's election manual.

Step 3: Submit Completed Signature Sheets

Submit completed signature sheet(s) with petition submission form to City Recorder at 205 S Maple St., Yamhill, OR 97148

- **SEL 338** – Petition Submission
- **SEL 121** – Verified signature sheets that contain the required 10 valid signatures.

When submitting the signature sheets to the City of Yamhill City Recorder, the candidate will:

- Ensure each signature sheet certification is signed and dated by the circulator.
- Number each signature sheet sequentially in the spaces provided.

As a guideline, signature petitions should be submitted to City of Yamhill/ City Recorder no later than **August 11, 2026, for elected/incumbent; or, August 18, 2026, for nonincumbent.** This will help ensure all signature verifications are completed by the deadline.

The signatures will be submitted to the County Clerk's Office for verification of signatures. If it is determined that there are not enough valid signatures and the filing deadline has not passed, the candidate may gather and submit additional signatures.

The City of Yamhill Elections Officer will provide a tabulation of the number of valid signatures contained on the accepted signature sheets.

Step 4: Complete Filing

Once candidates have completed all forms and collected the minimum number of signatures by the filing deadline, they will be notified that their filing is complete.

The entire filing process, including signature verification, must be completed by:

August 18th, at 4:00 p.m. for Elected/Incumbent

August 25th, at 4:00 p.m. for New Candidates

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All campaign finance reporting is handled at the Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division. A candidate quick guide on Campaign Finance Reporting has been included with this information packet. All of the forms and additional information regarding the process can be found at the Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division website – [State of Oregon: Elections - Campaign Finance and Disclosures](#).

Campaign Finance Guidelines

Each candidate must establish a campaign account and file a Statement of Organization designating a candidate committee unless the candidate meets **ALL** three of the following conditions:

- The candidate serves as the candidate's own treasurer;
- The candidate does not have an existing candidate committee; AND
- The candidate does not expect to receive or spend more than \$1500 during the calendar year. (The \$1500 includes personal funds spent for any campaign-related costs.)

If you do not meet all of the above conditions, but do not expect to receive a total of more than \$5,000 or spend a total of more than \$5,000 for the entire calendar year, you must do all of the following:

- Establish a dedicated campaign bank account
- File a Statement of Organization for Candidate Committee on ORESTAR
- File a Certificate of Limited Contributions and Expenditures on ORESTAR no later than 7 days after receiving the first contribution or making the first expenditure
- Note: if you were previously under the \$1,500 threshold, the Certificate must be filed not later than 7 days after exceeding the threshold

If you expect to spend or receive more than \$5,000 you will need to do the following:

- Register the committee in the Secretary of State's Election Division ORESTAR system;
- File a Statement of Organization with the Secretary of State Elections Division using form **SEL 220** (using the electronic ORESTAR program or by paper); AND
- Establish a dedicated campaign account and file Campaign Account Information using form **SEL 223**;

If you have questions regarding Campaign Finance, please contact the Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division at 503-986-1518.

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

Mayor and Council candidates have the opportunity to place a candidate statement in the Yamhill County Voter Pamphlet. Applications must be submitted to the Yamhill County Elections Division no later than August 25, 2026. More information can be obtained from Yamhill County Elections Office.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST /STATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All people holding office in the City of Yamhill are required to file Statements of Economic Interest with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. The annual reports must be filed by April 15 every year of the incumbency of the elected official. Information will be requested concerning sources of income, property, business interests and gifts related to the office. Civic penalties may be imposed for failure to file, or for insufficient information. For additional information or sample forms, information can be found on the Oregon Government Ethics Commission website - www.oregon.gov/OGEC or by contacting the Commission at (503) 378-5105

ELECTION SIGN REGULATIONS

Before purchasing or displaying any election signs, please review the City of Yamhill Municipal Code 10.64.

ELECTION OFFICES

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Secretary of State - Elections Division
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www.oregonvotes.org

Yamhill County Elections
(503) 434-7518
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McMinnville, OR 97128
elections@co.yamhill.or.us
www.yamhillcounty.gov/405/elections



Please do not hesitate to contact the City Elections Officer for additional information or questions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE CITY OF YAMHILL!!!

KEY DATES - 2026 SCHEDULE FOR CANDIDATES

| DATE | DESCRIPTION OF EVENT |
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| June 3, 2026 | First day for candidates to file Declaration of Candidacy for the November 3, 2026, General Election. |
| June 12, 2026 | City Caucus held at Yamhill City Hall, Council Chambers (6:00 p.m.) for nominations of "City Ticket" candidates. |
| August 18, 2026 | Deadline for elected/incumbent candidates to complete filing by submitting a verified nominating petition with signatures to the City of Yamhill Elections Officer (4:00 p.m.) *It is recommended that verified nominating petitions be submitted before this day to allow time for additional signatures, if necessary. *Suggested 5-7 days in advance* |
| August 25, 2026 | Deadline for non-elected/incumbent candidates to complete filing by submitting a verified nominating petition with signatures to the City of Yamhill Elections Officer (4:00 p.m.) *It is recommended that verified nominating petitions be submitted before this day to allow time for additional signatures, if necessary. *Suggested 5-7 days in advance* |
| August 25, 2026 | Deadline to file Voter Pamphlet Statement with County Elections Office |
| August 28, 2026 | Last day for candidates to withdraw |
| November 3, 2026 | ELECTION DAY |