



Candidate Qualifications

County Executive

A candidate must be registered in and a resident of Snohomish County for a period of at least 3 years immediately preceding the date of filing and a citizen of the United States over the age of 21 upon the date set for this election. (SCC 4.30)

The County Executive office is partisan. Candidates will be required to declare a political party preference when filing for office. Political party preference will appear on the ballot next to each candidate's name.

Term Limits: Elected official may serve no more than three consecutive full terms (12 years) in a Snohomish County office (exceptions - Prosecuting Attorney and Superior/District Court Judges).

County Council

A candidate must be registered in and a resident of Snohomish County for a period of at least 3 years immediately preceding the date of filing and a citizen of the United States over the age of 21 upon the date set for this election. (SCC 4.30)

Council members are nominated and elected from the council district in which they reside. County Council offices are partisan. Candidates will be required to declare a political party preference when filing for office. Political party preference will appear on the ballot next to each candidate's name.

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County Elected Officials

A candidate must be registered in and a resident of Snohomish County for a period of at least 3 years immediately preceding the date of filing and a citizen of the United States over the age of 21 upon the date set for this election. (SCC 4.30)

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

Term Limits: Elected official may serve no more than three consecutive full terms (12 years) in a Snohomish County office (exceptions - Prosecuting Attorney and Superior/District Court Judges).

Superior Court

A candidate must have been admitted to practice in the courts of record of this state or of the territory of Washington.

The office will NOT appear on any ballot if only ONE candidate files for one position. Two filings will trigger a primary and will appear in lot draw order. If one candidate receives the majority of votes in the primary, the position will NOT appear on the General Election ballot. If no candidate receives a majority of votes in the primary, then the top two candidates will appear on the general ballot in the order of most votes received.



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Cities and Towns

A candidate must be a registered voter of the city at the time of filing and a resident of the city at least one year preceding election.

Exception: Both the Town of Darrington and the Town of Index require a candidate to be a registered voter within the town. There is no minimum time for residency.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

School Districts

A candidate must be a registered voter within the school district and reside in the director district of the position for which they are filing.

Exception: Both Everett and Index school districts have "at-large" director districts and therefore a candidate only needs to live in the school district.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

Fire Districts

A candidate must be a registered voter within the fire district.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

Water/Sewer Districts

A candidate must be a registered voter within the water or sewer district.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

Hospital Districts

A candidate must be a registered voter within the hospital district.

Exception: Hospital District 1. A candidate must be a registered voter and reside in the commissioner district filed upon in the hospital district. In the Primary, only voters within the commissioner district that is on the ballot vote to advance a candidate to the General Election. Voters from the entire hospital district vote on any commissioner position in the General Election.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

Port Districts

A candidate must be a registered voter and reside in the commissioner district filed upon in the port district.

In the Primary, only voters within the commissioner district that is on the ballot vote to advance a candidate to the General Election. Voters from the entire port district vote on any commissioner position in the General Election.

Exception: Edmonds Port District: Positions 4 and 5 are "at-large" positions and therefore a candidate only needs to be a registered voter and reside within the port district.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

Park and Recreation Districts

A candidate must be a registered voter within the park and recreation district.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.