City of SHADY COVE
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Congratulations on your decision to seek public office on the Shady Cove City Council. The following documents and steps below will assist you in the process:

Secretary of State's Candidate Manual; and
Secretary of State's Campaign Finance Manual.

Filing steps for City Council positions:

1) On or after June 3, 2026, complete and file **Form SEL 101** (Candidate Filing - Major Political Party or Nonpartisan) **and Form SEL 121** (Candidate Signature Sheet - Nonpartisan), before gathering signatures. Form SEL 121 (Candidate Signature Sheet - Nonpartisan) must be submitted for approval prior to circulating for signatures. Failure to receive prior approval will result in the rejection of signature sheets. Remember, you must be registered to vote and have resided within the city limits for a period of one year prior to the election and throughout service. Further, elected officials are required to file a Statement of Economic Interest annually with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission and are also Mandatory Reporters through the Oregon Department of Human Services – Child Welfare.

2) After submitting and receiving approval of Forms SEL 101 and SEL 121, gather at least twenty (20) valid signatures on the approved Form SEL 121 (Candidate Signature Sheet - Nonpartisan) and submit with **Form SEL 338** (Petition Submission Form). Forms SEL 121 and SEL 338 for **incumbents** should be completed and submitted by 5:00 p.m. on August 7th, and **new and appointed incumbent candidates** should submit by 5:00 p.m. on August 14th. This allows time to complete the signature verification process and helps ensure candidates meet the State's August 18th filing deadline for incumbents and August 25th for new and appointed incumbent candidates. Obtaining 20% more signatures than required is recommended in case some are disqualified. Signatures and addresses on petitions must be identical to the way they appear on voter registration cards filed at the County Elections Office. Once verified by the Jackson County Elections Office, I will notify you of the verification results.

3) Optional – Voters Pamphlet. Candidates intending to file a statement and photograph for publication in the Jackson County Voters' Pamphlet must do so with the Jackson County Elections Office - (541) 774-6148, no later than August 25th at 4:00 p.m.

Please let me know if there are questions or other assistance is needed. Review of **Shady Cove's City Charter, Council Rules,** and **Zoning Ordinance 154.350,154.351,154.352)** regarding political signs is recommended. You may reach me by email at rpetersen@shadycove.org or calling 541-878-3025.

Best regards,

/s/ Jeannine Curry

Jeannine Curry, City Recorder

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How Elections Work

Elections are **administered by Jackson County**, with the City Recorder coordinating candidate filings and local measures. The City does **not** conduct voting or count ballots—Jackson County handles all official election processes, including certification.

For voter information, mail-in ballots, ballot tracking, or campaign finance guidance, visit the **Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division**.

Upcoming Elections (2026)

- **Primary:** May 19, 2026
- **General:** November 3, 2026
- **Voter registration deadline:** 21 days before each election (ORS 247.012)
- **Ballots must be received by 8:00 PM on Election Day**

Drop box locations and ballot tracking: **Jackson County Elections**

City Offices on the Ballot

- **Mayor (2-year term):** Jan 1, 2027 – Dec 31, 2028
- **Two City Councilors (4-year terms):** Jan 1, 2027 – Dec 31, 2030
- **One City Councilor (2-year terms):** Jan 1, 2027-Dec 31, 2028

Current officeholders (terms ending Dec 31, 2026): Mayor:
Lena Richardson
City Council: Paige Winfrey, Kathy Nuckles, Cheryl Singleton

All city elections are **nonpartisan** and at-large.

Candidate Filing Requirements

Candidates must:

1. Be **registered voters** in Shady Cove (ORS 249.025)
2. **Reside within city limits** for at least 12 months prior to the election and during their term
3. Submit required forms to the City Recorder:
    - **SEL 101** – Candidate Filing (nonpartisan)
    - **SEL 121** – Candidate Signature Sheet (approved before collecting signatures)

- **SEL 338** – Petition Submission Form

Candidates must collect **at least 20 valid signatures**. The City Recorder submits signature sheets to Jackson County for verification.

Filing Timeline (2026)

- First day to file: June 3
- Last day for incumbent candidates: Aug 18
- Last day for new/appointed candidates: Aug 25
- Last day to file voters' pamphlet statement: Aug 25
- Last day to withdraw: Aug 28

Deadlines ensure compliance with ORS 249–260.

Campaign Finance

Candidates must comply with **Oregon campaign finance laws (ORS Chapter 260)**:

- Report **all contributions and expenditures**
- File electronically via **ORESTAR**
- Maintain accurate records for inspection

Additional Candidate Responsibilities

- File a **Statement of Economic Interest** annually with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission
- Follow city rules on **signs** (Municipal Code 154.350,154.351,154.352)
- Review **City Charter and Council Rules**

Ballot Measures

- Local ballot measures (if any) appear on the November ballot
- Filing and publication follow ORS 250.035–250.043 via Jackson County

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Resources

- **Jackson County Elections:** jacksoncountyor.org/elections
- **Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division:** sos.oregon.gov/elections

- **Campaign Finance (ORESTAR):** ORESTAR

Election Results

Official results are published by **Jackson County Elections**: View Results

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✅ **Key Notes**

- City elections are **nonpartisan**
- Candidates are responsible for timely filings, signature verification, and campaign finance reporting
- All election processes comply with **Oregon law (ORS Chapters 249–260)**