



# City of Springfield

## 2026 Candidate Information Packet

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### Introduction

Thank you for your interest in serving the citizens of Springfield. This packet provides essential information for prospective candidates seeking election to Springfield City offices or the Springfield Utility Board (SUB). It summarizes filing requirements, deadlines, qualifications, and campaign finance rules.

This material is provided for informational purposes only and does not replace professional legal or financial advice. Candidates remain responsible for compliance with all state, federal, and local election laws.

### Election Dates

- Primary Election: Tuesday, May 19, 2026
- General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

The Springfield City Charter requires a primary election for Mayor and City Council positions.

- If a candidate wins a majority in the primary, they are elected.
- If no majority is reached, the top two candidates proceed to the general election.

Springfield Utility Board elections are held at the general election.

### Offices Open for Election (2026 Primary Cycle)

Position	Incumbent	Nomination	Elected	Term
Ward 1	Michelle Webber	By Ward	At-Large	4 years
Ward 2	Steve Moe	By Ward	At-Large	4 years
Ward 5	Vacant	By Ward	At-Large	4 years

## Candidate Qualifications

### Mayor / Council

- Must be a registered voter in Oregon.
- Mayor: must reside within Springfield city limits at all times.
- Council: must reside within the ward they represent.

### Springfield Utility Board (SUB)

- Must be a qualified voter residing within Springfield city limits for at least 1 year prior to election.
- Cannot hold a financial interest in a utility competing with SUB.

## Filing Deadlines for the City of Springfield (May 2026 Primary Election)

**NOTE:** the following deadlines are earlier than those found on the Lane County Elections page. This allows the City of Springfield Elections Official time to present the items to Lane County Elections and for them to approve the presented forms.

All candidacy filings must be received no later than 5:00 PM on the deadline.

- First day to file: September 11, 2025
- Last day to file (non-incumbents): March 3, 2026
- Last day for elected incumbents: February 24, 2026
- Last day to withdraw: March 6, 2026

## Filing Deadlines for the Springfield Utility Board (SUB) (November 2026 General Election)

**NOTE:** the following deadlines are earlier than those found on the Lane County Elections page. This allows the City of Springfield Elections Official time to present the items to Lane County Elections and for them to approve the presented forms.

All candidacy filings must be received no later than 5:00 PM on the deadline.

- First day to file: June 3, 2026
- Last day to file (non-incumbents): August 18, 2026
- Last day for elected incumbents: August 11, 2026
- Last day to withdraw: August 28, 2026

The Springfield City Recorder is the Elections Filing Officer for City of Springfield and Springfield Utility Board elections. All documents, excluding financial documents, must be filed with the Springfield City Recorder, City Manager's Office, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield, Oregon, 97477 (541) 726-3701. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment with the City Recorder to review your forms and answer any questions you have.

## Filing Method

### Nominating Petition

- File SEL 101 (marked Prospective Petition).
- Obtain approval from City Recorder before circulating.
- Use SEL 121 (Candidate Signature Sheet – Nonpartisan).
- Collect signatures from registered voters:
  - 25 signatures minimum for Springfield offices (Charter §2.215).
  - Recommended to collect more to account for invalid signatures.
- Submit completed petition with SEL 338 (Petition Submission Form) for verification.

### Required Forms

Forms are available at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov)

- SEL 101 – Candidate Filing (Major Party or Nonpartisan)
- SEL 121 – Candidate Signature Sheet (Nonpartisan)
- SEL 220 – Statement of Organization for Candidate Committee (if contributions/expenditures exceed \$750)
- Optional: SEL 180 (Residence Address Exemption Request)

<https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/public-record-exemption-sel-180.aspx>

All necessary forms can be found at the link below:

<https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/electionforms.aspx>

### Campaign Finance Rules

Candidates must comply with Oregon campaign finance law:

- File SEL 220 and establish a campaign account before collecting contributions or spending funds.
- Exemption: if serving as own treasurer, have no existing committee, and do not expect to raise/spend more than \$750 in a calendar year.
- If contributions/expenditures exceed \$3,500, detailed reports must be filed electronically using ORESTAR.

See the Oregon Campaign Finance Manual at <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections/Pages/default.aspx> for full details.

### Voters' Pamphlet

- Candidates may submit a statement for the state voters' pamphlet (administered by the Oregon Secretary of State).
- Springfield also publishes an Online Voters' Pamphlet.
  - Eligible offices: Mayor, Council, SUB, Springfield School Board, and Willamalane Board.
  - \$25 fee for inclusion.

## Filing Location

All documents (except campaign finance filings) must be submitted to:

Springfield City Recorder, Allyson Pulido  
225 Fifth Street  
Springfield, OR 97477  
(541) 726-3701

**Please call ahead to schedule an appointment with the City Recorder to review your forms and answer your questions.**

## Key Contacts

- Springfield City Recorder: Allyson Pulido – (541) 726-3701, [publicrecords@springfield-or.gov](mailto:publicrecords@springfield-or.gov)
- Lane County Elections Division: (541) 682-4234, [elections@lanecountyor.gov](mailto:elections@lanecountyor.gov)
- Oregon Secretary of State – Elections Division: (503) 986-1518, [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov)