

Notice of Primary Election
Jefferson County, State of Washington
Tuesday, August 4, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified voters of Jefferson County, State of Washington that on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, a Primary Election will be conducted entirely by mail. For each race, the two candidates who receive the most votes in the Primary will advance to the General Election. All issues on the ballot are listed below. Eligible voters living in the below jurisdictions / districts will receive a ballot.

Jurisdictions / Offices in this election:

City of Port Townsend – Nonpartisan Office

- Council Member Position No. 6

Sequim School District No. 323 – Nonpartisan Offices

- Director District No. 1
- Director At Large, Position No. 5

Clallam-Jefferson Fire Protection District No. 3

- Commissioner Position No. 1

Ballots for this election will be mailed to all qualified voters on July 15, 2015.

The online voter guide is available at www.myvote.wa.gov

Voter Registration Deadlines for persons registering to vote in Washington State for this election are:

July 6, 2015 Twenty-nine days before the election – Last day for mail-in or online new registrations and voter updates within and between Washington counties.

July 27, 2015 Eight days before the election – Last day for in-person registration at the Jefferson County Auditor's Office (1820 Jefferson St, Port Townsend) for those voters not already registered in the State of Washington.

Voter registration forms are available at the Jefferson County Auditor's Office as well as various locations throughout the county (schools, libraries, community centers, etc). You may also register to vote and change your name and address at all driver licensing locations or online at www.myvote.wa.gov.

A registered voter who misses the deadline to transfer his or her residential address may vote according to his or her previous registration address. Registration applications and updates submitted after the deadline will take effect for the next election.

Any voter who does not receive their ballot, or needs a replacement ballot, may request one:

- **Online** at www.myvote.wa.gov, (enter your name as you are registered, and your date of birth);
- **By phone** to the Jefferson County Auditor's Office: 360-385-9119 or;
- **In person** at the Jefferson County Auditor's Office (1820 Jefferson St., Port Townsend).
- **By Email** at elections@co.jefferson.wa.us

An Accessible Voting Unit (AVU), also known as AutoMARK, is available at the Jefferson County Auditor's Office from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays, July 15, 2015 thru Election Day, August 4, 2015, with Election Day hours from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The AVU is a tool – an “electronic pen” equipped with audio and visual technology – to assist voters who have a difficult time seeing and/or marking a ballot with a regular pen. It allows voters to vote a secret ballot independently. The side entrance to the County Courthouse, located on Cass St., is ADA accessible.

How to return your ballot:

- **By Mail:** First Class Postage is required on all ballots returned by mail. If you are mailing your ballot on Election Day, be sure to check the postmark cut off time at your Post Office and if they postmark it there or send it to their processing location for the postmark, possibly resulting in a next

day postmark. Ballots bearing a postmark after Election Day, August 4, 2015, will be considered late, and cannot be counted.

- **Ballot Drop Box:** Two Ballot Drop Boxes are available 20 days before an election and open 24 hours a day. On Election Day, ballots will be accepted in the drop boxes until 8:00 p.m. They are located at:
 - Jefferson County Courthouse: 1820 Jefferson St., Port Townsend - back parking lot.
 - Jefferson County Rural Library: 620 Cedar Ave., Port Hadlock – next to book drop in parking area.
- **In-Person:** Auditor's Office on the 1st Floor in the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson St., Port Townsend. Regular office hours Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with Election Day hours 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In order for a ballot to be counted, the voter must sign the Voter's Declaration on the return envelope. The Declaration on the return envelope may only be signed by the registered voter whose ballot is inside. If you are unable to sign, you may make a mark on the signature line in the presence of two witnesses. The two witnesses need to sign in the space provided on the declaration envelope. A power of attorney or signature stamp are NOT permitted.

Contact the Jefferson County Auditor's Office for additional information about voter registration or the upcoming Election.

Open Public Meetings:

Pursuant to RCW 29A.60.160, the Jefferson County Canvassing Board, or their appointed designees, will hold open public meetings under the applicable provisions of chapter 42.30 RCW on the dates and times listed below. Each meeting shall be continued until the activity for which the meeting is held has been completed.

All ballot processing activities will be held in the Jefferson County Auditor's Office on the 1st Floor of the County Courthouse. Unless otherwise noted, activities will be performed between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Jul. 20 – Aug.18, 2015	Processing of Ballots
Jun. 26, 2015 (9:00 a.m.)	Official Logic & Accuracy Test of Voting System
Aug. 3, 2015	Beginning Final Processing of Ballots
Aug. 4, 2015 (8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)	Final Processing of Ballots
Aug. 4, 2015 (8:00 p.m.)	First Tabulation of Ballots
Aug. 17, 2015 (12:30 p.m.)	Preliminary Canvassing Board Meeting
Aug. 18, 2015 (10:00 a.m.)	Final Canvassing Board Meeting to Certify Election

Dated at Port Townsend, Washington, this 24th day of June 2015.

**Rose Ann Carroll
Jefferson County Auditor**