



2026 CITY OF MEDFORD ELECTIONS

Thank you for your interest in running for Mayor or City Councilor. During the November 3, 2026 General Election, voters will consider the following positions to serve four-year terms, beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2030:

Ward 1 - Currently held by Jessica Ayres

Ward 2 - Currently held by Zac Smith

Ward 3 - Currently held by Kevin Stine

Ward 4 - Currently held by Nick Card

Eligibility Requirements

1. Candidates must be registered to vote. Staff will confirm your voter status at the time of filing.
2. Candidates must have continuously lived within Medford's city limits during the six months immediately preceding the election. Note: Medford city limits do not align with area zip codes.
3. City Councilor Candidates must reside in the ward they represent and remain living within that ward throughout their service.
4. Mayor Candidates must reside within the City limits and remain living within Medford throughout their service.

The City Elections Officer will accept candidate filings beginning June 3, 2026. Please schedule an appointment to discuss the candidacy process. The State filing deadlines are August 18 for incumbents and August 25 for non-incumbents. **To meet those deadlines, all paperwork and filing requirements must be completed and submitted to the City Recorder's Office on or before:**

August 11 at 5:00 p.m. for incumbents

August 18 at 5:00 p.m. for non-incumbents

This candidate packet provides an overview of the local election process based on information received from the Secretary of State Elections Division, Jackson County Elections Office, Medford's Charter and Medford Municipal Codes.

Things to Consider:

- Councilors are volunteers; you will receive no monetary compensation for serving on the City Council.
- An estimated 10-25 hours will be spent each week on City business.
- There are 24 Council meetings and approximately 12 study sessions annually, held on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.
- Councilors also serve as members of the Medford Urban Renewal Agency (MURA) Board, as well as the budget committees for both the City of Medford and MURA; service on other boards and commissions may be assigned.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Recorder's Office at (541) 774-2017 or email recorder@cityofmedford.org.