



# INDEPENDENCE

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## CITY OF INDEPENDENCE OFFICE OF THE CITY RECORDER

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### 2026 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

At the 2026 General Election on November 3, the positions for Mayor and three Councilor positions will appear on the ballot. The filing period for interested candidates begins June 3, 2026, and all filing requirements must be completed by 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2026.

### OPEN CITY OF INDEPENDENCE POSITIONS

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Mayor             | Currently held by Kate Schwarzler | Two-year term  |
| Councilor Pos. #1 | Currently held by Shannon Corr    | Four-year term |
| Councilor Pos. #2 | Currently held by Marilyn Morton  | Four-year term |
| Councilor Pos. #4 | Currently held by Evan Sorce      | Four-year term |

- All positions are non-partisan.
- Council positions are elected at large, meaning candidates may reside in any area within the city limits of Independence.
- All positions are volunteer/non-paid.
- All terms will begin on January 1, 2027. Swearing in will occur at the first meeting of the City Council on January 12, 2027.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify as a candidate for Mayor or City Councilor, you must be:

- A qualified elector under the laws and Constitution of the State of Oregon, and a registered voter of the City of Independence; and,
- A resident of the City of Independence who has resided continuously within the city during the 12 months immediately preceding the election.

The Independence City Recorder, Myra Russell, is the Elections Officer for the City of Independence. Please contact Ms. Russell at 503.837.1174 or via email at [mrussell@ci.independence.or.us](mailto:mrussell@ci.independence.or.us) for additional information. **Candidate packets will be available June 3, 2026 at the Independence Civic Center or on the city's website, at:** [www.ci.independence.or.us/cityrecorder](http://www.ci.independence.or.us/cityrecorder).