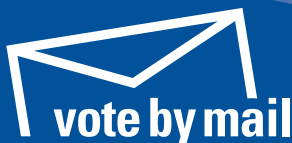


April 23, 2013 Special Election

# King County

## Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Woodinville Fire & Rescue



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[www.kingcounty.gov/elections](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections)



**King County**  
Department of Elections

# Registering to vote

## Requirements

To register to vote in Washington, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of Washington State;
- At least 18 years old by Election Day; and
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

## How to register

- Register online with the Secretary of State, [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov).
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website and return it by mail.
- Register in person at the King County Elections office or annex.

## Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. The deadlines for the April 23, 2013, special election:

- **March 25** – Deadline to register to vote online or by mail, or update existing voter registration information.
- **April 15** – In-person registration deadline for people not currently registered in Washington. Register in person at the Elections office in Renton or at the Voter Registration Annex in Seattle.

## Keep your voter registration current

Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name, or if your signature has changed. Simply submit a new registration form to update your information.

## Accessible voting center

Accessible voting centers are available for voters who need assistance completing their ballot. Trained staff and specialized equipment is available to help voters with disabilities cast a private, independent ballot.

Voters may also return ballots at these locations during business hours.

### King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

#### April 5 - April 22

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### April 23

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

# Returning your ballot for this election

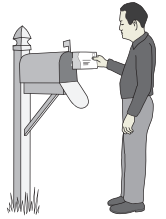
Voting begins as soon as you receive your ballot in the mail. Consider returning it early to be counted in election night results and to have time to resolve any issues with your signature.

## Beginning April 3 through April 23

### Through the mail

You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it.

Ballots require first class postage and **must be postmarked by April 23**.



### At our office

The King County Elections ballot drop box located at 919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057 will also be open.

## **new** Beginning April 15 through April 23

### Ballot drop boxes

Return your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp at a ballot drop box. The following ballot drop boxes are open 24-hours a day **beginning Monday, April 15**:

#### Lake Forest Park City Hall

17425 Ballinger Way NE

Lake Forest Park 98155

#### Tahoma School District Office

25720 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Road SE

Maple Valley 98038

#### King County Administration Building

500 4th Avenue

Seattle 98104

#### King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way

Renton 98057

**By law, ballots cannot be accepted at ballot drop box locations after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.**



# Woodinville Fire & Rescue

King County Elections is not responsible for the validity or accuracy of the statements, arguments or rebuttals.

## Proposition No. 1 Benefit Charge Continuation

Shall Woodinville Fire & Rescue be authorized to continue voter-authorized benefit charges each year for six years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.16.160?

Yes

No

*The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at [www.kingcounty.gov/elections](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections).*

### Statement in favor

Woodinville Fire & Rescue (WF&R) provides a wide range of essential public safety services to the citizens of Woodinville and the surrounding community. In addition to fire suppression services, District firefighters respond to emergency medical incidents, motor vehicle accidents, technical rescues, hazardous materials incidents and other requests for assistance.

The benefit service charge that is up for renewal currently provides approximately 40% of the District's operating revenue. Continuing the support for the benefit service charge allows the District to maintain current levels of service including providing funding for training of firefighters, purchasing of essential equipment, and other needs to ensure our community remains safe.

WF&R is **NOT** asking for a tax increase or a new tax. It is asking to continue its current funding model to ensure that it maintains the ability to quickly and effectively respond to emergency situations to help those in need.

Please join us in voting yes to keep our community safe.

**Statement submitted by:** Andrew deBoer and Stacie Martyn

### Explanatory statement

Woodinville Fire & Rescue is seeking reauthorization of the Benefit Charge. The Benefit Charge accounts for approximately 40 percent of Woodinville Fire & Rescue's budget. It was first approved by voters for six years in 1989, and was renewed for an additional six years in 1995, 2001 and 2007. Voter approval is once again required in order to retain this revenue source. Renewal of the Benefit Charge for another six years will allow Woodinville Fire & Rescue to maintain response times and service levels, train personnel and purchase equipment.

The Benefit Charge is based on the occupancy type and square footage of improvements to real property, and reflects the service level (i.e., fire flow of water) needed to control a fire in a particular building. Each year, the elected Board of Fire Commissioners holds a public meeting to review the Benefit Charge and ensure fiscal responsibility for the coming year. The law allows for partial exemptions from the charge for senior citizens, buildings with fire sprinkler systems and some agriculture-related improvements.

With the Benefit Charge in effect, state law prohibits the imposition of the \$.50 regular property tax for fire protection otherwise allowed by RCW 52.16.160.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:  
Margene Michael - Executive Assistant/Board Secretary  
425-483-7907 • [mmichael@wf-r.org](mailto:mmichael@wf-r.org)

### Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

# Your *signature* verifies your vote

Sign the declaration on the back of your return envelope before returning it. Take your time and sign carefully.

Before any ballot is counted, state law requires that specially trained Elections staff make sure the signature on the ballot envelope matches the signature on file with your voter registration. If you forget to sign or if the signatures don't match, the Elections department cannot count your ballot. If this happens, Elections staff will contact you to take care of the issue.

The diagram illustrates the signature process. On the left, a close-up of the signature area on the back of a return envelope shows a box with the heading "Sign and date below". Inside, there is a line for the signature "John Adams" with an "X" in a black box to its left, and a line for the date "4.11.13". Below the signature line, it says "signature of voter (required)". Below the date line, it says "date (mm/dd/yy)". At the bottom, there is a line for the email or phone number "jadams@gmail.com" with the text "email or phone number (optional, in case there is an issue with your signature)".

On the right, the back of a return envelope is shown with a callout pointing to the signature area. The envelope has a heading "Don't forget to sign below" with an exclamation mark icon. Below this is a section "Read the declaration" with a list of requirements: "I do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am: • A citizen of the United States; • A legal resident of the state of Washington; • At least 18 years old on election day; • Voting only once in this election; • Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction; and • Not disqualified from voting due to a court order. It is illegal to forge a signature or cast another person's ballot. Attempting to vote when not qualified, attempting to vote more than once, or falsely signing this oath is a felony punishable by a maximum imprisonment of five years, a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both." Below the declaration is another "Sign and date below" section with the same signature and date as the close-up. To the right of this is the voter information: "Only to be opened and voted by: JOHN ADAMS, 1234 50TH AVE S, APT. 1234, SEATTLE, WA 98123". Below this is a barcode and the text "12300000 41 BEL 41-0112 1" and "### 11563". At the bottom, it says "Election Day: April 23, 2013" and "00000000 ADAMS 12300000".

## The security envelope has been redesigned



Slip your ballot inside the black and white envelope. The margin of your ballot will stick out from the side, but all your votes will be covered.

Do not make additional folds to your ballot or tape the envelope shut.



Now place the black and white envelope with your ballot into the return envelope.

**To obtain this pamphlet in an alternate format please contact King County Elections at 206-296-VOTE (8683).**

**Voting materials available in Chinese and Vietnamese**

**To comply with Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act, King County is required to provide voting materials in Chinese and Vietnamese. To request voting materials, update your language preference or register to vote, visit [www.myvote.wa.gov](http://www.myvote.wa.gov) or call 206-296-VOTE (8683).**

Để thực hiện theo Mục 203 của Đạo Luật Liên Bang về Quyền Bỏ Phiếu, Quận King được yêu cầu phải cung cấp các tài liệu bỏ phiếu bằng tiếng Trung Quốc và tiếng Việt. Để yêu cầu các tài liệu bầu cử, cập nhật lựa chọn ngôn ngữ của quý vị hoặc đăng ký bỏ phiếu, ghé đến [www.myvote.wa.gov](http://www.myvote.wa.gov) hoặc gọi 206-296-VOTE (8683) và bấm số 3.

根據聯邦投票權利法案第203節之要求，金郡需要提供中文和越南文版的選舉資訊。欲要索取選舉資訊，更新您的語言選擇或登記投票，請查看網站[www.myvote.wa.gov](http://www.myvote.wa.gov)或致電206-296-VOTE(8683)，然後按“2”字。



## Contact us

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<b>Online:</b>	<a href="http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections">www.kingcounty.gov/elections</a>
<b>Mail or in-person:</b>	919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057
<b>Voter Registration Annex:</b>	King County Administration Building 500 4th Ave., Room 311 Seattle, WA 98104



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