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# Oaths of Office

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## When Elected Officials Assume Office

Candidates filling an unexpired term or short term will assume office upon Certification of the election and when the term begins according to the schedule that applies below.

Office/Position	Date
Mayor and City Council Member	January 1, 2008 ( <a href="#">RCW 29A.20.040</a> )
School Board Director	First official meeting of the Board of Directors following certification of the election ( <a href="#">RCW 28A.343.360</a> ) ( <a href="#">RCW 29A.20.040</a> )
Fire, Port, Sewer, Water, and Park and Recreation Commissioners	January 1, 2008 ( <a href="#">RCW 29A.20.040</a> )

## Oaths of Office – Who Administers

- **When:** Oaths of Office may be administered up to ten days prior to the scheduled date of assuming office, or at the last regular meeting of the governing body of the applicable district held before the winner assumes office. ([RCW 29A.04.133](#)) ([RCW 29A.20.040](#))
- **Unexpired and Short Term:** An Oath of Office is also administered to candidates filling an unexpired or short term upon certification of the election. ([RCW 29A.04.133](#)) ([RCW 29A.20.040](#))
- **Who Administers:** An Oath of Office may be administered by any officer or notary public authorized to administer oaths. ([RCW 29A.04.133](#)) ([RCW 29A.20.040](#))

## Oaths of Office – Filing

Office/Position	Where Oath Is Administered/Filed
City, School, Fire, Port, Sewer, Water Park and Recreation Officials	Written Oath filed with the County Auditor ( <a href="#">RCW 36.16.060</a> )

## State Measures

- **State to Certify Candidates and Measures:** The Secretary of State must certify state candidates and measures to appear on the General Election ballot to the County Auditors by Wednesday, September 12, 2007.

**State Measures Become Law:** State measures approved by the voters become law upon proclamation of the Governor unless effective date is contained within text of the measure. ([RCW 29A.52.321](#)) ([RCW 29A.60.260](#)) ([RCW 29A.72.250](#))