

An Informed Voter

Element #12 –Who are the Elected? – County Elected

Objectives

- Number of counties in Oregon
- County Commissioners – term of office
- Nonpartisan elected positions – term of office

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1. Oregon is divided into _____ counties
2. Counties in Oregon perform a duple role. They are _____ of the State and unit of _____ government.
3. In most cases, county elected positions are the highest-ranking position in the county. Not under control of any state _____ or _____ individual or agency.
4. County Commissioners in Oregon are _____ positions, elected for a _____ term with _____ term limits.
 - a. County Commissioners are both _____ and _____ branches of the county government.
5. Nonpartisan positions are usually _____ year terms with no term limits. These positions include:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
6. In Linn County the nonpartisan positions include; Assessor, _____ and _____.
7. The position responsible for elections is the County _____.

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Element #13 –Who are the Elected? – Local Government

Objectives

- The two categories of local tax districts.
- How to determine which tax districts you pay property tax to.
- Common categories of local taxing districts.
- Approximate number of elected and appointed positions in the taxing districts in your county.
- Term of office for those elected in local government.
- Special considerations for tax districts that cross county lines.
- How to become informed on the actions of the tax districts that you pay property tax to.

1. Local governments are referred to as _____ districts. They are divided into two categories; _____ and special _____.
2. There are two ways to determine which organizations are funded by your property taxes.
 - a. Check your _____ statement
 - b. Check with the county _____ office.
3. In Marion County there are _____ taxing districts. They include;
 - a. _____ cities, _____ education districts, _____ fire districts, _____ water districts and _____ other districts.
4. In Marion County there are approximately _____ local elected positions and _____ volunteer positions.
5. In Linn County there are _____ taxing districts. They include;
 - a. _____ cities, _____ education districts, _____ fire districts, _____ water districts and _____ other districts.
6. In Linn County there are approximately _____ local elected positions and _____ volunteer positions.
7. In Benton County there are _____ taxing districts. They include;

- a. _____ cities, _____ education districts, _____ fire districts,
_____ road districts and _____ other districts.
8. In Benton County there are approximately _____ local elected positions
and _____ volunteer positions, not including the 100 positions in the
City of Albany.
9. City council and mayor elections are held in _____ of even
numbered years. There are _____ and _____ year terms with no term
limits.
10. The Special District election is held in _____ of the odd numbered
years. Most are for a _____ year term with no term limits.
11. Staying informed on the actions of a local taxing district could require
about _____ hours a _____.