



2026 Declaration of Candidacy County Offices

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*PRINT YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

JOHNNY

HEPPLER

CANDIDATE FIRST, MIDDLE, and/or NICKNAME(S) in desired order

LEGAL LAST NAME

*if the name proposed for the ballot does not consist only of a candidate's legal first and legal last names, a *Name Affidavit* must also be submitted.

Candidates may provide their address, phone number, and email address on a confidential contact form.

SHERIFF
OFFICE and DISTRICT

REPUBLICAN
POLITICAL PARTY you are a member of

JHEPPLERJR@GMAIL.COM
EMAIL ADDRESS

RESIDENTIAL or MAILING ADDRESS

ST. GEORGE
CITY

UT
STATE

84790
ZIP CODE

435-229-9866
PHONE NUMBER

HOW ARE YOU SEEKING NOMINATION? (select one) HOW WILL YOU GATHER SIGNATURES? (if applicable)

Only the convention process.
 Only the signature-gathering process.
 Both the convention and signature-gathering processes.

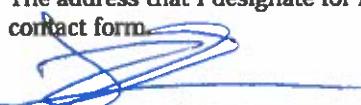
Only the manual process.
 Only the electronic process.
 Both the manual and electronic processes.

Stop! The following section must be completed in the presence of the filing officer or notary public.

I, the candidate listed above, declare my candidacy for the office listed above, seeking the nomination of the political party of which I am a member. I do solemnly swear, under penalty of perjury, that:

- I will meet the qualifications to hold the office, both legally and constitutionally, if selected;
- I will not knowingly violate any law governing campaigns and elections;
- If filing via a designated agent, I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire candidate filing period;
- I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law; and
- I understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office and removal of my name from the ballot.

The address that I designate for receiving official election notices is the address listed above or on the confidential contact form.


SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE (must be signed in the presence of the filing officer or notary public)

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this

1/2/2025

Catherine Doyle

MONTH/DAY/YEAR PRINTED NAME OF FILING OFFICER or Notary Public

RECEIVED

JAN 02 2025

Catherine Doyle

WASHINGTON COUNTY
CLERK/AUDITOR

(seal)

SIGNATURE OF FILING OFFICER or Notary Public



Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training

hereby certifies that

John F Heppler

POST ID 0002-6655

as having fulfilled the requirements for the exercise of peace officer authority in the State of Utah as a

Law Enforcement Officer

10/24/2003
Issued

POST Director



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PLEASE INITIAL THE FOLLOWING

The filing officer read the constitutional and statutory qualifications listed above to me, and I meet those qualifications.

I agree to file all required campaign financial disclosure reports, and I understand that failure to do so may result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office, removal of my name from the ballot, possible fines, and criminal penalties.

I received a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices, and I understand that signing this pledge is voluntary.

I received a copy of Utah Code § 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website Program and its applicable deadline.

I provided an actively monitored email address to the filing officer. I understand this email address will be used for official communications and updates from election officials and is not a record under Utah Code § 63G-2.

I submitted signed affidavits, as required, to have my name appear on the ballot as specified on this declaration of candidacy.

I understand any information entered on this form is a public record under Utah Code § 63G-2 and will be made available to the public. I understand a confidential contact information form is available.

I understand that I may not make any amendments or modifications to my candidate filing after 5:00 p.m. on the final day of the filing period.



SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

1/2/2026
DATE


Catherine Doyle
SIGNATURE OF FILING OFFICER or Notary Public

1-2-2026
DATE



Conflict of Interest Disclosure

For each person seeking to become a candidate for a county office or local school board, a conflict of interest disclosure statement shall be filed with the declaration of candidacy. Declaration of candidacy applications may not be accepted without a complete conflict of interest disclosure statement (UCA 17-70-304). Responses listed below are per UCA 20A-11-1604(6). Attach additional sheets as necessary if there are more than one applicable answers, list all that apply; attach additional sheets as necessary.

Candidate Name: JOHNNY F. HEPPLER Election Position: SHERIFF

Are you *currently* employed? YES NO

If yes: Name of Current Employer ST. GEORGE CITY

Address of Current Employer 175 & 61 N. MAIN ST. ST. GEORGE, UT 84770

Current Employment Job Title/Occupation CAPTAIN, INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Current Employment Job Duties INVESTIGATIONS COMMANDER

Were you employed in the *previous year*? YES NO

If different than your current employer:

Preceding Year Employer —

Preceding Year Employer Address —

Preceding Year Employment Job Title/Occupation —

Preceding Year Employment Job Duties —

Are you *currently* an owner or officer of an entity? YES NO

If yes: Name of the entity ALICIA'S SALON

Position/Title of officeholder in entity CO-OWNER

Brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity

WIFE'S HAIR SALON BUSINESS

Were you an owner or officer of an entity in the *previous year*? YES NO

If different than current year:

Name of the entity —

Position/Title of officeholder in entity —

Brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity

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Have you received \$5,000 or more in income from an individual or entity during the preceding year?

YES NO If yes: Individual/Entity Name _____

Brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the individual or entity

Do you hold any stocks or bonds having a fair market value of \$5,000 or more as of the date of the disclosure form or during the preceding year (excluding any fund that is managed by a third party including a mutual fund, managed investment account, and blind trusts)?

YES NO If yes: Individual/Entity Name _____

Brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity

Do you currently serve, or did you serve in the prior year, in a paid leadership capacity or in a paid or unpaid position on a board of directors?

YES NO If yes: Individual/Entity Name _____

Type of position held by the regulated officeholder _____

Brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity

Please describe any real property you hold an ownership or other financial interest in that you believe may constitute a conflict of interest, including a description of the type of interest held. (OPTIONAL)

Name of Regulated Officeholder's Spouse: ALICIA A. HEPPLER

The following questions pertain to the officeholder's spouse. If the officeholder's spouse is an at-risk government employee meeting the requirements of 20A-11-1604(7), the filing officer can redact the following information. Does the filing officer need to redact information per 20A-11-1604(7)? YES NO

Is your spouse *currently* employed? YES NO

If yes: Name of Current Employer SELF

Address of Current Employer _____

Current Employment Job Title/Occupation HAIR STYLIST SALON

Current Employment Job Duties HAIR STYLIST

Was your spouse employed in the *previous year*? YES NO

If different than your current employer:

Preceding Year Employer _____

Preceding Year Employer Address _____

Preceding Year Employment Job Title/Occupation _____

Preceding Year Employment Job Duties _____

Are there other adults residing in the candidate's household who are not related by blood or marriage?

YES NO

If yes: Other Adult Name(s): _____

If the officeholder believes a conflict exists or may exist because of another adult's residence in the officeholder's household, then provide a brief description of the adult's employment or occupation as well as any other matter or interest that may constitute a conflict of interest:

A description of any other matter or interest that the regulated officeholder believes may constitute a conflict of interest (OPTIONAL)

By my signature below, I hereby certify, that the foregoing information is a true and accurate disclosure of the conflict or potential conflict of interest with Washington County to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Date: 1/02/2026

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2026 Declaration of Candidacy Pledge of Fair Campaign Practices (OPTIONAL)

Information entered on this form is a **public record** under Utah Code § 63G-2. This form will be posted on vote.utah.gov. This is a **voluntary** pledge. Candidates are not required to sign this pledge to file a declaration of candidacy.

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of Utah has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their right to a free election, and that the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

I SHALL conduct my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing, without fear or favor, the record and policies of my opponents that I believe merit criticism.

I SHALL NOT use, nor shall I permit the use of, scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in, nor shall I permit the use of, defamation, libel, or slander against any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in, nor shall I permit the use of, any other criticism of any candidate or the candidate's immediate family that I do not believe to be truthful, provable, and relevant to my campaign.

I SHALL NOT use, nor shall I permit the use of, any practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hinders or prevents the free expression of the will of the voters, including practices intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote or voting.

I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees or volunteers.

I SHALL immediately and publicly repudiate support deriving from any individual or group which resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of an opponent, to methods in violation of the letter or spirit of this pledge. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this pledge or the laws governing elections.

I SHALL defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned candidate for election to public office in the State of Utah, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

JOHNNY F. HEPPLER
NAME OF CANDIDATE

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

SHERIFF
OFFICE and DISTRICT

1/2/26
DATE