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August 12, 2026

Sent via email

Catherine McMullen

County Clerk

1710 Red Soils Ct, Suite 100

Oregon City, OR 97045-4300

elections@clackamas.us

RE: Sheriff Eligibility Application

James Rhodes, #28278

Attention County Clerk,

DPSST reviewed the above-listed candidate's request to determine his eligibility to be appointed and run for the office of Sheriff.

As of August 3, 2026, James Rhodes meets the eligibility requirements to be a candidate for election or appointment to the office of sheriff pursuant to ORS 206.015.

James Rhodes does not currently have an active police certification by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. From Mr. Rhodes appointment date, Mr. Rhodes will need to become basic police certified within one year of taking office and a copy of the certification would need to be filed with the county clerk. The governing body shall declare the office of sheriff vacant if the Sheriff is not certified as a police officer within one year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (971) 372-0000.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Jessica Klossen, Certification Compliance Specialist

Criminal Justice Certification Program

Jessica.Klossen@dpsst.oregon.gov

cc: James Rhodes, via email, File



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY STANDARDS AND TRAINING

Sheriff Candidate Eligibility Review

Email: certification.scheduling@dpsst.oregon.gov; Mail: 4190 Aumsville HWY SE; Salem OR 97317Questions? Call DPSST at 503-378-4411 or email certification.scheduling@dpsst.oregon.govIRIS

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Eligibility Requirements	Per ORS 206.015 to be eligible to be a candidate for election or appointment to the office of Sheriff, a person must a) be 21 years of age or older; b) have at least four years' experience as a full-time law enforcement officer or at least two years' experience as a full-time law enforcement officer with at least two years' post-high-school education; and c) not been convicted of a felony or of any other crime that would prevent the person from being certified as a police officer under ORS 181A.355 to 181A.670 NOTICE: Per ORS 206.015, if elected and not currently holding Oregon DPSST Basic Police Certification, the person elected or appointed to the office of sheriff must obtain the certification no later than one year after taking office. A copy of the certification shall be filed with the county clerk or the county official in charge of elections. <i>The county governing body shall declare the office of sheriff vacant when the person serving as sheriff is not certified as a police officer within one year after taking office.</i> Contact DPSST or Refer to OAR Chapter 259, Division 008 for Police Officer Employment, Training and Certification Requirements.				
Applicant	1. Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	2. DPSST Number (if applicable)	
	RHODES	JAMES	GUY	28278	
	Date of Birth: Redacted 1971	Email Address:	RHODES.JAMES.G@GMAIL.COM		
	County Petitioning:	CLACKAMAS	Date of Election:	APPOINTED: AUGUST 3, 2026	
	Date nominating petition or declaration of candidacy filled with county clerk or official: (Please don't submit this application until after you have filed with the county)			AUGUST 3, 2026	
Eligibility Questions				Yes	No
	a. Have you been convicted of a felony or of any other crime that would prevent you from being certified as a police officer under ORS 181A.355?			☐	☒
	b. Do you have at least four years' experience as a full-time law enforcement officer or at least two years' experience as a full-time law enforcement officer with at least two years' post-high-school education?			☒	☐
	c. Is the experience or education from c. above listed in Oregon's DPSST officer Records (found in <u>IRIS</u>)? If no, record experience and education in the appropriate sections below.			☒	☐
Law Enforcement Employment	Enter law enforcement experience to show you have met section (b) of the eligibility requirements above. Information already on file at DPSST (visible in <u>IRIS</u>) does not need to be entered. Attach proof of experience; if not already in IRIS. (Examples of proof of experience are letters from previous law enforcement employers or a state record of employment.)				
	Agency Name and Address		Rank	Employment Dates	
	VISIBLE IN IRIS				
Education	Enter education experience (if applicable) to show you have met section (b) of the eligibility requirements above. Information already on file at DPSST (visible in <u>IRIS</u>) does not need to be entered. Attach Transcript(s); if not already in IRIS.				
	College/University		Degree/Credit Hours	Date	
	VISIBLE IN IRIS				
Candidate Attestation	I attest I am the above listed individual requesting determination of eligibility to be a candidate for election to the Office of Sheriff and all information listed above is true and correct. I further understand that falsification of this document is subject to penalty under ORS Signature Redacted				
	Signature		Date		AUGUST 3, 2026
	Printed Name JAMES G. RHODES		Title	SHERIFF	DPSST No. 28278
	Email Address RHODES.JAMES.G@GMAIL.COM		Phone 503.730.8849		
DPSST will inform the county clerk or county official of eligibility determination with a copy to the applicant.					
DPSST USE	Eligibility Confirmed ☒ Yes ☐ No		Eligibility Confirmation Sent Date/By: 08/12/2026 JK		