

## **JOB DESCRIPTION FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

There is no filing fee or signature requirement for this office. There is a Term of 6 years if elected. It is currently a half-time position in which no more than twenty hours would be expected on the bench and in the office. You must be at least 18 years old and be a resident of the state for three years and a residence in the district one year prior to becoming a candidate. A special requirement states that if you are not a member of the state bar, you must take 30 hours of continuing education every two calendar years. As enacted in 2015 by the state legislature, if you are not a member of the Oregon State Bar, you must complete a two-week special jurisdiction course through the National Judicial College within one year of election or appointment. Below is a summary description to get insight to what it in tells to hold this office.

Justice court is held by a justice of the peace within the district for which she or he is elected.

The office and court room are located in the Baker County courthouse.

Justice court has jurisdiction within the entire county and is concurrent with the circuit court in all criminal prosecutions, except felony trials. Justice courts have jurisdiction over traffic, boating, wildlife and other violations occurring in the county.

The justice of the peace also performs weddings at no charge if performed at the office during regular business hours.

Baker County Justice Court currently serves as the municipal court for the cities of Baker City, Haines, Huntington, and Halfway.

The justice court has small claims civil jurisdiction where the money or damage claimed do not exceed \$10,000, except in actions involving title to real property, false imprisonment, libel, slander or malicious prosecution.