Automatic Recount
ORS 258.280

1/5th of 1 percent = .002

• When two or more candidates for nomination or office have an equal and highest number of votes;
  Example:
    John Smith  100 votes
    Jane Doe    100 votes

OR

• When the difference in the number of votes cast for a candidate with the most votes and the votes cast for the closest defeated candidate is not more than one-fifth of one percent of the total votes for both candidates.
  Example 1:
    John Smith  27,415 votes
    Jane Doe    27,300 votes
  Example 2:
    John Smith  27,415 votes
    Jane Doe    27,335 votes

Example 1 Formula:
• 27,415 - 27,300 = 115
• 27,415 + 27,300 = 54,715
• 115 / 54,715 = .0021  (greater than .002, not an automatic recount)

Example 2 Formula:
• 27,415 - 27,335 = 80
• 27,415 + 27,335 = 54,750
• 80 / 54,750 = .00146  (less than .002, which qualifies as an automatic recount)

An automatic recount would not be officially determined until after certification of the election, which occurs by the 20th day after an election.