



# Durham Trivia

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## So, What's There to Know About Durham?



1. How big is Durham?
  - a. **0.5 square miles**
  - b. 2 square miles
  - c. 5 square miles

The city was originally included 271 acres. However, in 2003 the City transfer 6 acres to the City of Tualatin when it deannexed a portion Tualatin Community Park. In 1975, the City of Tualatin purchased property located on the west side of the Tualatin River to be part of Tualatin Community Park. This property was located in Durham city limits. Durham ceded jurisdiction of the property to Tualatin and reduced its size to 265 acres.

2. How many people live in Durham?
  - a. Approximately 1,000 people
  - b. **Approximately 2,000 people**
  - c. Approximately 5,000 people

The 2016 population estimates from Portland State University Center for Urban Studies listed the population of Durham as 1880 people.



3. How many dogs and cats live in Durham?
  - a. **265 dogs and 221 cats**
  - b. 500 dogs 200 cats
  - c. 400 dogs and 479 cats

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association 2012 U.S. Pet Ownership & Demographics Sourcebook, 36.5% percent of households own a dog and 30.4% own a cat. Oregon ranks fourth among states in pet ownership with 63% of households owning a pet.

4. Where do Durham residents and businesses get their water?
  - a. Durham City well
  - b. Rivergrove Water District
  - c. **City of Tigard Water**
  - d. City of Tualatin Water

Prior to 1994, the City, along with King City and Tigard, received its water from the Tigard Water District, an independent water district. In 1994, these cities withdrew from the Tigard Water District and entered into an agreement with the City of Tigard to provide water. The City of Tigard took over all aspects of running the water utility. However, Durham, King City, and the Tigard Water District remained silent partners with the City of Tigard.

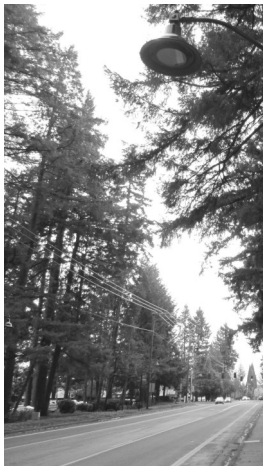


5. What type of development is NOT allowed in Durham?
- a. Industrial uses
  - b. Churches
  - c. Retail stores**
  - d. Mobile home parks

The Durham Development Code allows light industrial uses in the north end of the City (Airgas) and at the south end of the City (Axiom and Mutual Materials). There are no churches in the City but the DDC does allow religious intuitions in the multi-family zones. The Code does provide for mobile home parks to be located in multi-family zones. Since incorporation, the City has not allowed retail development. The intent is to safeguard the residential atmosphere of the City. All properties to the west of Upper Boones Ferry Road (except Airgas) are zoned for single-family development dwellings. The east side of UBFR is a mix of office, multi-family, and light industrial zoning.

6. True or false? A portion Durham Road is located within the City limits.
- a. True
  - b. False**

A common misconception, neither Durham Road nor Durham Elementary School are located in Durham.



7. True or False? The City of Durham maintains Upper Boones Ferry Road.
- a. True
  - b. False**

The Oregon Department of Transportation owns and maintains SW Upper Boones Ferry Road. Any road improvements, maintenance, or speed changes would be administered by ODOT. In 2104, the City installed streetlights along UBFR to improve pedestrian walkways and undergrounded utilities to improve sightlines. The City also partnered with ODOT to repave the UBFR in 2015.

8. Which police department responds to emergencies in Durham?
- a. Tigard Police Department
  - b. Tualatin Police Department
  - c. Washington County Sheriff's Department
  - d. All of the above**

Actually, all police departments could respond to Durham in an emergency. 911 will dispatch the closest police vehicle for an emergency. However, Durham contracts with the Tualatin Police Department to provide non-emergency police services.

9. Who do you contact to report a streetlight outage in your neighborhood?

PGE maintains neighborhood streetlights. The City's website has a link to the easy, online form to report streetlight outages. To report a streetlight outage, you will need the pole number located on the pole tag. A pole tag is a three-inch round metal tag located about eye level and showing the streetlight's map number and pole number.

10. True or false: The City pays to sweep the streets.

- a. True
- b. False**

The City does not sweep the streets. Street sweeping is part of Clean Water Services' Surface Water Management maintenance program. CWS sweeps streets to prevent debris from entering the storm water system and clogging up pipes. Keeping debris out of streams also improves water quality, another mandate for CWS. A clean, attractive street is a by-product of the CWS maintenance program. Thanks CWS!



11. Where do I go to get construction, plumbing, or mechanical permits?

- a. Durham City Hall**
- b. Tualatin City Hall
- c. Tigard City Hall

Building, mechanical and plumbing permit applications are submitted to Durham City Hall. Electrical permits are issued by Washington County. Durham contracts with the City of Tualatin to provide plan review and building inspection services.

12. True or False: The City enforces the neighborhood Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs).

- a. True
- b. False**

The neighborhood CC&Rs are rules for the neighborhood written by the private developer at the time the neighborhood was developed. They remain in effect unless the neighborhood forms a Homeowners' Association and amends them. The City does not review or enforce CC&Rs. In the case where there is a city code that is similar to the CC&Rs (i.e. some CC&Rs prohibit keeping chickens AND the City Code prohibits keeping chickens), the City would address violations to the City Code.

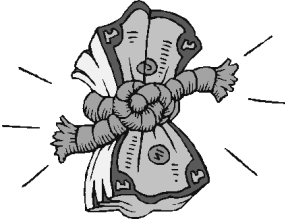


13. Durham property taxes are:

- a. higher than the surrounding communities
- b. the same as the surrounding communities
- c. lower than the surrounding communities**
- d. Durham residents don't pay property taxes

Durham's permanent tax rate of \$0.4927 per \$1,000 assessed valuation is among the lowest municipal rates in the state due to the cap resulting from Measure 50. Each year, the Washington County Assessor provides data on the total taxable assessed value for Durham. Annual property tax increases are capped at 3% by Ballot Measure 50.

14. The City's annual general fund expenditures are approximately:
- a. **\$325,000**
  - b. \$825,000
  - c. \$2,300,000
  - d. \$4,100,000



The City's general fund expenditures include personnel services, office administration and rent, 9-1-1 services, police service contract, insurance, professional legal, planning, engineering, audit, and accounting services, and park maintenance. The City remains firm in its commitment to a policy of limiting costs through successfully contracting to provide its municipal services.

15. Police services account for what percentage of the City's general fund expenditures?
- a. 10%
  - b. **40%**
  - c. 50%

The cost for police services represents the most dramatic expenditure of the City. The current IGA provides for a 3% increase for in police services each year.

16. How many tree removal permits did the city process last year?
- a. **62**
  - b. 89
  - c. 197
  - d. 286

There were 62 applications for tree removals last year or 4% of households in Durham.

17. I can mow my lawn or use power tools outside
- a. **between 7AM to 9PM, Monday through Friday; and, 9AM to 7:00PM on Saturdays and Sundays**
  - b. between 8AM to 8PM, Monday through Friday; and, 10AM to 6:00PM on Saturdays and Sundays
  - c. There are no time restrictions on using power tools.



Durham strives to reduce unreasonable or unnecessary noise by limiting the hours that construction and maintenance equipment can operate. The best approach to maintaining neighborhood quiet is for neighbors to consider how activities on their property may affect their neighbors.

18. True or False? The City is responsible for fixing sidewalks.
- a. True
  - b. **False**

As in most cities, property owners in Durham are responsible for keeping sidewalks and planting strips abutting their property in good repair and free of plant debris that could be hazards for pedestrians and people with reduced mobility. Property owners must maintain sidewalks even if they are on the other side of a fence or wall or next to Upper Boones Ferry Road.