

CITY OF DURHAM PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HERE GIVEN THAT Public Hearings will be held by the Durham Planning Commission and Durham City Council regarding potential amendments to the Durham Development Code (DDC). The City of Durham has regulated tree removal for more than 50 years. House Bill 2138 from the 2025 session requires that all development requirements relating to tree removal must be clear and objective. The Planning Commission will hold its hearing at or shortly after 7:00 P.M. on October 7, 2025, at Durham City Hall, 17160 S.W. Upper Boones Ferry Road, Durham, OR to consider the DDC amendments and public testimony to make a formal recommendation about the draft amendments to the City Council.

The City Council will hold its hearing at or shortly after 7:30 P.M. on October 28, 2025, at the above location to consider the amendments, the Planning Commission recommendation, and public testimony prior to making a decision regarding adoption of the DDC amendments.

Proposal:	Amend the DDC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update Chapter 5 “Tree Protection”.• Update Chapter 10 “Adjustment, Variance, Non-Conforming Use, Major Modification”.
Applicant:	City of Durham
Case No.	596-25 (LUC001-25)
Property Location:	Legislative hearing – Amendment to city-wide regulations for tree protection related to new development.

- Approval Criteria: The approval criteria for evaluating the proposed DDC amendments are found in DDC § 9.10.5:
- Is the amendment consistent with the City’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan?
 - Is the amendment consistent with federal, state, and local law (including the Statewide Planning Goals, State law, State administrative rules, Metro Code, and Clean Water Services resolutions and orders)?
 - Will adequate public facilities be available to support the land uses that will be allowed on the property if the amendments are approved?
 - Will the amendments promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the city?

The public hearings on this matter will be conducted pursuant to rules of procedure adopted by the City Council. Oral and written testimony in favor of or in opposition to the proposed will be received during the hearing. Written testimony may also be submitted in advance of the Planning Commission hearing to the City Administrator no later than 4:30 P.M. October 7, 2025, by. The corresponding written testimony deadline for the City Council hearing will be 4:30 P.M. October 28, 2025.

Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision-makers an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal on said issue to the State Land Use Board of Appeals.

The pertinent documents are available for inspection at no cost at Durham City Hall, 17160 S.W. Upper Boones Ferry Road, Durham, OR, during normal business hours. Contact Jordan Parente, City Administrator, at (503) 639-6851 for additional information. A staff report will be available for inspection on or about September 25, 2025, at City Hall. This hearing may be continued without additional public notice. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

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**By: Jordan Parente
City Administrator**