



City of Durham

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2026 City Councilor Election Information

Two (2) positions on the Durham City Council are expiring this fall. Residents interested in running for City Council have until 10 a.m. August 25, 2026, to file a petition to be placed on the November Ballot. The General Election will be November 3, 2026.

Filing Qualifications

- Registered to vote in Oregon.
- Durham resident continuously since November 3, 2025. Councilors must continue to live in Durham while in office.
- To be placed on the ballot, potential candidates need to be nominated by a petition signed by at least ten Durham registered voters. The required forms must be filed at City Hall by 10:00 am on August 25.
- There is no filing fee for City Council offices.

About the City Council

- The City Council includes a mayor and four councilors. The mayor is elected annually by the City Councilors at its first regular meeting in January.
- The City Council also serves as members of the City Budget Committee along with citizen appointees.
- The Council meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Durham City Hall.
- Councilors are elected at large for a term of four years beginning January 2027 and ending January 2031.
- Positions are nonpartisan.
- Councilors must file an annual Statement of Economic Interest with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC).

How to File for Candidacy

If you are interested in running for office, contact City Hall to review the process, paperwork, and deadlines for filing a prospective petition. Prospective Petitions must be filed with the City Recorder by 10:00 a.m. on August 25, 2026.

The petition process is regulated by state election law and is implemented locally by the City's Elections Official. The required forms must be filed **at Durham City Hall** by 10:00 am on August 25, 2026. These forms are available at Durham City Hall or online on the City's website under the City Council tab.

To start the process, a potential candidate must complete a Candidate Filing form and gather at least ten (10) signatures from Durham registered voters using the Candidate Signature Sheet. The names on the petition will be verified using County voting records. Signatures must be legible to be counted. It is prudent to obtain fifteen or more signatures in case some of the petition signers are not registered to vote in Durham or if the signature is not legible.

All candidates who complete the filing process by August 25 will be included on the November ballot. However, inclusion in the Voter's Pamphlet is not automatic. If a candidate would like to be included in the Voter's Pamphlet, an additional form and \$50 fee is required. Voters' pamphlet forms and fees are turned into the Washington County Election Office in Hillsboro. Campaigns that spend or receive more than \$1500 are required to file forms with the State Board.