

SPOTLIGHT

Duncanville

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CITY CALENDAR

MARCH

17: DuncanSwitch Street Market
20: City Council Regular Meeting
27: TxDot Public Meeting: I-20 SR Project

APRIL

3: City Council Regular Meeting
10: Town Hall Meeting - Budget Input
17: City Council Regular Meeting
21: DuncanSwitch Street Market
26: Duncanville ISD District Art Show

MAY

1: City Council Regular Meeting
5: City Elections
15: City Council Regular Meeting
19: DuncanSwitch Street Market
28: Memorial Day Ceremony

CONTACT CITY HALL

After Hours Water Emergency: 972.780.4959
Animal Control: 972.223.6111
Auto Pound: 972.298.9932
City Hall: 972-780-5000
Code Services: 972.780.5040
Crime Victim Advocate: 972.780.5037 ext. 0
Hopkins Senior Center: 972.780.5073
Jail: 972.780.5039
Municipal Court: 972.780.5055
Non-Emergency Dispatch: 972.223.6111
Personnel: 972.780.5095
Police Administration: 972.780.5038
Public Library: 972.780.5050
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Recreation Center: 972.780.5070
Utility Billing: 972.780.5010
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Park Master Plan Adopted in December



Citizens offer input during a public meeting about the Park Master Plan.

The Duncanville City Council approved a new Park Master Plan on December 5, 2017.

The process for the Plan began in December 2016 with Dunaway & Associates and staff reviewing and updating the existing Parks Master Plan.

The Park Master Plan coincided with the City's Comprehensive Plan process allowing information and data to be shared for both plans.

Citizen input began in January 2017 with two public meetings. A city-wide survey was conducted with nearly 500 responses.

The Park Board steering committee, consultants and staff reviewed select parks and amenities in various DFW communities similar to Duncanville for ideas and best practices. They also utilized regional and national park standards, based on typical park acreage standards per population.

From all the data and input from the Park Board and Duncanville residents, the plan was created to include a priorities listing and an implementation plan.

The top items identified in the plan:

- Trails
- Park amenities such as benches, water fountains, picnic tables, etc.
- Splash pad
- Shaded playgrounds
- Outdoor basketball courts
- Senior Center improvement
- Dog park

The Park Master Plan will be filed with Texas Parks and Wildlife in order to be eligible for state grant opportunities.

The Park Master Plan will guide city leaders in identifying top priorities and projects for the next 5-10 years, including possible bond referendum in November 2018.

To view the plan, visit: duncanville.com.

Duncanville Fence Regulations for Residential Areas

The City of Duncanville is committed to providing an attractive and well-maintained community. Active participation and cooperation of each resident is essential for meeting this goal. Below, you will find information highlighting major provisions of the city's ordinance about fence construction and fence maintenance for residential areas.

When Do I Need a Fence Permit?

A fence permit is required when you are constructing a new fence or extending an existing one, as well as when you are replacing more than 25 linear length of your entire fence. Permits are issued through the Building Inspection Department. A plot plan of the property showing where the fence will be located will be required before a permit can be issued.

How High Can My Fence Be?

Fences may be constructed to a maximum height of eight feet.

Where Am I Allowed To Place My Fence?

A fence may be constructed in the front yard if the fence is 48 inches or less in height and 50 percent open. Example, wrought iron, chain link or picket fences.

A fence may be constructed to the property line of the rear and side yards, except when the rear or side yard abuts a four-lane divided secondary or six lane divided major thoroughfares.

How Do I Construct My Fence?

All fences constructed or maintained within the city limits shall be constructed with wire or metal fabric or other metal suitable for the construction of fences, or of wood, brick, stone, vinyl or concrete or other approved materials as approved by the building code or by the building official. Brick, stone, concrete or other approved masonry fences shall be a minimum of five inches thick. The use of vinyl or plastic screening members installed in or on a chain-link fence is prohibited.

How Do I Maintain My Fence?

A fence or fences shall be maintained by the owners of the property or person in charge of the property and shall also be maintained in good condition. Such condition shall not deviate from the maintenance standards as follows:

- The fence shall not be out of alignment more than six inches from the vertical measured at the top of the fence.
- Any and all broken, damaged, removed or missing parts of said fence shall be replaced within ten days of receiving notification by regular or certified mail or notice delivered in person by the building official or his authorized representative. The building official may, upon written notice from the owner that unusual circumstances prevent the timely repair of a fence, extend the replacement time as necessary. Replacement materials shall be the same material, size, shape and quality of the original fence to which the repair is being made.
- No fence posts shall remain in place unless screening and/or bracing members are attached thereto and maintained in good condition.

Who Can Help Me With Questions?

For fence permits and requirements with new/extended fences, contact the Building Inspections Department at 972.780.5041. Fence maintenance violations can be reported to Code Services at 972.780.5040.



Restriction of Parking Commercial Vehicles in Residential Areas

In keeping with the City Council's capstone of "Creating High Quality Neighborhoods and Parks," the Duncanville City Council adopted an ordinance amending the definition of commercial vehicles (Ordinance No. 2331), which was adopted on December 19, 2017, and goes into effect on April 1, 2018.

Ordinance No. 2331:

Ordinance No. 2331 redefines the type and size of commercial vehicles. Under the old ordinance, a commercial motor vehicle was defined as any vehicle with a gross weight rating of over 26,000 pounds or a trailer with a gross weight rating of over 10,000 pounds. **Ordinance No. 2331 redefines a commercial vehicle as any vehicle with a gross weight rating of over 14,000 pounds or a trailer with a gross weight rating of over 5,000 pounds.**

What does this ordinance mean?

The ordinance re-defined means a commercial vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) greater than 14,000 lbs or a trailer with a Gross Trailer Weight Rating (GTWR) greater than 5,000 lbs **cannot** be parked in neighborhoods.

I have a boat; can I park this at my home?

Yes, motor homes, recreational vehicles, boats on trailers and camper trailers can still be stored on your property, not the street.

I have a utility trailer; can I park this at my home?

Single-axle trailers can be stored at your home as long as they are not parked on the street. Double-axle trailers normally have a "gross weight rating" more than 5,000 pounds and are not permitted.

Can I still park my commercial vehicle at my place of work?

For this ordinance, a commercial vehicle is defined as having a gross vehicle weight of over 14,000 lbs. These vehicles are restricted to parking in areas zoned Industrial. Visit the City's Planning and Zoning page at www.duncanville.com to view the zoning map to see the industrial-zoned areas in the city. Please note, you will need Adobe Reader to view this map. Due to the large size, please allow several minutes for the map to load.

How do I find out what the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of my truck is?

You can find the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating for your vehicle in either the vehicle owner's manual or on the internet. Sometimes the GVWR is posted on the inside of the driver-side door.

I do not own a commercial vehicle or trailer, but my neighborhood is full of them. Who do I call?

Contact Code Enforcement at 972.780.5040 to report any oversized vehicles parked in your neighborhood. Should you have any further questions regarding this ordinance, please contact the Department of Public Works at 972.780.5015.

To view the ordinances, visit: <https://duncanville.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/4870>.

PD Has Transitioned to a New Alarm Permit Vendor

The Duncanville Police Department has transitioned to a new alarm permit vendor. Current users will need their permit and invoice numbers to login and update their accounts, as well as pay their bill. New users can register for an alarm permit online. To login or register, visit: www.crywolfservices.com/duncanvilletx/.

Per the City's Alarm Systems Ordinance, home or business owners must obtain a permit for an alarm system. The ordinance regulates burglary, robbery, panic and fire alarms. To view the ordinance, visit: <https://library.municode.com/tx/duncanville/codes/>.

Law Enforcement personnel respond to thousands of false alarm calls yearly. These unnecessary responses result in an enormous burden in manpower and expense; which in turn reduces the time available to respond to real emergencies. Three main causes of false alarms are:

- User Error
- Installation/Service Errors
- Equipment Failure

For any questions about alarm permits, please contact Stacy Trevino, Administrative Assistant/Crime Analyst, at 972.780.4992 or strevino@duncanvillepd.com.



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Council Updates Strategic Capstones

City Council Mission Statement

"Build a vibrant inclusive community driven by a commitment to democratic principles and service above self."

On January 16, 2018, the Duncanville City Council formally adopted their revised strategic goals or "Capstones." The Capstones represent the City Council's long-range goals for the community, and form the basis for shorter-term key objectives and the City staff fiscal year workplan. The Council's short-term objectives also provide direction for developing the annual budget. Additionally, the Capstones are a key factor in the identification of priorities and the establishment of management procedures that develops and effectively utilizes City resources.

Council "Capstones" For Duncanville's Future Vision

1. Most engaged citizens in America
2. Create high quality neighborhoods and parks
3. Preserve the historic Main Street and City Center areas
4. Create multi-modal transportation alternatives
5. Grow Duncanville (Culture, Sports, Tourism)
6. Become a "best practices" organization