

5.1.2 Use Table

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		RR	RS	RS-M	RU	RU-M	RC	CI	CN	OI	CG	SRP	SRP-C _u	IL	I	PDR	UC	CC	IP	MU	BD	CD	CSD							
Agriculture	All agriculture, except as listed below	L	L																								5.3.1A			
		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	5.3.1A		
		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	5.3.1B		
Agriculture (County Only)	Bona fide farms																													
Household Living	Single-family	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	6.2.1, 6.3.2, 6.4.2, 6.5.2, 6.10.2, 6.11.3, 6.11.7, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.1.5, Art. 16		
		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	6.2.2, 6.3.2,		
		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L			
		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L			

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																									6.4.2, 6.5.2, 6.10.2, 6.11.3, 6.11.5, 6.11.7, Art. 16, 7.1.7
																									6.2.2, 6.3.2, 6.4.2, 6.5.2, 6.10.2, 6.11.3, 6.11.5, 6.11.7, 7.1.8, 7.1.9, Art. 16
																									5.3.2C, 6.2.1, 6.3.2, 6.4.2, 6.5.2, 6.9.1, 6.10.2, 6.11.3, 6.11.7, 7.1.2
	Multifamily																								
	Family care home																								

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Group Living	Manufactured home	L																							5.3.2D			
	Manufactured home park or subdivision														‡L										5.3.2E			
	Upper story residential						L	L	L	L	L				‡			‡L					L		6.10.2, 6.11.3, 6.11.5, 6.11.7, Art. 16			
	All group living, except as listed below			m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m				‡m							m						
	Co-living	m	m	m	m	m	P	P/L/m	P/L/m	P/L/m	P				‡m	‡m						P			5.3.2F			
	Commercial dorm			L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m							‡L					L	L/m		5.3.2A			
	Congregate living facility			L/m	L/m	L/m	L	L	L	L						‡	‡					L	L		5.3.2B			
	Group home			L/m	L/m	L/m	L	L	L	L						‡	‡					L	L		5.3.2C			
	Independent Living Facility			m	m	m	P	P	P	P						‡m						P	P					
PUBLIC AND CIVIC USES																												
Community Service	All community service, except as listed below																											

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Day Care	Auditoriums								L	L	L	P	P						‡L	‡L	P	P	L	L	5.3.3A				
	Clubs and lodges	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		‡	‡L/m			‡L	‡L	P	P	L	L	5.3.3C				
	Museums	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L	L	L	L	L				‡L	‡L	‡L	‡L	P	P	L	L	5.3.3G				
	Shelter, food bank or kitchen	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	5.3.3O				
	Day Care Home	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡					
	Day care facility	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L	L	L	L	L	L		‡L/m	L	‡L		‡L	‡L	L	L	L	5.3.3E				
	School, elementary	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m		‡L/m	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	P	P	P	P	5.3.3K			
	School, middle or high	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m		‡L/m	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	P	P	P	P	5.3.3K			
	Universities or colleges	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	P	P	P	P	P	P		‡M	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	P	P	P					
	Vocational, trade or business schools							P		P	P	P	P	P									P	P					
Government Facilities	All government facilities, except as listed below	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	P	P	P	P	P	P		‡L/m				‡	‡	P	P	P	P	5.3.3F				
	Correctional facilities																								5.3.3D				

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		RESIDENTIAL												DESIGN												
		PLANNED																								
Medical Facilities	All medical facilities, except as listed below																									
	Hospitals																									
Parks and Open Areas	All parks and open areas, except as listed below	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	†L	†L	†L	†L	†L	†L	L	L	L	5.3.3H	
	Cemeteries, mausoleums, columbaria, memorial gardens	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	†L	†L	†L	†L	†L	†L	L	L	L	5.3.3B	
Passenger Terminals	All passenger terminals, except as listed below	M																							5.3.7	
	Rail and Bus terminals				M	M	P															P	L	L	5.3.3I	
Places of Worship	All places of worship	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	†L/m	†L/m	†L/m	†L/m	†L/m	†L/m	P	P	P	5.3.3J	
Social Service Institutions	All social service institutions																				†M	M				
Utilities	Major utilities	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	†L/m	†L/m	†L/m	†L/m	†L/m	†L/m	M	M	M	5.3.3M	
	Minor utilities	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	†L	†L	†L	†L	†L	†L	P	P	P		

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	TV/HDTV/AM/FM Broadcast Antennae	L/m										L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m				‡ L/m		L/m					5.3.3L	
	Wireless Communication Facility, except as Listed Below	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	‡ L	‡ L	‡ L	‡ L	‡ L	L	L	L	L	L		5.3.3N
	Unipole Wireless Communication Facility	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	‡ L/M 1 /m	‡ L/M 1 /m	‡ L/M 1 /m	‡ L/M 1 /m	‡ L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m		5.3.3N
	Wireless Communication Facility, Freestanding Concealed	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	‡ L/M 1 /m	‡ L/M 1 /m	‡ L/M 1 /m	‡ L/M 1 /m	‡ L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m		5.3.3N
	Wireless Communication Facility, Freestanding Non-Concealed	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m	L/M 1 /m		5.3.3N
	COMMERCIAL USES																										
Indoor Recreation	All indoor recreation, except as listed below																										

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	Adult establishment												L/m	L											5.3.4A	
	Conference center, retreat house, event venue, banquet hall	L/m					L	L	L	L	L	L	L		‡L	‡L	‡L	‡L	‡L	‡L			L	L	5.3.4X	
	Electronic gaming operations								L				L				‡L								5.3.4J	
	Firing range, indoor								L				L	L			‡L	‡L							5.3.4K	
	Nightclub or bar						L	L/m	L				L				‡L	‡L		‡L		L	L		5.3.4P	
	All outdoor recreation, except as listed below	L/m						L/m	L				L				‡L	‡L		‡L		L	L		5.3.4Q	
	Campground, summer camp, RV camp	m							L/m				L/m												5.3.4H	
	Drive-in theatre																									5.3.4L
	Firing range, outdoor, archery, skeet	L/M												L/M											5.3.4L	
	Golf course, country club,	L	L	L	L	L			L						‡L	‡L	‡L	‡L	‡L	‡L					5.3.4M	

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	swim club, tennis club																										
	Marina, boating facility	M																									
	Paintball	L/m							L/m																	5.3.4R	
	Stadium, arena							M																			
	Hotel, motel, and extended stay residences								L																	5.3.4N	
Overnight Accommodations	Bed and breakfast	L/m							L																	5.3.4D	
	Diet house																										
Parking, Commercial	All commercial parking																										5.3.4F
	All restaurants, except as listed below																										5.3.7
Restaurants	Drive-through facilities																										5.3.4I
	All retail sales and service, except as listed below																										5.3.4B ; 5.3.7
Retail Sales and Service	Antique shop	L																									5.3.4C

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	Art, music, dance, photographic studio or gallery						P	P	P										‡	‡	‡			P																			
	Convenience store with gasoline sales							L																	L												5.3.4G						
	Drive-through facilities							L																	L												5.3.4I						
	Payday Lenders							P																	L												5.3.4S						
	Veterinary clinic, animal hospital, kennel							L																														5.3.4W					
	All self-service storage																																						5.3.4T				
	Manufactured home sales																																							5.3.4O			
	Vehicle sales, leasing, and rentals																																								5.3.4U		
	Car wash																																									5.3.4E	
	Vehicle service, minor																																									5.3.4V	
	Vehicle service, major																																										5.3.4V

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Office	Office																									
	All office uses																									
	Drive-through facilities																									
INDUSTRIAL USES	Research and development																									
	All heavy industrial, except as listed below																									
	Asphalt plant																									
Heavy Industrial	Concrete manufacturing plant																									
	Hazardous and low-level nuclear disposal and storage																									
	Wrecking, junk, and salvage yards																									
Light Industrial Service	All light industrial																									
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	service, except as listed below																										
Resource Extraction	All resource extraction													L/M												5.3.6E	
Warehouse and Freight Movement	All warehouse and freight movement													P						‡							
Waste-Related Service	All waste-related services, except as listed below Recycling centers Transfer stations														M												
Wholesale Trades	All wholesale trade																									5.3.6F	
																										5.3.6G	

- 1 If located within 300 feet of a designated North Carolina Scenic Byway.
- 2 To determine which freestanding concealed or unipole facilities require a minor special use permit, see paragraph [5.3.3N](#).
- 3 County Only

The Durham Unified Development Ordinance is current through legislation effective:

Durham County: June 1, 2023

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