

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(4)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2001

**TITLE: A REQUEST TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE CARRBORO TOWN CODE TO REGULATE THE USE
OF AND INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

DEPARTMENT: n/a	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: (See attachments included in the 9/25/01 agenda packet.)	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Brough, 929-3905

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to consider an ordinance that revises Articles I and II of Chapter 7 of the Town Code, primarily to deal with the issues raised by the possibility that various telecommunications providers will seek to lay their lines within town streets.

INFORMATION

The town recently received an inquiry from a telecommunications company asking what regulations apply if the company were to lay its lines within the town. The town has an ordinance regulating cable television companies, but has nothing that effectively addresses the issues raised by other telecommunications providers. The attached ordinance was prepared by the town attorney to respond to this situation. It is explained further in the attached memo from the town attorney.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen review the proposed ordinance, set a public hearing on it, and refer it for comment to telecommunication companies and others that might be affected by or interested in it.