

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT
MEETING DATE: November 20, 2001

TITLE: 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: A. Ordinance B. Memo from Town Attorney	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Brough, 929-3905

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to consider and receive public comment on 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.

A notice of public hearing was sent to Duke Power Company, Time Warner Cable, Orange Water and Sewer Authority, Public Service Company of N.C., Bell South, and Piedmont Electric Membership Corp.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen receive public comment on the draft ordinance and consider adopting it.