

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: August 27, 2002

TITLE: Review and Request to Set a Public Hearing on Orange County's Regulated Recyclable Materials Ordinance

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. County Regulated Recyclable Materials Ordinance C. Recyclable Materials Permit Application	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip Prete, Environmental Planner - 918-7326 Patricia McGuire, Planning Administrator -- 918-7327

PURPOSE

The Board of County Commissioners adopted a Regulated Recyclable Materials Ordinance on December 11, 2001. The County commissioners amended the ordinance in June 2002, making October 1, 2002 the effective date of the ordinance. In order for the ordinance to be enforceable within the Town of Carrboro, it is necessary for the Board of Aldermen to adopt a resolution authorizing the County to enforce the ordinance within the Town. The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution that sets a public hearing to receive public comment on how and whether the ordinance should be made effective within the Town limits.

INFORMATION

The current construction and demolition (C& D) landfill on Eubanks Road is projected to reach capacity by July 2002. A C & D Recycling Task Force, established by the Board of County Commissioners reviewed this matter and in August 2000 issued a final report that recommended: "Mandate recycling or reuse of C & D waste in Orange County through the use of an ordinance." County staff developed a mandatory recycling ordinance with input from Commissioners, builders, haulers, and municipalities. The ordinance (*Attachment B*) includes the following provisions:

- 1) Creates a list of "regulated recyclable materials, " that includes unpainted, untreated wood waste, scrap metal, pallets, and clean, corrugated cardboard. The ordinance also provides for many other materials to be added to the list of regulated recyclables.
- 2) Requires that Recyclable Materials Permits be obtained in conjunction with building or zoning compliance permits. (The permit application is presented as *Attachment C*.)

- 3) Mandates separation of scrap metal, clean wood waste, cardboard, pallets as a condition of development permits
- 4) Requires licensing, renewable annually, of haulers operating in Orange County.
- 5) Recycling in compliance of the ordinance is condition of receiving a haulers' license in Orange County
- 6) Prohibits burning of solid waste, excluding yard waste.
- 7) Allows up to a 60-day delay of demolition projects to provide time for an assessment of the recyclability of materials in the structure to be conducted.

While Orange County staff has noted that, at the present time, enforcement efforts will only be directed at the recyclable materials that are commercially generated, in its literal terms, the ordinance would apply to residentially generated materials as well.

To date, there has been limited outreach to, and communication with Town citizens, business owners, and visitors regarding the recyclable materials ordinance. A public hearing on this matter would provide an opportunity for the ordinance to be reviewed and comments to be received.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board adopt the resolution (*Attachment A*) that sets a public hearing for September 24, 2002 to receive comment on the Orange County Regulated Recyclable Materials Ordinance.