

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2004

TITLE: Public Hearing: Voluntary Annexation of the Fowler-Wheeler-Bright Property

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Petition for Annexation B. Location Map C. Ordinance D. Land Records Print-Out E. Rural Fire Dept Debt Information	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Williford, 918-7325

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to receive citizens' comments regarding a petition for the voluntary annexation of the Fowler-Wheeler-Bright Property and to consider the adoption of an ordinance incorporating the property into the Town effective January 31, 2004.

INFORMATION

The owners of a 51.31-acre tract located at the northeast corner of Hogan Hills Road and Old NC 86 (State Road 1009) submitted a petition for contiguous annexation of their property dated November 18, 2003. The area to be annexed is contiguous to the Town's municipal boundary and is referenced as Orange County Tax Map 7.23.C.31. The acreage proposed for annexation is north of the Lake Hogan Farms Subdivision and presently contains no dwelling units. The owners of this property are: James Robert Fowler, III; Giny Laine Fowler Wheeler and Dana Jill Fowler Bright.

Orange County Land records identify this property (Tax Map 7.23.C.31) as being within the New Hope fire District, tax rate code 07 (see attachment E). Since this property is within the New Hope fire district the State statutes (G.S. 160A-31.1) requires the municipality to assume that portion of the fire department's annual debt attributable to the tax base of the annexation area. The portion of the New Hope rural fire department's debt attributable to this property this year is approximately \$12.70 (see attachment E), which is less than the \$100 *de minimus* exception limit. Therefore, the town is not required to make a debt payment to the New Hope Voluntary Fire Department.

This public hearing was previously held, but following that public hearing it was discovered that the required notice of public hearing had not appeared in the newspaper as requested. Therefore, the town staff thought it best to go through the public hearing process once again.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached ordinance that annexes the 51.31-acre tract (Tax Map 7.23.C.31) located at the northeast corner of Hogan Hills Road and Old NC 86 (State Road 1009), into the Town of Carrboro effective January 31, 2004.

