

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(5)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2004

**TITLE: Town Code Amendments Related to Stoplights, Flashing Red or Yellow Lights, Stop Signs, and Speed Limits**

<b>DEPARTMENT: PLANNING</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO _ X _</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Town Code Amendments B. Existing Town Code Sections 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-15, and 6-16	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Dale McKeel – 918-7329

### PURPOSE

Town staff has prepared amendments to the Town Code related to traffic signals, stop signs, flashing red or yellow lights, and speed limits. The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the ordinance amending the Town Code.

### INFORMATION

The Town Code designates the locations of traffic signals, flashing red or yellow lights, stop signs, and speed limits within Carrboro. As conditions change and the town assumes maintenance of additional streets, the Town Code is updated to reflect the changes. Attachment A includes the following amendments to the Town Code:

- Section 1 adds 15 stoplight locations.
- Section 2 adds flashing light locations near railroad crossings and McDougle schools.
- Section 3 adds 31 intersections where stop signs are required.
- Section 4 removes 7 intersections where stop signs are required. These changes are being made for a number of reasons, including additions of stoplights to intersections, creation of four-way stop intersections, and other corrections.
- Section 5 defines the speed limit on 108 residential streets. Typically a 25 mph speed limit is applied to residential streets in Carrboro, though residents can petition for a lower limit (for example, the speed limit on streets in Roberson Place was lowered to 20 mph in March 2003).

Note that streets that are part of the State Highway System are marked by an asterisk (\*) in the Town Code.

The Town Code updates have been reviewed by staff in the Police, Public Works, and Planning departments. The Transportation Advisory Board reviewed the amendments to the Town Code at their February 19 meeting and had no suggested changes.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the ordinance amending the Town Code (Attachment A).