

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(5)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2004

TITLE: Town Code Amendment for the Speed Limit on a Portion of Homestead Road

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Town Code Amendments B. Map of Homestead Road (45 mph area) C. Map of Homestead Road (35 mph area)	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale McKeel – 918-7329

PURPOSE

Town staff has prepared an amendment to the Town Code for the speed limit on a portion of Homestead Road. The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the ordinance amending the Town Code (Attachment A).

INFORMATION

The Town Code designates speed limits within Carrboro. The Town Code is updated from time to time to specify speed limits in areas that have been annexed by the Town.

The N.C. Department of Transportation recently contacted the Town and requested that a 45-mph speed limit be added to the Town Code for the portion of Homestead Road near Stratford Drive that is in Carrboro's Town Limits (see Attachment B). This section of Homestead Road is posted at 45 mph, so the amendment will not change the posted speed limit. Once the Town Code is updated, a concurring ordinance will be adopted by the N.C. Board of Transportation.

Also note that a speed limit of 35-mph speed limit has been posted on another section of Homestead Road that is in Carrboro's Town Limits (see Attachment C). The speed limit was set at 35 mph due to the proximity to Chapel Hill High School. The Board of Aldermen does not need to adopt a Town Code amendment for this section of Homestead Road; under state law, 35 mph is the default speed limit for portions of state highways that are within municipalities.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

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