

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(5)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: April 19, 2005

**TITLE: Request-to-Set a Public Hearing to consider LUO Text Amendments
modifying the Miscellaneous Public and Semi-public facilities provisions**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Relevant Land Use Ordinance provision C. Draft Ordinance	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 Mike Brough – 929-3905

PURPOSE

Town staff has determined that the Land Use Ordinance's miscellaneous public and semi-public facilities provisions are in need of revision. A draft ordinance has been prepared. A resolution setting a public hearing for May 24, 2005 has been prepared for the Board's use.

INFORMATION

In working to expand the availability of public parking in downtown zoning districts, it has become apparent that such facilities are not currently permitted uses in all downtown districts. The use provisions for miscellaneous public and semi-public facilities (use classification 15.000) are included in Section 15-146, Table of Permissible Uses (*Attachment B*). A draft ordinance that modifies the title of use 15.800 "Town-owned facilities and services" and adds a new use 15.900, "Town-owned and/or operated public parking facilities" that would be allowed with a zoning permit in nearly all commercial zoning districts, has been prepared (*Attachment C*).

FISCAL IMPACT

Amending the Land Use Ordinance involves staff analysis and administration of the proposed amendment, advisory board review, and advertising costs associated with ordinance preparation and public notice.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution setting a public hearing on text amendments relating to miscellaneous public and semi-public facilities and referring the draft ordinance to the Planning Board and Orange County staff. (*Attachment A*).