

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(4)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: April 19, 2005

TITLE: Continued Discussion of the Land Use Ordinance Text Amendment Related to Group Homes

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Draft Ordinance, Revised B. Excerpt of Minutes, Board of Aldermen Public Hearing, February 22, 2005 C. Letter from OPC dated March 22, 2005 D. Memo from Mike Brough Re: revised ordinance	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 Mike Brough – 929-3905

PURPOSE

The Board of Aldermen held a public hearing and received comments on the proposed revisions to the group home provisions of the Land Use Ordinance. Staff was directed to receive additional comments and to rewrite the draft ordinance.

INFORMATION

Representatives of the Orange Person Chatham County Area Mental Health Program (OPC) and others attended the public hearing on February 22, 2005, provided comments on the proposed amendments to the group home provisions of the Town's Land Use Ordinance, and requested that the Board allow additional time before adopting any changes. Minutes of the public hearing are attached (*Attachment B*). The Board of Aldermen closed the public hearing, but requested that staff receive additional comments prior to modifying the draft ordinance.

Judy Truitt of the OPC program submitted a letter to the Board of Aldermen on March 22nd that recommends modifications to the draft ordinance (*Attachment C*). The recommendations have been reviewed by staff and, where appropriate, modified LUO provisions have been prepared. A memo from Mike Brough, Town Attorney, on the revised draft ordinance is also attached (*Attachment D*).

FISCAL IMPACT

None noted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the draft ordinance (*Attachment A*) that modifies the group homes provisions of the Land Use Ordinance.