

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(4)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: October 17, 2006

TITLE: **Request to Set a Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance Provisions Dealing with Flood Damage Prevention**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO X _
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 Michael Brough – 929-3905

PURPOSE

Mapping of area regulatory floodplains has been recently updated and federal rules dealing with floodway and floodplain management have been revised. The mapping and rules will be effective on February 2, 2007. A draft ordinance amending the Land Use Ordinance to reference updated floodplain locations and revised rules has been prepared. A resolution that sets the public hearing on the draft ordinance and refers the ordinance for Orange County and advisory board review is recommended for the Board's adoption.

INFORMATION

The draft ordinance is in final preparation and will be provided for the Board's consideration as soon as possible. The draft ordinance includes new and revised definitions of terms, general provisions, application, certification, and permitting requirements, duties and responsibilities of the floodplain administrator, variance procedures, general and specific standards for flood hazard prevention, provisions for floodways and subdivisions. The updated federal rules and model ordinance structure have necessitated a complete revision of the Town's floodplain regulations. The draft will be finalized and submitted to the Board soon..

It is necessary for the Board of Aldermen to hold a public hearing on a draft ordinance prior to taking any action. It is also necessary for the draft ordinance to be referred to Orange County and the Planning Board for review. Staff is recommending that the Board of Aldermen also refer the draft ordinance to the Environmental Advisory Board, and has "selected" this board on the resolution (*Attachment A*).

FISCAL IMPACT

Public hearings incur costs associated with advertising, advisory board, and staff review.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the resolution (*Attachment A*) setting a public hearing for November 28, 2006 to review the draft ordinance that would amend Land Use Ordinance to comply with recent changes to maps and rules dealing with flood damage prevention.