

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(7)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2006

TITLE: A Request to Adopt a Revised Chapter 12 (Fire Prevention and Protection) of the Town Code

DEPARTMENT: Fire	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A: Ordinance	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Fire Chief, Travis Crabtree - 918-7349

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to request that the Board to adopt a revised Chapter 12 (Fire Prevention and Protection) of the Town Code. The revised ordinance includes the updated State Fire Code and addresses enforcement issues regarding mulch piles.

INFORMATION

In July of 2006, the State of North Carolina adopted a new fire code. The state allows for up to six months to use the old fire code or the newly adopted fire code. The Town Code needed to be updated to recognize this aspect. Also, additional language has been added to the town code to help with enforcement issues regarding mulch piles. This language mandates that the fire department would have to issue a permit for large mulch piles and provide access for fire trucks to adequately abate the hazard. This ordinance will also mandate 36 new operational permits that are not presently required to help assist enforcement powers with other special hazards throughout the town.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen approve the attached ordinance adopting a revised Chapter 12 of the Town Code.