

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

ITEM NO. C(1)

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

**MEETING DATE: January 23, 2007**

**TITLE: Public Hearing: Land Use Ordinance Text Amendment to Revise Provisions Related to Child Day Care Homes and Facilities**

<b>DEPARTMENT: PLANNING</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <b>A. Resolution finding consistency</b> <b>B. Resolution finding inconsistency</b> <b>C. Draft Ordinance</b> <b>D. Committee Report</b> <b>E. Staff Memo</b> <b>F. Zoning Map</b> <b>G. Memo Regarding Insurance</b> <b>H. Memo Regarding Subsidy</b> <b>I. Comments and Recommendations</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Kendal Brown – <b>918-7334</b> Patricia McGuire – <b>918-7327</b> Mike Brough – <b>929-3905</b>

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this item is to receive citizens' comments regarding a request to amend the text of the Land Use Ordinance to revise several current restrictions on child day care homes and facilities, and to consider the adoption of an ordinance which responds to the request and proposed revised definitions.

**INFORMATION**

The Town has received a request to amend the text of the Land Use Ordinance to revise several current restrictions on child day care homes and facilities. The Carrboro Childcare Study Committee presented a report on child day care homes and facilities in the Carrboro area and the need for additional child day care spaces. The Committee recommended several changes to the LUO, which are described below. A draft ordinance that responds to the committee request and proposes revised definitions has been prepared.

On May 4, 2004, the Board of Aldermen appointed the Carrboro Childcare Study Committee to make recommendations as to appropriate regulation of childcare facilities in Carrboro, cost-free ways the Town could expand childcare options, and improvement of working conditions for childcare workers.

In March, 2006, the Committee submitted a report to the Board, noting the need for more daycares in Carrboro both now and in the future and recommended various types of daycare subsidies and changes to the LUO.

This Agenda Abstract pertains to recommendations for changes to the LUO only, noting that a response to the request regarding child care workers' access to group health insurance plan via the Town's health insurance broker has already been provided to the Board of Aldermen.

Staff has prepared supplemental information on these issues (Attachment E) and a draft ordinance amending the Carrboro LUO provisions related to child day care uses (Attachment C).

On November 21, 2006, the Board set a public hearing for January 23, 2007. The draft ordinance was referred to the to the Orange County staff, as well as to the Carrboro Planning Board, Transportation Board, Economic Sustainability Commission, and the Appearance Commission. Comments and recommendations are attached (Attachment I).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Amending the Land Use Ordinance involves public hearing advertising costs and notice requirements, where applicable, and administration of the proposed amendments.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The staff recommends the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached Resolution A finding the draft ordinance consistent with adopted policy, and Attachment C, the ordinance that would revise several current restrictions on, and the definitions of, child day care homes and facilities.