

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2007

TITLE: Discussion of Options for “Incentivizing” the Provision of Space for Day Care Facilities

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Staff Memo C. June 26, 2007 Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Kendal Brown – 918-7334 Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 Mike Brough – 929-3905

PURPOSE

The Board of Aldermen, at its June 26, 2007 public hearing, adopted amendments to the Land Use Ordinance to revise several restrictions on child day care homes and facilities. In the course of discussion, the Board asked the staff to explore options for incentivizing the creation of space for day care facilities in new developments. This item responds to that request.

INFORMATION

- March, 2006 Childcare Study Committee Report submitted to the Board of Aldermen, asking for regulatory changes to the town’s Land Use Ordinance
- January, 2007 public hearing held
- March 13, 2007 Board of Aldermen work session held on text amendments to the Land Use Ordinance
- June 26, 2007 public hearing and ordinance adoption; staff requested to explore options for incentivizing provision of day care space in new developments.

FISCAL and STAFF TIME IMPACTS

There are no extraordinary monetary costs associated with further exploration of possible day care initiatives. Expenditure of staff time will depend on the specificity and scope of the Board’s request.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Possible next steps for the Board are:

- Receive the report and indicate that no changes to the current ordinance provisions are necessary; or
- Give staff specific direction regarding revising the Land Use Ordinance relating only to incentivizing creation of day care facilities space in new developments; or
- Give the staff specific direction regarding revising the Land Use Ordinance relating to incentivizing a number of public benefits such as space for day care facilities, affordable housing, public art, gathering spaces, conservation of sensitive environmental areas, etc.