

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. E(1)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2007

**SUBJECT: Report on Issues at the Intersection of Davie/Jones Ferry Roads**

<b>DEPARTMENT: MANAGER'S OFFICE</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: NO</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <b>A – Resolution Approving Action Plan for Intersection of Davie Rd. / Jones Ferry Rd.</b> <b>B – Resolution Receiving Report</b> <b>C - Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Anti-Lingering Ordinance</b> <b>D – Draft Anti-Lingering Ordinance</b> <b>E - Report on Issues At Davie Rd. / Jones Ferry Rd.</b> <b>F – Map of Area</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> <b>James Harris – 918-7319</b> <b>Carolyn Hutchison – 918-7412</b> <b>George Seiz – 918-7427</b>

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is for town staff to present the issues raised at a community meeting held on Thursday, July 26, 2007. This meeting was requested by neighbors to discuss issues associated with the presence of large groups of people, many of them day laborers, at or near the intersection of Davie Rd. and Jones Ferry Rd.

### INFORMATION

Day laborers and others have continued to gather near this intersection, and most (though not all) of the concerns raised at the community meeting (attended by 9 staff and roughly 30 residents, all of whom have been invited to tonight's meeting if they left any contact information that night) relate to their presence there. Specific concerns raised include the following, all of which are addressed in the included report.

1. Loitering / lingering
2. Trash accumulating in multiple locations
3. Public urination
4. Public consumption of alcohol
5. Trespassing
6. Potential for crime
7. Speeding traffic
8. Harassment / intimidation

Illegal immigration was raised as a further issue. Town staff informed the neighbors of the Board's policy on civil immigration issues (passed 5/16/06).

Police have responded to roughly 60 complaints in the area of the intersection since May 1, 2007. The Police Department has stepped up directed patrols ("neighborhood driven requests for service") and Public Works, in addition to their twice-weekly litter patrol, has placed a trash

receptacle at the site and will be monitoring its effectiveness, any unintended consequences, and the overall litter situation at the site.

Regarding possible solutions for these problems, the idea of attempting to relocate the day laborers was raised (again) and seemed popular among those attending the community meeting. This idea has been discussed on at least one other occasion by the Board of Aldermen. Other (partial) solutions brought up by citizens and discussed to some degree were increased enforcement activity, additional trash receptacles, an anti-lingering ordinance of some kind, and immigration enforcement. Many if not all of these solutions are discussed in the attached report, which also incorporates input from the Police and Public Works Departments as well as other staff.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Increasing town activity (mostly on the part of the Police and Public Works departments) would at least take some town staff away from other parts of town. If additional staff are required in an attempt to address the problems, there will be a cost associated with that additional staff.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Town staff recommends that the Board discuss the problems in this area as well as possible solutions.