

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2007

TITLE: **A Request to Set a Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance to Modify Roadway Buffer Requirements**

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

PURPOSE

A draft ordinance that removes the roadway buffer requirement along arterial roads whenever properties are developed for use as public fire stations has been prepared. As it is necessary for the Board of Aldermen to receive public comment on changes to the text of the ordinance prior to taking action, a resolution that sets the public hearing for Tuesday, October 23, 2007 on the draft ordinance and refers the ordinance for Orange County and advisory board review is recommended for the Board's adoption.

INFORMATION

Section 15-312 specifies roadway buffer requirements for arterial roads throughout the Town and planning jurisdiction. In reviewing the site plan elements that embraced by participants in a community charette on the moratorium, it became apparent that the roadway buffer provisions could not be met on the portion of the UNC lot that had been leased for the fire station. A draft ordinance that would remove this requirement for fire stations has been prepared (**Attachment B**)

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 (*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 review of the draft ordinance that would amend the Land Use Ordinance to modify roadway buffer provisions for fire stations.