

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(5)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2007

TITLE: Request to Set a Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance to Modify Sight Distance Requirements

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO X _
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Appendix C-3 C. Draft ordinance	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 Michael Brough – 929-3905

PURPOSE

A draft ordinance that modifies the sight distance requirement at intersections 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, November 27, 2007 on the draft ordinance and refers the ordinance for Orange County and advisory board review is recommended for the Board's adoption.

INFORMATION

Appendix C-3 of the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance specifies sight distance requirements at intersections throughout the Town and planning jurisdiction. During the review of recent projects, it has been determined that the existing standard could be improved by providing for alternatives at those portions of an intersection that involves stop conditions. A draft ordinance that would establish such flexibility has been prepared (*Attachment C*).

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 November 27, 2007 to review a draft ordinance that would amend the Land Use Ordinance to revise the sight distance requirements.