

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(11)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT
MEETING DATE: November 20, 2007

TITLE: Town Code Amendment Adding a Section on School Zones to Chapter 6 of the Town Code

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Ordinance amendment for a school zone section in the Town Code	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Adena Messinger, 918-7329

PURPOSE

Staff is proposing that the Town Code be amended to include a section on school zones. The Board of Aldermen is being asked to approve this addition to the Town Code.

INFORMATION

The Town of Carrboro currently has four operating schools in its planning jurisdiction, with another under construction. Additionally, there are four schools in Chapel Hill's jurisdiction that border Carrboro. For most of these schools, the streets that provide frontage to the schools are marked as school zones, indicating that during certain hours there is a reduction in the speed limit for a specific length of these streets.

Currently, the reduction in speed is identified in the Town Code via Article III of Chapter 6, the article setting the speed limits for streets with in the town limits.

Staff is proposing that, due to the growing number of schools in the area, the Town Code include a separate section identifying school zones and their speeds. This will facilitate finding this information within the document and in adding future school zones as necessary. The Carrboro schools that currently have school zone designations are Carrboro Elementary, McDougle Elementary and McDougle Middle schools. Additionally, a school zone is designated on Smith Level Road adjacent to Frank Porter Graham Elementary.

Attachment A is a resolution that would provide for this change to the Town Code.

Additionally, while looking into the idea of having a school zone section, staff noticed that not all streets (within the Town limits) currently signed as school zones are identified as such in the Town Code. Inclusion in the Town Code is necessary for enforcement of the school zone. The omissions are corrected for in the town Code amendment proposed in Attachment A.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with amending the Town Code.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the ordinance amending the Town Code provided in Attachment A.