

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(9)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2007

TITLE: Request to Set a Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance to Modify Foot Candle Limitations in B-1(c) and B-1(g) Districts and Parking Space Dimensions

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING TBA = to be attached	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO X _
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. LUO Amendment Request Form C. LUO Sections 15-243 and 15-293 D. Draft ordinance	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 Michael Brough – 929-3905

PURPOSE

A draft ordinance responding to requested changes in light levels and parking space dimensions 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 January 22, 2008 on the draft ordinance and refers the ordinance for Orange County and advisory board review is recommended for the Board's adoption.

INFORMATION

Laura van Sant has submitted a request to amend the text of the Land Use Ordinance to create an exception to the .2 footcandle requirement for outdoor lighting in the B-1(c) and B-1(g) and to reduce the parking space length from 19 to 18 feet (*Attachment B*). The current requirements are specified in Sections 15-243 (a) and 15-293(d) of the Land Use Ordinance (*Attachment C*). A draft ordinance that responds to this request has been prepared (*Attachment D*).

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*). Staff has included referrals to the Economic Sustainability Commission, Environmental Advisory Board, and Transportation Advisory Board.

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 related to the request from Ms. van Sant.