

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 7, 2008

**SUBJECT: Consideration of an Ordinance Requiring Dog Owners to Remove
Feces Deposited by their Dogs on Public or Private Property**

DEPARTMENT: MANAGER'S OFFICE	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A – Draft ordinance	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Brough, Town Attorney

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Alderman to discuss possible passage of an ordinance which would make it unlawful for any dog owner (or person walking any dog) not to remove the feces of the animal from any public or private property except that of the dog owner. Failure to comply with this law would be a misdemeanor punishable as provided in G.S. 14-4.

INFORMATION

Inquiries about this kind of ordinance have been made from time to time. The Police Department has noted that enforcement of the ordinance will be difficult in the same way, for example, that littering laws (even if enforced whenever possible) often do not make much of a dent in the amount of litter around and about.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

Fiscal and staff impact should be minimal assuming that this kind of activity, if criminalized through this ordinance, will be one more thing police officers keep their eyes peeled for when on patrol.

RECOMMENDATION

Town staff have no recommendation on this matter.