

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO.: D(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2008

TITLE: Fertilizer Application

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A: Resolution B: Staff memo C: Town Code Fertilizer Provisions	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: RANDY DODD, 918-7326

PURPOSE: At meetings on May 20 and June 10, 2008 the Board of Aldermen received staff reports on the requirements for Year 3 of the Town's NPDES stormwater permit and adopted a Town Code provision requiring that all turf areas five acres or greater follow fertilizer application guidelines. The BOA requested that staff report back regarding who the existing fertilizer permit requirements apply to as well as how it might be applied to smaller parcels. The BOA also expressed interest in further discussion of a fertilizer surcharge. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the staff report, and allow for further BOA discussion on this matter.

INFORMATION: The Town's NPDES requirements include management of fertilizer application. To fulfill this requirement, a Town Code amendment was drafted in May, 2008 to require applicators of fertilizers to 5 acres or more to be certified in nutrient management, or to develop a nutrient management plan for lands receiving fertilizer. The 5 acre threshold was chosen because it is referenced in draft Jordan Lake rules. A staff memo is attached in response to BOA interests.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT: Minimal fiscal or staff impact is expected with action on this agenda item. Staff expects the principal implementation of this requirement to occur through adding information on this requirement to the existing education and outreach strategies used to meet the Town's NPDES requirements. There is potential future fiscal and impact for expanded public education, development of nutrient management plans for Town managed land (e.g., Anderson Park fields), oversight, and enforcement.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the BOA: 1) accept the attached memo; and 2) provide direction for the Town Code provision drafted by staff regarding: exempted parties; the threshold for turf area for fertilizer application requirements; and any additional considerations.