

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Two Proposed Town Charter Amendments

DEPARTMENT: MANAGER'S OFFICE	PUBLIC HEARING: Yes
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Proposed Charter Amendments	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Brough, Town Attorney, 929-3905

PURPOSE

The Board of Aldermen will receive public comment on two proposed Town Charter amendments and consider adoption of a resolution requesting the town's legislative delegation introduce and support the amendments.

INFORMATION

The first charter amendment would add sexual orientation, gender identification and gender expression to the list of bases upon which the Board of Aldermen may by ordinance prohibit housing discrimination. The second charter amendment would authorize the Board of Aldermen to provide by ordinance that no deed restriction or covenant can have the effect of limiting or prohibiting the use of green or sustainability features on a residential property, including but not limited to solar collectors, clotheslines, rain barrels, garden fences or other similar items. This would apply to existing deed restrictions and covenants as well.

The Board of Aldermen identified the above mentioned charter amendments as part of the Board's 2009 Legislative Priorities during the January 23rd breakfast meeting with the local legislative delegation.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

No fiscal or staff impact is anticipated with regard to these amendments, though enforcement of an ordinance to prohibit the limitation of green or sustainable features on residential property would require additional staff time.

RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that the Board receive public input on this item and consider adoption of the attached resolution.