

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(7)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: November 17, 2009

TITLE: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11 (Solid Wastes, Scrap Materials, Abandoned Vehicles, Weeds) of the Town Code to Prohibit the Placement of Certain Items Within Dumpsters or Mobile Household Trash Containers and Amendments to Yard Waste/Leaf Collection Provisions

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES or NO X
ATTACHMENTS: A. Draft Ordinance B. Existing Section 11-19 of the Town Code C. N.C.G.S. 130A-309.10	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: George Seiz – 918-7427 Mike Brough – 929-3905

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to request amendments to Chapter 11, Section 11-19 updating information with regards to yard waste and leaf collection provisions, and updating the list of waste items that may not be placed in roll-out containers for pickup and disposal in response to amendments to GS 130A-309.10(f), which contains the list of items that by statute may not be placed in North Carolina landfills.

INFORMATION

The Town of Carrboro has provided twice per month residential yard collection service for several years; however, the Town Code had not been updated to reflect this service. Section 11-19 (g) has been re-written to state the provision of the yard waste service and also notes restrictions of items that should not be placed in the yard waste containers. Section 11-19(h) has been re-written by removing language referring to bagged leaves being collected as part of extra trash collection. Bagged leaves are now routinely collected as part of the yard waste collection service.

NCGS 130A-309.10(f) sets forth a list of items that cannot knowingly be placed in landfills in North Carolina. During its 2009 Session, the General Assembly amended that list (S.L. 2009-499). Effective October 1, 2009, the following additional items are prohibited from disposal in landfills: (1) whole scrap tires (updated language); (2) motor vehicle oil filters; (3) recyclable rigid plastic containers; and (4) wooden pallets. Oyster shells were previously banned but have now been added as prohibited item. Section 11-19(j) and (k) of the Carrboro Town Code lists the items that may not be placed in the roll-out waste containers for pickup by the Town. Due to the fact that items placed in the roll-out containers are disposed of in the Orange County Landfill, the lists contained in the Town Code should be consistent with the list contained in NCGS 130A-309.10(f). It should be noted that effective January 1, 2011, discarded computer equipment and televisions will be added to the list of prohibited items and the ordinance will need to be amended accordingly.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

Amending the Town Code involves staff analysis and administration of the proposed amendment, and lessons the chance of liability for disposal of prohibited items in the landfill.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached Ordinance Amending Chapter 11, Section 11-19 (“Storage and Collection Practices: Premises Not Serviced by Dumpsters”).