

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

ITEM NO. C(2)

MEETING DATE: September 7, 2010

TITLE: Town Code Amendment Related to Parking along Renee Lynne Court

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ NO _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Town Code amendment B. Section 6-19(b)(1) of the Town Code C. Map	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: David Poythress – 918-7432 Jeff Brubaker – 918-7329

PURPOSE

The Town staff has prepared an amendment to Section 6-19 of the Town Code related to parking along Renee Lynne Ct. Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the ordinance amending the Town Code.

INFORMATION

The special use permit for the Rock Haven Center on Renee Lynne Ct., approved in 2000, designates Renee Lynne Ct. as a fire lane and prohibits on-street parking. Approved construction plans include notes requiring the installation of “No Parking” signs and pavement striping in compliance with the Carrboro Fire Marshal. The 2009 N.C. Fire Code, Sec. 503.2, establishes a minimum fire apparatus clearance width of 20 ft. and empowers fire code officials to determine required turning radii for a fire apparatus. The current width of Renee Lynne Ct. is 24 ft. curb-to-curb. If on-street parking were allowed with dimensions required by LUO Sec. 15-293, the 9.5-ft. width would narrow the street such that it would fail to comply with the fire apparatus clearance standard. An on-street parking prohibition is therefore needed to provide an adequate level of accessibility for EMS/Fire Department in emergency situations. This amendment is being prepared to formalize the parking prohibition in the Town Code.

The amendment (*Attachment A*) was originally scheduled for the June 15, 2010, Board of Aldermen meeting. Prior to this meeting, letters were sent to neighboring property owners informing them of the proposal. The agenda item was delayed in order to provide more information to, and receive feedback from, a property owner. On July 12, 2010, Town staff discussed the item via the staff-level Traffic and Parking Committee, which affirmed the recommendation to prohibit parking based on the reasons described above. This information was shared with the property owner, who may request additional review of the matter.

Parking limitations are listed in Section 6-19 of the Town Code. *Attachment B* is an excerpt of Sec. 6-19(b)(1). *Attachment C* is a map of the Renee Lynne Ct. area.

FISCAL IMPACT

Signage has already been installed. Some additional staff time should be expected associated with enforcement of the new parking limitations.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the ordinance amending the Town Code (*Attachment A*).