

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(6)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: September 7, 2010

**TITLE: A Resolution Adopting a Code of Ethics for the Board of Aldermen**

<b>DEPARTMENT: Town Attorney</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: NO</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> Attachment A: Resolution	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Brough 929-3905</b>

### PURPOSE

Chapter 403 of the 2009 Session Laws requires that the governing boards of all municipalities (and other local governments) adopt by January 1, 2011 a “resolution or policy containing a code of ethics to guide actions by the governing board members in the performance of the member’s official duties....” The purpose of this item is to present for the Board’s consideration a resolution that complies with this legislative mandate.

### INFORMATION

The above cited legislation, now codified as G.S. 160A-86, requires the Board to adopt a code of ethics that addresses the following topics:

- (1) The need to obey all applicable laws regarding official actions taken as a board member;
- (2) The need to uphold the integrity and independence of the board member’s office;
- (3) The need to avoid impropriety in the exercise of the board member’s official duties;
- (4) The need to faithfully perform the duties of the office; and
- (5) The need to conduct the affairs of the governing board in an open and public manner, including complying with all applicable laws governing open meetings and public records.

The School of Government, in cooperation with others, published a model code that complies with the statutory requirement. The attached resolution is based closely on the SOG’s model.

### FISCAL IMPACT

None

### RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution.