

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(6)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: May 1, 2012

SUBJECT: Resolution Requesting Board of County Commissioners Make Private-Sector Developers Eligible for Partial Reimbursement of School Impact Fees for Affordable Housing Units

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. 1/3/12 Letter from Community Home Trust C. Impact Fee Reimbursement Policy Concerning Affordable Housing for Low Income Individuals	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire, AICP 918-7327

PURPOSE

On January 17, 2012 Robert Dowling, on behalf of the Community Home Trust, requested the Board of Aldermen consider petitioning the Board of County Commissioners to allow developers to be eligible for a fifty percent reimbursement of school impact fees for certain affordable homes. The Board of Aldermen directed staff to prepare a resolution responding to the request for consideration on a future consent agenda. Such a resolution has been prepared.

INFORMATION

A copy of the letter Mr. Dowling submitted in support of his comments at the January 17th meeting is attached (*Attachment B*). The letter proposes that the mechanism for partial reimbursement of school impact fees would involve payment by the developer of the entire impact fee initially, followed by eligibility to request a fifty percent reimbursement of the fee if the home is sold to a low income buyer and meets other County guidelines.

A copy of the current Orange County policy that allows for reimbursement of school impact fees for low income housing units, subject to the availability of funds, developed by certain affordable housing agencies/organizations is also attached (*Attachment C*).

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

None to Town resources.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider adoption of the resolution (*Attachment A*) that requests the Board of County Commissioners make private sector developers eligible for partial reimbursement of school impact fees for homes sold to low income buyers.