

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(7)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 22, 2013

TITLE: Report on Tree Replacement Requirements and Options

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO_X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Staff Memo C. Staff Memo from 1999 D. Excerpts from Article XIX, Screening and Trees	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 Christina Moon – 918-7325

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board of Aldermen with a report on tree replacement requirements, with information on other types of tree replacement programs.

INFORMATION

Subsequent to approving The Butler Mixed Use Building conditional use district rezoning/conditional use permit at the August 26, 2008 public hearing, the Board requested that staff look into a program for tree replacement as a result of development. One specific suggestion from Alderman Coleman was that if significant trees could not be replaced on site, the Town could require payment into a tree fund that could be used for plantings on town property or possibly to provide trees for private property owners. The topic resurfaced during the Board's consideration of the Claremont South PUD, when Alderman Slade noted that in the revised design for the project, the number of trees, greater than 18 inches in size, identified for removal had increased.

Provisions in Section 15-318 of the Land Use Ordinance, Protection of Trees During Construction, speak to required measures to protect trees during construction and to replace trees greater than 18 inches in diameter, identified on the plans as being retained, which have subsequently died. Subsection 15-318(b) includes more specific requirements as to how a replacement tree must be equivalent of the tree that it replaces. Provisions in Section 15-319 outline situations where the Town may require a developer to post a security to cover the potential replacement of certain large or rare species trees. Additional recommendations regarding tree protection can be found in Appendix E-1 of the LUO. A more detailed summary of tree protection, planting and replanting provisions may be found in a staff memo presented at the Board's April 27, 1999 meeting. http://www.townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/1999/04_27_1999.pdf

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

To be determined based on next steps.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider the resolution in *Attachment A*, receiving the report, and directing staff toward a potential approach to a tree replacement program.