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TITLE:

Request-to-Set a Public Hearing on Amendments to the Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (SAPFO)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board to consider setting a public hearing on a potential text amendment to the Land Use Ordinance (LUO) regarding adequate public schools facilities. A resolution setting a hearing date for March 21st and referring the LUO amendment to the Planning Board and Orange County has been prepared.

DEPARTMENT: Planning

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INFORMATION: The results of a recent supreme court case have prompted staff to pursue amendments to the countywide adequate public schools facilities ordinance. A draft amendment to the ordinance has been prepared (*Attachment B*). Orange County and the Town of Chapel Hill are scheduled to consider these changes as well. The existing provisions for adequate public school facilities were adopted in July of 2003; agenda materials from the public hearing may be found at the following link: http://www.townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2003/06_24_2003_D2.pdf. The Adequate Public School Facilities provisions, may be found in their entirety in Article IV of the LUO, sections 15-88 through 15-88.7 (*Attachment C*). The associated memorandum of understanding, with proposed amendments, is provided as information (*Attachment D*). The annual Orange County, North Carolina, Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Technical Advisory Committee (SAPFOTAC) report, which reveals the school enrollment and available capacity for the upcoming year, is in preparation and is expected to be presented to the Board of Aldermen in early April.

The Board of Aldermen must receive public comment before taking action on a LUO text amendment. Planning Board and Orange County review is also needed for the LUO amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Public hearings involve staff and public notice costs associated with advisory board and Board of Aldermen review.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider the resolution setting a public hearing for March 21, 2013 and referring the proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance to the Planning Board and Orange County.