



ordinance if it believes the change to have significant merit and would benefit the general public. The existing presumptive parking requirement for restaurants with outdoor seating is one parking space per four outdoor seats. The use of outdoor seating is, for the most part, seasonal and it coincides with the increased tendency to walk and bike during warmer months. The current LUO requirement does not take into account the non-vehicular opportunities within certain zoning districts to walk and bike to restaurants, access to public parking, as well as the potential to park, once, and walk to multiple venues. Staff noted an opportunity to further refine the presumptive standards for restaurants with outdoor seating in the downtown area. An ordinance has been prepared which, if adopted, would modify the parking standards from one space per four outdoor seats to one space per eight outdoor seats within the three downtown zoning districts: B-1(c), B-1(g) and B-2. The draft ordinance was referred to Orange County and presented to the Planning Board at its June 18, 2015 meeting. Comments are provided (Attachment C).

**FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT:** Public hearings involve staff and public notices costs associated with advisory board and Board of Aldermen review. Minimal staff impacts are anticipated in relations to incorporating the proposed amendment.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider the resolution finding consistency (Attachment A-1) and the draft ordinance (Attachment B).