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**TITLE:**

Review and Acceptance of the 2018 Annual Report on the Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (SAPFO) from the Technical Advisory Committee

**PURPOSE:** The Orange County Board of County Commissioners has referred the 2018 report for review. The Board of Commissioners has requested comments from partner local governments by April 23rd. A resolution that accepts the report has been attached. The Board may choose to attach comments if desired.

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**INFORMATION:** The letter from Chair Mark Dorosin, of the Board of County Commissioners requesting Board of Aldermen review of the 2018 Draft Annual Report on the Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (SAPFO) Technical Advisory Committee was received on March 23rd. The transmittal included an executive summary of the report and copy of the BOCC's agenda abstract from March 20th (*Attachment B*). The full report is attached (*Attachment C*) and may also be found on Orange County's Planning Department website at the following link:

[http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/planning\\_and\\_inspections/current\\_interest\\_projects.php](http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/planning_and_inspections/current_interest_projects.php). Annual reporting requirements of the SAPFO are spelled out in Section 1D of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The SAPFOTAC, which includes Planning Directors and representatives of the County's two school systems, prepares the report each year. The report addresses five areas for each of the two school systems, Level of Service, Building Capacity and Membership, Membership Date, Capital Improvement Planning, Student Membership Projection methodology, and Student Membership Projections. Excerpts from the report related to the Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools are included below.

**Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS) Summary Information.** The CHCCS school district does not exceed the adopted levels of service established in the SAPFO. Projections do not show a need for new additional capacity at the elementary, middle, or high school levels within the 10-year planning period. Plans to renovate and expand existing CHCCS facilities continue.

**Enrollment.** Within the district, the total number of students increased by 124 students as a result of 45 fewer elementary students, 4 more middle school students and 165 more high school students. The total school population in the 2016-17 school year is 12,282. Level of Service for the three school levels is summarized below:

**Elementary**

- A. Does not exceed 105 percent LOS standard (current LOS is 97.5 percent). Projections do not show the need for an additional Chapel Hill/Carrboro Elementary School in the 10 year projection period.

### **Middle School**

- A. Does not currently exceed 107 percent LOS standard (current LOS is 96.2 percent). Projections do not show the need for an additional Chapel Hill/Carrboro Middle School in the 10-year projection period.

### **High School**

- A. Does not currently exceed the 110 percent LOS standard (current LOS is 101.3 percent). The need for additional capacity at the high school level (which would be met by expansion of Carrboro High School from 800 to 1200 students) is not anticipated in the 10-year projection period.

Student Projection Analysis. Projected average annual growth rates at the elementary and middle school levels have decreased slightly, but remain positive. Future growth rates show decreasing rates of growth at the elementary and middle school levels and a decreasing growth rate at the high school level.

### Other Considerations

2017 legislation established new student class sizes for kindergarten to third grade for the upcoming school year from class size ratios of 1:21 to 1:20, which reduced capacity in both County school districts at the elementary school level in the current year. Additional reductions were included for the 2018-2019 school year. House Bill 90 includes a staggered implementation of the reduction, to be completed by 2021-2022; the CHCCS district was provided a waiver that added one year to the full implementation of the reduction. These changes in classroom size are projected to result in a reduction in capacity of approximately 660 students for CHCCS over the phasing-in time period.

This year's draft report includes information regarding charter schools and other alternative schooling arrangements, on pages 13 and 47 of the report related to CHCCS and page 49 for Orange County Schools of the report. An assessment of the effects of these alternatives on enrollment in the County's two public school districts is provided. The possibility of scheduling a Joint Action Committee meeting to discuss implementation has been noted by the SAPFO staff Technical Committee. The topic may also be included as part of an upcoming County/Schools Collaboration meeting.

The Adequate Public School Facilities provisions, Land Use Ordinance subsections 15-88 through 15-88.7, and the associated memorandum of understanding is provided as information (*Attachment D*).

A summary chart showing the status of CAPS for approved residential developments is being prepared and will be provided.

**FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT:** None noted with the review and acceptance of this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution that accepts the report. The Board may choose to attach comments if desired.