



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Request-to-set a public hearing on Land Use Ordinance Amendments Relating to Design Standards for Bike and Pedestrian Paths

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider setting a public hearing on potential text amendments clarifying design standards for bike and pedestrian paths. A draft ordinance has been prepared for the Board's consideration. A resolution setting a hearing date for March 25, 2014 and requesting and advisory board review prior to the public hearing has been prepared.

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INFORMATION: The table in Section 15-196 of the Land Use Ordinance, Active Recreational Areas and Facilities Required, lists hiking/biking trail as a potential facility for satisfying recreational point requirements. Two subsequent subsections 15-196(h)(2) and 15-196(e) reference the construction of bike and pedestrian paths, but neither provision specifies design or construction standards.

Section 15-321(c)(1) of the Land Use Ordinance provides for staff to proceed with the preparation of an ordinance to change the LUO if it believes the change to have significant merit and would benefit the general public. A draft ordinance has been prepared that establishes design and construction standards based on the 2012 AASHTO guide for bicycle facilities, the current standard for these types of facilities.

The Board of Aldermen must receive public comment before adopting amendments to the LUO. Planning Board and Orange County review is also needed.

FISCAL & STAFF 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 attached resolution, setting a public hearing for March 25, 2014 and referring the proposed amendments to Orange County, the Planning Board and the Transportation Advisory Board.