Legislation Text

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TITLE:
A Resolution Establishing a Town Historian

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is to have the Board of Aldermen consider adopting a resolution to establish a Town historian.
DEPARTMENT: Town Manager

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INFORMATION: Staff has researched information concerning the possible creation of a Town historian. The Town Attorney has drafted a resolution that would establish a town historian for the Town of Carrboro. The Town historian would be appointed by the Board of Aldermen and would as attached serve a term of 4 years. Duties of the Town historian may include, but not be limited to;

- Represents the town as its spokesperson on Carrboro's history and an interpreter of its past
- Collects and organize local history materials and cooperates with other public officials in the preservation of historically valuable Town records
- Researches, writes, and makes public presentations on aspects of Town history, serving as a resource to the community
- Advocates for the preservation of the Town's historic sites and works with others to maintain records that document the built environment of the community, Advises the Board of Aldermen on historical issues and subjects
- Serves as a liaison with any town historical groups as well as similar groups outside the town to encourage cooperation and resource sharing
- Works with the Board to establish a safe and protected repository for historical town documents and documents donated to the town

If the resolution to establish a Town historian is adopted the Town Clerk would issue a call for applicants.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Depending upon the Board's direction for the Town Historian, supporting funds may be necessary and will need to be identified. Funds have not been approved for a Town Historian in the FY 14-15 budget.

RECOMMENDATION: It is requested that the Board review the resolution and list of duties and provide feedback to staff on the appropriate action.