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TITLE:

Review of the 2015 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 2015 report for review and comments. The Board of Commissioners is scheduled to certify the report in May and has requested comments from signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding by April 21, 2015. A resolution that provides an opportunity for the Board of Aldermen to specify comments has been prepared.

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INFORMATION: The letter from Chair Earl McKee, of the Board of County Commissioners requesting Board of Aldermen review of the 2015 Draft Annual Report on the Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (SAPFO) Technical Advisory Committee was received on March 19th. The transmittal included an executive summary of the report and copy of the BOCC's agenda abstract from March 17th (*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://orangecountync.gov/planning/documents/2015DRAFTSAPFOTACReport.pdf>>. 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 show potential needs at the elementary and middle school levels within the 10-year planning period. Projected need has shifted out three years at these levels, with a reduction in the growth rate possibly attributed to the opening of a new charter school in Hillsborough. The need for additional capacity at the high school level is not projected during the 10 year projection period.

Enrollment. Within the district, the total number of students decreased by 44 as a result of 13 fewer elementary students, three additional middle school students and 34 fewer high school students. The total school population in the 2014-15 school year is 12,132.

Level of Service for the three school levels is summarized below:

Elementary

- A. Does not exceed 105 percent LOS standard (current LOS is 95.1 percent). Projections show that Chapel Hill/Carrboro *Elementary School #12 will be needed in 2023-24*. This is three years later than last year's projections.
- B. The projected growth rate at this level is expected to decrease over the next 10 years but remain positive (average ~1.1 percent per year compared to 1.7 percent over the past 10 years).

Middle School

- A. Does not currently exceed 107 percent LOS standard (current LOS is 97.2 percent). The projected growth rate at this level is expected to increase at a greater rate over the next 10 years than it has in the previous 10 years (average ~1.2 percent compared to an average of 0.91 percent over the past 10 years).
- B. Capacity has increased by 104 students with the opening of the Culbreth Middle School addition. As a result, projections show that Chapel Hill/Carrboro *Middle School #5 is projected to be needed in 2023-24*. This is three years later than last year's projections.

High School

- A. Does not currently exceed the 110 percent LOS standard (current LOS is 96.3 percent). The projected growth rate at this level is expected to decrease, but remain positive over the next 10 years (average ~1.22 percent compared to 1.24 percent over the past 10 years). *Projections are not showing a need for the addition to Carrboro High School (which would add space for 400 students to the 800-student school) during the 10-year projection period*. Last year's projections showed a need in 2023-24.

Student Projection Analysis. Average positive growth in the student population is projected to continue, though the rate of increase is projected to decrease.

Other Considerations.

Orange County contracted with Tischler-Bise to update the student generation rate analysis. Previous numbers were from the 2007 Impact Fee Study which included student generation rates from the entire housing stock (included as *Attachment D*). New rates are based on an inventory of units built from January 2004 through December 2013 (see page 44).

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 E*). A summary chart showing the status of CAPS for approved residential developments has been prepared and is also provided as information (*Attachment F*).

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen review the draft report and specify comments in the attached resolution for transmittal to Orange County (*Attachment A*).