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**TITLE:**

Request to Set a Public Hearing on Land Use Ordinance Amendments Relating to Performing Arts Space

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider setting a public hearing on text amendments to the Land Use Ordinance that would create a new use classification and associated permit and development requirements.

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**INFORMATION:** The Board of Aldermen and the community have expressed an ongoing interest in supporting the continued and expanded vitality of businesses, particularly entertainment uses, and in preserving historic areas. A draft ordinance has been prepared that, if approved, would establish a new “performing arts space” use, with permit requirements and development standards. The new use could be allowed with either a zoning permit or a conditional use permit in an existing historic building within certain commercial districts in the downtown such as the B-1(g), B-1(c), and M-1 zoning districts, depending on the distance of the building containing the performance space from residential uses.

The Board of Aldermen must receive public comment before adopting amendments to the LUO. Orange County and Planning Board review are 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 November 27, 2018 and referring the draft ordinance to Orange County and the Planning Board. The resolution also identifies the Economic Sustainability Commission, the Transportation Advisory Board and the Appearance Commission as reviewers of the draft ordinance.