



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Request-to-Set a Public Hearing on a Land Use Ordinance Amendment to Establish Temporary Construction Parking

PURPOSE: The Town's Community and Economic Development Director has identified a need for parking areas for construction workers employed at projects in the downtown area. A draft ordinance has been prepared. The Board is asked to set a public hearing for October 22, 2019, and to refer the amendment to advisory boards and Orange County.

DEPARTMENT: Planning

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INFORMATION: The Land Use Ordinance provides for opportunities for staff to bring forward proposed amendments to the text of the ordinance for the benefit of the greater community. As development and redevelopment occurs in the downtown commercial districts, sufficient space for on-site parking for all workers associated with a construction project can be challenging. Providing sufficient parking in a way that does not impede the many other daily activities in the downtown is important to the support of a vibrant community.

A draft ordinance has been prepared for the Board's consideration. If adopted, existing lots with parking spaces not already committed to the requirements of another permit may be used as temporary construction parking subject to a zoning permit. Parking would only be allowed during the duration of the construction project.

A resolution has been prepared setting a public hearing for October 22th and referring the draft Land Use Ordinance amendment to Orange County and the Planning Board.

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 (*Attachment A*) setting a public hearing for October 22, 2019 and referring the text amendment to the Land Use Ordinance to the Town advisory boards and Orange County.