

MEMORANDUM

TO: Roger L. Stancil, Town Manager

FROM: J.B. Culpepper, Planning Director
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SUBJECT: Recommended update to student generation rates for Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (SAPFO) processes

DATE: September 14, 2009

PURPOSE

To inform the Council of proposed student generation rate updates and to provide an opportunity for comment.

BACKGROUND

Chapel Hill participates with Orange County, Carrboro, and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools in management of a Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (SAPFO). The Orange County Board of Commissioners directed staff to begin the process outlined in the SAPFO Memorandum of Understanding to update student generation rates.

DISCUSSION

The planning directors of the Towns and the County and representatives of the School Districts appointed by the Superintendents (this is the SAPFO Technical Advisory Committee, SAPFOTAC) recommend adopting the updated generation rates to reflect the most current data.

The Board of County Commissioners is scheduled to consider the updated rates at its October 6, 2009 meeting. If the change is adopted by the Commissioners, it will be incorporated into the 2010 SAPFOTAC Report and will become effective with the November 15, 2010 Certificate of Adequate Public Schools system update.

The updated rates are based on 2007 data, instead of the 2001 data used in the earlier analysis. The update shows a slight increase in the generation rate (for all housing types) from 0.290 to 0.332 for Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools and from 0.284 to 0.321 for Orange County Schools. More details are available in the attached memorandum and Appendix C of the 2007 TischlerBise report.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the Council receive the updated generation rates and provide any comments to the Board of Commissioners.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Memorandum from Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Technical Advisory Committee (SAPFOTAC) dated May 22, 2009 with Appendix C, 2007 TischlerBise report.