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Date: April 10, 2007

To: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Director

Subject: **Amendment to Chapter 5.44 of the Lancaster Municipal Code Regulating Group Home Business Licenses**

Recommendation:

Introduce Ordinance No. 874, amending Ordinance No. 870 which added Chapter 5.44 to the Lancaster Municipal Code to establish the Group Home Business License.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

On January 9, 2007, Ordinance 870 was introduced and adopted by the City Council. The Council heard testimony from the public expressing concerns regarding the definition of Group Home occupants as residents rather than guests and the number of guests allowed in a Group Home or facility. The proposed amendment addresses these concerns and includes language further protecting the quality of life of the neighbors of the Group Home.

Discussion:

Attached is a blackline version of Chapter 5.44 to show each of the changes being made to the existing Ordinance.