



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2019-0418

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ken Elwert, Parks and Natural Resources Director
Matt Einheuser, Natural Resources Manager
DATE: September 23, 2019
SUBJECT: Acceptance of First Reading – Chapter 74, Article IV of the Code of Ordinance, Green Space Ordinance

REQUEST:

Review and accept the first reading of the Green Space Ordinance; *Chapter 74; Article IV: Green Space.*

BACKGROUND:

In September 2005, Rochester Hills residents passed a 0.3 mill 10-year millage to acquire and preserve natural green space in our community. The City currently has 7 green space properties that total over 127 acres of permanently preserved natural green spaces that are open to the public for passive recreation. Currently no specific ordinance applies to these green space properties. These properties are being visited more often and it is necessary to issue ordinances to protect and preserve these properties and identify acceptable (and unacceptable) uses.

This ordinance was developed, largely based on our current Parks and Recreation code (Chapter 74) and Parks – Conservation Areas section (Chapter 74 – Division 4). The Green Space Advisory Committee, at their 11-13-18 meeting, reviewed and recommended the ordinance be sent to City Council for their approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

We are recommending that City Council accept for First Reading of the Green Space Ordinance; *Chapter 74; Article IV: Green Space.*

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A