City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2004-0032 V5

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: **Linda Raschke, Chairperson, Public Safety Committee**

DATE: July 26, 2005

SUBJECT: **False Alarm Ordinance**

REQUEST:

To concur with the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and request the City Attorney to prepare a proposed False Alarm Ordinance for consideration.

BACKGROUND:

Due to the amount of false alarm calls in the City of Rochester Hills, which waste police resources, the Public Safety Committee has held several discussions regarding a False Alarm Ordinance for the City of Rochester Hills. Statically, over 99% of alarms nationally are false alarms.

On March 31, 2004, Mr. Dan Clark, a retired Troy deputy, made a presentation at a Council Work Session and described a program in which he implemented that significantly reduced the number of false alarm calls in the City of Troy. Many other municipalities administer a false alarm ordinance throughout the United States. One of the most recent is the City of Sterling Heights.

A False Alarm Ordinance can define a fee structure that will reduce the occurrences of repeated false alarms and free police officers to respond to legitimate calls, thus better utilizing tax dollars. The ordinance can also generate revenue to offset administrative costs. Mayor Somerville has indicated her support of such an ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Safety Committee recommends that City Council concur with the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee regarding the need for a False Alarm Ordinance and request the City Attorney to prepare a proposed False Alarm Ordinance similar to the City of Troy and the City of Sterling Heights for implementation in the City of Rochester Hills.

RESOLUTION

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
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