



**City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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**Legislative File No: 2006-0094**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Michael Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry  
Patrick McKay, Museum Operations Manager

**DATE:** January 26, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Museum Membership Fee Schedule

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**REQUEST:**

We are requesting that the Rochester Hills City Council approve the new Museum Membership Fees and schedule First Reading and Second Reading to amend Section 54-470 of the City's Ordinance to include these new fees.

**BACKGROUND:**

In September 2000, the City of Rochester Hills signed a project agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for a \$500,000 Clean Michigan Initiative Recreation Bond Program grant as part of the adaptive reuse project for the Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. Wording in this agreement prohibited a membership program that the Museum wanted to implement as a revenue source to offset Museum operating costs. The MDNR has since approved Amendment 1 to the Project Agreement (2006-0074) to allow the Museum Membership program for the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, and this amendment is scheduled for City Council approval on February 1, 2006. The proposed fee levels for the Museum Membership program have been submitted to, and approved by, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources and their approval is included in the Amendment 1 to the Project Agreement.

The Museum Membership fees will be directed to the Museum Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester and will qualify as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes. The membership fees will be placed in the "non-endowed fund" so all the funds will be immediately available for Museum operations.

Section 54-470 of the Code of Ordinances now needs to be amended to reflect the approved fees for the Museum Membership program. A copy of the proposed changes has been submitted to City Attorney John Staran for codification.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We are recommending that the Rochester Hills City Council approve the addition of the Museum Membership Fees to Section 54- Fees of the Code of Ordinances and schedule a First Reading and Second Reading as required.

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**RESOLUTION**

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