



# Rochester Hills

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## Referral Notice

### City Council Regular Meeting

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**To:** Financial Services Committee  
**From:** City Council Regular Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 5, 2006

This Legislative File is being referred to you for your review, response and/or action. Any due date is noted below. Should you require any further information or are unable to meet the specified due date, please contact the City Council Liaison at (248) 841-2463.

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**2006-0257** Referral to the Financial Services Committee of a Resolution Expressing Support of Local Control of Cable Franchising and Opposition to Michigan House Bill 5895 and Senate Bill 1157

Whereas, the Rochester Hills City Council desires further research and discussion of the matter of legislation introduced in the Michigan Legislature, House Bill 5895 and Senate Bill 1157 which could potentially:

- \* Eliminate local cable franchising and requires the Secretary of State to grant a statewide franchise.

- \* Allow any cable or video provider to stop serving any area in a city, village, or township based on out-of-state corporate economic decisions. Current law guarantees service to all local residents. Cable and phone companies could turn off service to neighborhoods because they are not profitable, basically "cherry-picking" and "redlining" neighborhoods; and

Be It Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby refers this matter for further discussion and research by the Financial Services Committee and directs the Committee to provide a recommendation to City Council.

**Due Date:**

**Instructions:** *Mr. Yalamanchi requested that this matter be forwarded to the Financial Services Committee for further investigation. He noted that he had been in contact with State Representative John Garfield in Lansing who indicated that the bill would not be brought forward until the State's Telecommunications Committee had received an opinion from the Federal Communications Committee. It was anticipated that the FCC's opinion would not likely be issued until June or July of 2006. Mr. Yalamanchi suggested that Representative Garfield be invited to address Council on this matter and provide more detailed information.*

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NOTE: If there are any questions concerning this notice, please direct them to the City Council Liaison.

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