



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

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**Legislative File No:** 2010-0291

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Scott Cope Building Department Director  
Robert White Building Department Supervisor

**DATE:** July 20, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Special Event Ordinance

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**REQUEST:**

Building Department staff and the City Attorney have worked together to draft a Special Event ordinance. Staff presented the ordinance to Council for first reading on July 19, 2010. Council approved the ordinance for first reading. Staff presents the ordinance for second reading at the regular City Council meeting schedule for July 26, 2010.

**BACKGROUND:**

Prior to the recently updated Zoning Ordinance, businesses were not allowed to sell or display goods outside of an enclosed building. Businesses who wished to have a tent sale or a sidewalk sale were not allowed by ordinance to do so. The Ordinance staff has experimented with a special event permit over the last several years that has allowed for sales in the parking lot and sidewalk sales, as well as events at Rochester College, Leader Dogs and charitable events sponsored by various businesses.

The current zoning ordinance, enacted on April 27, 2009, allows outdoor display and sale of goods in commercially zoned districts, but requires a Special Event permit. Staff presented the proposed Special Event Ordinance on July 19, 2010 at the regular meeting of the City Council and Council approved the ordinance for first reading. Staff and the City Attorney made one small amendment to the ordinance draft. In Section 79-02 Definitions, the first sentence ...”outdoor sales area on **commercially-zoned (i.e. B-1, B-2, or B-3) property**”, was deleted and replace with “**on non-residential property**”. Staff presents the ordinance for second reading at the July 26, 2010 regular business meeting to the City Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is recommends the Special Event ordinance be approved for second reading.

<b>APPROVALS:</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Department Review</b>		
<b>Department Director</b>		
<b>Mayor</b>		
<b>City Council Liaison</b>		