

City of Rochester Hills AGENDA SUMMARY NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Scott Cope Building Department 248-841-2445

DATE: March 23, 2010

SUBJECT: Mechanical Amusement Device ordinance revision

REQUEST:

The revisions for the Article IV Division 1, Section 10, Mechanical Amusement Device ordinance are being presented for first reading.

BACKGROUND:

An application for a mechanical amusement device license was submitted by Game Over Lounge to have computer and play station type gaming at 1524 E. Auburn. In reviewing the ordinance, staff determined that the location of the business was not allowed by ordinance in that it was not in an enclosed mall and it was to close to a nearby school. It was also determined that the business did not fit any of the ordinance requirements as to location. On December 7th, the applicant appeared before Council to request the license. Council approved a temporary license until January 30, 2010. Council directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance giving Council the ability to grant a variance for certain hardships. That amendment was presented for first reading at the regular meeting of the City Council on December 14, 2009, and was approved. Second reading for the amendment was approved on January 11, 2010. Council also extended the temporary license for Game Over Lounge until April 30, 2010 and directed staff and the City Attorney to review the current ordinance and update the ordinance where appropriate. The revisions prepared by staff and the City attorney are being presented at the April 12th, 2010, regular meeting of the City Council for first reading.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the ordinance revisions presented be approved by the City Council.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		