
CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

Building
Department

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DATE: January 13, 2010

TO: Jane Leslie City Clerk

RE: 1524 E. Auburn/amusement license

On December 7th, 2009, City Council considered a license request for 15 mechanical amusement devices for the Game Over Lounge. It was indicated by staff that the applicant did not meet the ordinance requirements of the current ordinance. City Council directed the City Attorney to draft an amendment to the current ordinance that would give the City Council the ability to grant a variance for certain hardships. That amendment has been drafted, and approved for first and second readings in recent regular City Council meetings. The City Council also granted a temporary license to the applicant that will expire on January 30, 2010.

The City Council is scheduled to reconsider the temporary license for Game Over Lounge at their regular meeting of January 25, 2010, at which time they would consider granting a variance as allowed in the new amendment.

The Building Department staff is in the process of preparing revisions to be presented to the City Attorney very soon that should address all of the concerns that prevented the applicant from meeting the ordinance requirements. Once the draft is prepared by the City Attorney, staff intends to bring the ordinance revisions to the City Council.

It is staff's recommendation that City Council simply extend the temporary permit for 90 days, to allow staff and the City Attorney time to prepare the draft ordinance and present it to Council in the very near future.