



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2013-0152

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Patrick McKay, Supervisor of Interpretative Services
DATE: April 8, 2013
SUBJECT: Alcohol at the Rochester Hills Museum site for approved events.

REQUEST:

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm is seeking permission to allow alcohol to be served at events at the Museum such as weddings, anniversaries, and other appropriate events that follow Museum guidelines and utilize a licensed and insured caterer.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of Rochester Hills Parks Ordinance Sec. 74-101. - Alcoholic liquors states that "It shall be unlawful for any person to bring in, have in possession, or use alcoholic liquors within a park, except that the use of alcoholic liquors may be permitted with the permission of the city council and if the park facility and/or its operator have been issued a liquor license by the state liquor control commission. The city council reserves the right to limit areas and/or times of consumption of such alcoholic liquors in parks where alcoholic liquors are permitted." City Attorney John Staran has advised that a liquor license is not required for private events from the State of Michigan because they are considered private events and alcohol is not being sold. City Council approval is required for an amendment to the parks ordinance allowing alcohol to be served at the Rochester Hills Museum.

The Dairy Barn site of the Museum property is located within the boundaries of the City of Rochester. The Rochester Planning Commission unanimously approved the serving of alcohol on our site within their City limits at their Monday, March 4, 2013 meeting. They require a licensed and insured caterer to serve alcohol and that all events end at 11:00 p.m.

The Museum receives numerous requests each year to allow alcohol at our site and we are seeking permission to allow this use for a two year (2013-14) trial period. The Museum staff believes that additional revenue can be generated to support the Museum operation. City staff will coordinate insurance from caterer(s) that meets our City's risk management requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Rochester Hills City Council approve this request to allow alcohol to be served at the Museum site for a two year test period (2013-14).

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