

City of Rochester Hills AGENDA SUMMARY NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Scott Cope, Building Department, 248-656-4615

DATE: November 24, 2009

SUBJECT: Sign Ordinance

REQUEST:

Staff is seeking City Councils review and approval of the first reading for revisions to the Sign Ordinance.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past several years, the City has witnessed an increase in general commercial development. This combined with unique architectural design, mixed use developments, advances in sign technology and feedback from business owners and contractors has caused staff to take a closer look at the sign ordinance provisions. With our goal to strive for mutual cooperation between the City, businesses and sign contractors, the Ordinance Compliance staff is proposing that certain areas of the sign ordinance be considered for revisions. At a workshop on March 7, 2008, staff outlined the planned partnership with the Mayors business council and sign contractors to dig into the ordinance and develop a more user-friendly sign ordinance. At that meeting City Council directed the staff and the City Attorney to prepare a draft of the changes to the sign ordinance. The final draft of the sign ordinance is now being presented at the December 7th, 2009 Regular meeting of the City Council for first reading.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the staff's recommendation that City Council approve the first reading of the revised sign ordinance.

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