



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

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**Legislative File No:** 2009-0243

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance

**DATE:** June 23, 2009

**SUBJECT:** **Water & Sewer Rate Changes effective July 3, 2009 – First Reading to amend Ordinance Sections 54.741, 54.743, 54.744 and 54.745 of Article XII, Utilities, of Chapter 54, Fees of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, to modify water and sewer rates and fees, repeal conflicting ordinances**

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**REQUEST:**

We are requesting that City Council accept, for second reading, an Ordinance to amendment to Sections 54.741, 54.743 and 54.744 54.745 of Article XII, Utilities, of Chapter 54, Fees, of the code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County Michigan, to modify the water and sewage rates and fees and repeal conflicting ordinances as recommended by the Water & Sewer Technical Review Committee.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Water & Sewage Technical Review Committee met and discussed several rate scenarios for water and sewage rates developed based on recent contract approvals and notices of rate changes. As required by Section 102-62 of the City of Rochester Hills Ordinance, the water and sewage charges have been evaluated to provide revenue for; the payment of the expenses of administration and operation, expenses for maintenance of the water and sewage disposal system as are necessary to preserve the system in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenses.

Based on a “Breakeven” methodology the Water and Sewer Technical Review Committee is making rate recommendations for water and sewage *Commodity*, *Capacity* and *Customer* charges as well as for the *Sewer Flat* rate customers to City Council begin as soon as possible.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend City Council accept, for second reading, amendments to Ordinance Sections 54.741, 54.743, 54.744 and 54.745 of Article XII, Utilities, of Chapter 54, Fees, of the code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County Michigan, to modify the water and sewage rates and fees and repeal conflicting ordinances (changes enclosed) as recommended by the Water & Sewer Technical Review Committee.

**RESOLUTION**

Acceptance for second Reading - an Ordinance to amend Sections 54.741, 54.743, 54.744 and 54.745 of Article XII, Utilities, of Chapter 54, Fees, of the code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County Michigan, to modify the water and sewage rates and fees and repeal conflicting ordinances.

**Resolved**, that an Ordinance to amend Sections 54.741, 54.743, 54.744 and 54.745 of Article XII, Utilities, of Chapter 54, Fees, of the code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County Michigan, to modify the water and sewage rates and fees and repeal conflicting ordinances is hereby accepted 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>		