



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

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**Legislative File No: 2009-0572**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Ron Crowell, Fire Chief, 248-841-2706  
**DATE:** January 20, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Burning Ordinance

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**REQUEST:**

City Council accept for second reading the amendment to City Ordinance Chapter 58, Article III, Section 307.

Specifically,

Change 307.6.2.1 "Leaves" to read "The burning of leaves is strictly prohibited within the City Limits".

Change 307.6.8 "Violations" to be set fines for violation of the ordinance as First Offense - \$100.00, Second Offense \$250.00, Third and all subsequent offenses \$500.00.

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently, the Department is seeking restitution from residents who are found to be in violation of the burning ordinance. The restitution has been one hour charge for equipment and personnel who respond to a burn complaint where the person is in violation of the ordinance. It appears that based on the cost many residents feel it is cheaper to attempt to burn the leaves vs. having a company pick them up and dispose of them. By changing the ordinance it would allow the Department to actually put the fee for violation on the permit so the people seeking a permit know up front what the fine is for violation of the ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

At the City Council meeting held January 11, 2010 Council accepted for first reading and hereby requests for second reading and adoption amendments to Chapter 58, Article III, Section 307 as stated above.

<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>		