



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
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Legislative File No: 2006-0722 V7

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Development, ext. 2572

DATE: November 7, 2007

SUBJECT: An Ordinance to repeal Section 138-47 of Chapter 138, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances, which established a temporary moratorium suspending the City's processing and acceptance of applications and plans for development or alteration of lands with steep slopes.

REQUEST:

To repeal the Temporary Moratorium Council adopted at its January 10, 2007 meeting, which suspended applications and plans for development of lands with steep slopes until July 10, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

As a Steep Slope Ordinance was being developed by City Staff, Legal Counsel, and consultants, questions arose about accepting projects that would potentially affect steep slopes. Directed by the Mayor and City Council in October 2006, the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing to discuss the issue of a moratorium on development of steep slope properties, and recommended that City Council adopt a moratorium. This was intended to protect and preserve properties until the anticipated Steep Slope Ordinance was ready for consideration.

City Council accepted the current Steep Slope Ordinance for second reading and adoption on June 27, 2007, and the Temporary Moratorium expired on July 10, 2007. Staff was recently advised by Mr. John Staran, City Attorney, that it would be best to officially repeal the Moratorium. He has provided the attached Ordinance for consideration, and a resolution to repeal has also been included.

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council adopt the attached Ordinance that repeals Section 134-7 of the Code of Ordinances - Temporary Moratorium on projects affected by steep slopes.

RESOLUTION

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