



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

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Legislative File No: 2009-0048

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Scott Cope, Director Building/Ordinance Services, 248-841-2445
DATE: January 20, 2009
SUBJECT: Damage Assessment Mutual Aid Agreement

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize the Mayor to enter into the Oakland County Building Officials Association Damage Assessment Mutual Aid Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Damage assessment is the evaluation of buildings and structures to determine the nature and extent of damage and the cost of repairs that are the result of a disaster or emergency. It is a key component of the information required to be provided to Oakland County, the State of Michigan, and the Federal Government in order to receive State or Federal aid. This information must be provided quickly, usually within 48 hours.

The Oakland County Building Officials Association Damage Assessment Mutual Aid Agreement is an agreement between communities in Oakland County. This agreement will allow a community to receive help for Damage Assessment Services from other communities, during an emergency. The help would come from inspectors who would evaluate the nature and extent of damage to buildings and structures resulting from a disaster or emergency. Depending on the size of the disaster, a community could either be in need of help, or be providing help to another community.

While we hope there is never a need for this type of assistance, it is important for us to be prepared. This agreement will allow the City of Rochester Hills to provide or receive help in the event of an emergency. It will help the City of Rochester Hills and other communities respond quickly and provide the information necessary to receive State or Federal aid.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the Mayor to enter into the Oakland County Building Officials Association Damage Assessment Mutual Aid Agreement.

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