



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2026-0082

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ken Elwert, CPRE, Director Parks & Natural Resources
DATE: March 9, 2026
SUBJECT: Request for Acceptance for First Reading – adoption to add Article V, Turkey Management to Chapter 14, Animals, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills

REQUEST:

For City Council to accept for First Reading, the adoption to add Article V, Turkey Management to Chapter 14, Animals, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, to prohibit turkey feeding, repeal conflicting ordinances and prescribe a penalty for violations.

BACKGROUND:

The City Attorney, along with City staff, including Code Enforcement staff have been working over the past several months to develop an ordinance to regulate the feeding of turkeys in the City to address concerns being raised during the review of the Animals Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance is specifically designed to prohibit feeding of turkeys.

There has been a rise in incidents of turkey/human interaction within the city, raising concerns from other residents due to the negative impact from possible residential property damage, aggressive turkey/human interactions, unsanitary conditions and public health impacts.

The additional provisions are shown in the attached Ordinance, and staff will be present to answer any questions regarding the proposed amendments.

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council accepts the First Reading, adoption to add Article V, Turkey Management to Chapter 14, Animals, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, to prohibit turkey feeding and prescribe a penalty for violations.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A