



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2025-0086 V2

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Sara Roediger, Planning and Economic Development Director, ext. 2573

DATE: March 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Acceptance for Second Reading – an Ordinance to Amend Section 130-38 of Article II, Planning Commission of Chapter 130 - Planning, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, to clarify regulations, and to repeal conflicting or inconsistent ordinances

REQUEST:

Accept for Second Reading an Ordinance to Amend Section 130-38 of Article II Planning Commission of Chapter 130 - Planning, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, to eliminate the language requiring a public hearing and notice for a proposed subdivision plat within the Planning Commission section of the City Code of Ordinances and to ensure consistency across various ordinance sections; to repeal conflicting or inconsistent ordinances, and prescribe a penalty for violations.

BACKGROUND:

City Staff has proposed a series of Zoning Ordinance amendments that are also before the City Council for their consideration, that include a provision that would amend the section of the Zoning Ordinance defining when a public hearing is required to also include a requirement that a subdivision plat requires a public hearing and notice. Currently, the requirement for a public hearing is isolated within the Planning Commission section of the City’s Code of Ordinances dealing with Planning. This section of the City Code is typically not referenced by City Staff or the general public during the development process. City Staff feels the requirement for a public hearing for subdivision plats is much better suited in the City Zoning Ordinance which is referenced commonly during the development process and also has a specific section dealing with public hearing requirements for many types of development applications. Simply stated, the requirement for a public hearing and notice is being transferred from the Planning Commission section of the Code of Ordinances to the City Zoning Ordinance. Overall, City Staff feels this amendment, in conjunction with the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments, would provide additional transparency in the requirement for a public hearing. The City Council unanimously approved the first reading of the proposed amendment, along with the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments, with no changes on March 3, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council accept for Second Reading of an Ordinance to amend Section 130-38 of Article II Planning Commission of Chapter 130 Planning of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, to clarify regulations, and to repeal conflicting or inconsistent ordinances.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		

Deputy Clerk		
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Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A