



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

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Legislative File No: 2009-0543

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

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DATE: November 25, 2009

SUBJECT: Oakland County No-Haz Program

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to consider charging the Rochester Hills residents a fee of \$10.00 per vehicle, per visit to dispose of hazardous waste in 2010.

BACKGROUND:

In 2009, Oakland County continued its coordination and agreement with a consortium of twelve (12) communities to provide a comprehensive household hazardous waste collection program. 2009 marks the 7th year of participation for the City of Rochester Hills in the No HAZ program.

There were a total of four (4) collection events for 2009. Once again the City of Rochester Hills continued to lead in resident participation in the events. In 2009 out of a total of 6,618 participants in the No Haz events, 2,160 were Rochester Hills residents. Total participation increased over 50% from 2008 to 2009 for the No Haz program, with a 57% increase in pounds of waste collected. This considerable growth in demand for the program has resulted in an additional budget increase for 2009 of \$12,643.37 to a new total of \$102,643.37. This adjustment will be part of the 4th quarter budget amendment coming to council on December 14, 2009.

There is expected to be a 40% increase in 2010 in the overall total cost of the program. Considering the continued substantial increase in the participation in the No Haz program and the economic limitations being placed on communities, the No Haz advisory board has been exploring avenues to reduce the costs of the program. The options that were considered are as follows: Option #1: Continued collecting latex paint, computer and electronic equipment, charging \$10.00 for each participant; Option #2) Continued collecting latex paint, computer and electronic equipment and not charge participants-keep program as is in 2009; Option #3) Eliminate collection of latex paint, computer and electronic waste and not charge participants; Option #4) Eliminate collection of latex paint, computer and electronic equipment and charge each participant \$10.00 each. The majority of the advisory board members were in favor of the first option as latex paint and electronic waste is an important collection item for the participants. Should City Council agree to the \$10.00 per participant charge in 2010, this would reduce the city's cost by approximately \$30,000. In addition, the solid waste program provides approximately \$79,000 additional revenue to supplement the cost of the program.

For 2010 the No Haz vendor has agreed to reduce costs by \$2.50 per car and \$.06 per pound for electronics from pricing included in their bid. The 2010 costs have been estimated at \$30.25 per car (participant); this would not include latex paint at \$3.00 per participant and electronics at \$6.38 per participant.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is staff's recommendation that City Council charge the Rochester Hills residents a fee of \$10.00 per vehicle, per visit to dispose of hazardous waste in 2010.

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