



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

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Legislative File No: 2008-0453 V2

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ed Anzek, Planning & Development, ext. 2572
DATE: September 29, 2008
SUBJECT: Tax Abatement Policy Adoption

REQUEST:

To adopt City Council's Tax Abatement Policy.

BACKGROUND:

City Council reviewed proposed changes to its Tax Abatement Policy at a Regular Meeting of Council on August 29, 2008. City staff has completed the changes as requested by Council and is recommending adoption of the Policy. Specifically, the changes can be identified in the attached Policy and are outlined in red. They are:

1. On page 4, the reference in Public Act 198 to Section 14 (1) was added, which relates to the method of calculating the industrial facilities tax in a rehabilitation district
2. On page 7 under Guidelines, item "G" the phrase "financial assistance" was changed to "tax abatement assistance."
3. On the same page, also under Guidelines, item "K" was returned to the document (it had been removed in the draft of the amended Policy). Item "K" now reads, "The investment will promote community health, safety and welfare."

No other changes were requested by City Council. However, it's important to remind City Council that the investment and employment criteria used in the Tax Exemption Chart (Exhibit C) and Smart Investment Chart (Exhibit D) were modified from the current version. Please reference the 2004 charts and compare them to the 2008 charts as provided.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the City Council Tax Abatement Policy, dated October 6, 2008.

RESOLUTION

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