



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

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Legislative File No: 2004-0032

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Susan Galeczka, Deputy Clerk
DATE: November 22, 2006
SUBJECT: False Alarm Ordinance

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, Council at its October 5, 2005 discussed the matter of excessive false alarms in the City and determined a review of the current False Alarm Ordinances was necessary. At that time they adopted Resolution RES0328-2005 directing the City Attorney to work with the Administrative Staff to review the current False Alarm Ordinance and provide a revised ordinance taking into consideration the National Model and ordinances from other communities as they apply to the City of Rochester Hills.

Subsequently at the July 12, 2006 meeting the City Attorney provided a draft False Alarm Ordinance for Council to review. The consensus at that time was to either reduce or eliminate the registration fee, while increasing fines for violations.

John Staran, City Attorney, pursuant to Council's direction has reviewed input from the Administration and Captain Smith and provided two ordinance amendments as follows:

- An Ordinance to repeal Sections 42-46 through 42.65 of Article II, Alarm Systems, Chapter 42, Emergency of the Code of Ordinances and adopt a new Article II, Sections 42-26 through 42-67 to regulate residential and business alarm systems, decrease the frequency of false alarms, repeal conflicting ordinances and prescribe a penalty for violations
- An Ordinance to repeal Article VII, Emergency Services of Chapter 54, Fees of the Code of Ordinances and adopt a new Article VII to impose fees for false alarms and repeal conflicting ordinances

In addition to the two proposed ordinance amendments enclosed in the packet is a communication from Attorney Staran outlining the changes he has made pursuant to Council's discussion at the July 12th meeting.

Resolutions to accept these ordinances for first reading have been included in the packet for your consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

RESOLUTION 1 – CHAPTER 42

RESOLUTION 2 - CHAPTER 54

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