



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2021-0103

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Leanne Scott, Deputy Clerk

DATE: March 17, 2021

SUBJECT: Request to Waive the renewal fee for a Mechanical Amusement Device License in 2021

REQUEST:

Pursuant to Article IV, Div. 2, Sec. 10-192 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Rochester Hills, the Clerk's Office is requesting that City Council waive the fee to renew a Mechanical Amusement Device License in 2021.

BACKGROUND:

At the beginning of each calendar year, the Clerk's Office sends out a letter to businesses in the community that have Mechanical Amusement Devices notifying them that it is time to renew their license. Due to the fact that many businesses have been closed, or seriously impaired, due to the COVID pandemic, we did not send the letter out. With capacity restrictions in place at local restaurants, not to mention the time and materials these business owners would need to put into cleaning/disinfecting these devices prior and/or after each use, we doubt these devices are even being made available to the public. As such, in an attempt to be as sensitive as possible to these businesses during these unprecedented times, we are asking that Council waive the renewal fee for 2021.

The Clerk's Office has determined there are approximately ten (10) businesses in the community that renew this license each year. The renewal fee is \$100. We believe that the decision to waive the fee this year is warranted in light of all the hardships the business owners in our community have had to deal with over the past year.

The Article and Sections within the Code of Ordinances for the City of Rochester Hills that addresses this need for a license have been included in your packet for review.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Clerk's Office is recommending that City Council waive the fee to renew a Mechanical Amusement Device license in 2021.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A