



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2024-0071

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Michael Viazanko, Director Building Department Ordinance and Facilities, ext. 2445

DATE: February 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Request for Acceptance for First Reading – adoption to add Article IV, Geese Management to Chapter 14, Animals, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills

REQUEST:

For City Council to accept for First Reading, the adoption to add Article IV, Geese Management to Chapter 14, Animals, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, to prohibit geese feeding, repeal conflicting ordinances and prescribe a penalty for violations.

BACKGROUND:

The City Attorney, along with City staff, including Code Enforcement staff have been working over the past several months to develop an ordinance to regulate the feeding of geese in the City.

There has been a rise in incidents of residents purposefully feeding geese within the city, raising concerns from other residents and homeowner associations due to the negative impact on local water quality, increased geese/human interactions, unsanitary conditions and public health impacts.

Over the past several months, City Staff, along with the City Attorney worked to develop ordinance language to address the concerns that were being raised during the review of the Animals ordinance. The proposed Ordinance is specifically designed to prohibit feeding of geese, while addressing the raised concerns.

The additional provisions are shown in the attached Ordinance, and staff will be present to answer any questions regarding the proposed amendments.

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council accept for First Reading, adoption to add Article IV, Geese Management to Chapter 14, Animals, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, to prohibit geese feeding and prescribe a penalty for violations.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A