



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2015-0162

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Economic Development, ext. 2572
DATE: April 10, 2015
SUBJECT: Request for First Reading – an Ordinance to amend Section 138-4.300, Table of Permitted Uses by District; add new Section 138-4.425; and re-number existing Sections 138-4.425 through 138-4.445 of Chapter 138, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan to regulate oil and gas wells, repeal conflicting or inconsistent Ordinances and prescribe a penalty for violations.

REQUEST:

To accept for First Reading an Ordinance to regulate oil and gas wells in the City of Rochester Hills.

BACKGROUND:

As directed by City Council, City Attorney John Staran drafted an Ordinance to regulate oil and gas wells in the City to be reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission before coming back to Council. The Planning Commission held Public Hearings in October 2014 and March 2015 to receive public input and comment on the Ordinance. The Planning Commission also held an informational meeting on January 13, 2015 for MDEQ to present an overview on drilling operations and safety. The City also presented a series of maps showing what areas might be use for a drilling operation using the distance standards of MDEQ.

The oil and gas Ordinance had been revised extensively from its original version in October 2014 (please refer to attached memo dated March 20, 2015 for an outline of those changes) and some additional suggestions were made at the March 2015 meeting. The matter was tabled to the April 7, 2015 Planning Commission meeting where it was unanimously recommended for approval and is now being sent to the City Council for review and adoption.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission recommends the City Council accepts for First Reading the attached Ordinance to regulate oil and gas wells.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		

Department Director		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		

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