



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2018-0113

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ken Elwert, Director of Parks & Natural Resources, ext. 2552
DATE: March 26, 2018
SUBJECT: Acceptance for First Reading – Chapter 74, of the Code of Ordinance, Smoking Prohibited in Thelma G. Spencer Park

REQUEST:

We are requesting the Rochester Hills City Council accept for First Reading Section 113, Chapter 74, *Smoking Prohibited in Thelma G. Spencer Park* of the Code of Ordinances.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the proposed addition of Section 13, Chapter 74, *Smoking Prohibited in Thelma G. Spencer Park* of the Code of Ordinances is protect the safety, health, and welfare of park users, with specific concerns on the large volume of users we get at the beach in close quarters, including children in bare feet, burning cigarette butts, smoking and non-smoking groups immediately adjacent to each other creating conflict, etc.

In addition, the other purpose of this proposed smoking prohibition is to promote the park generally as an area that provides community connection, recreation, exercise, beauty, nature, and wellness. Smoking does not promote any of these purposes.

We have been warning potential renters of facilities at Spencer Park about this potential ban for several months as the legal review was worked out prior to bringing to Council. Current renters have been notified that this ban is a possibility this year.

RECOMMENDATION:

We are recommending that City Council accept for First Reading of Section 13, Chapter 74, *Smoking Prohibited in Thelma G. Spencer Park* of the Code of Ordinances.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		