



City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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**Legislative File No: 2010-0297 V3**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Economic Development  
**DATE:** June 9, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Request for a one-year Extension of the Moratorium regarding Medical Marihuana

**REQUEST:**

Approval of a one-year extension of the Moratorium for Medical Marihuana.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Planning Commission met on June 7, 2011 and recommended approval of a one-year extension of the Moratorium. City Council had previously approved two six-month extensions, the latest will expire on July 18, 2011. The Planning Commission also asked Staff to request the City Council to join in a letter to the Michigan Municipal League requesting the MML to engage the State Legislature to take the issue up with the intent to provide direction for local regulation.

The attached staff memo provided to the Planning Commission provides a summary for the basis in recommending a Moratorium extension. The most recent turn of events is the apparent intervention of the federal government in the enforcement of the Substance Control Act (SCA) regardless of a State's voter approved use of Medical Marihuana.

It is staff direction along with Mr. Staran to continue in our efforts to evaluate the merits of various ordinances along with federal involvement in this matter. Staff will provide an update after six months as to our findings regarding the many uncertainties surrounding the Medical Marihuana Act.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning Commission recommends an additional one-year Moratorium and asks for a Resolution of Support of its intent to engage the Michigan Municipal League in the pursuit of clarification of the Medical Marihuana Act by the State Legislature.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		