



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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Legislative File No: 2008-0581 V7

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Development, ext. 2572

DATE: March 6, 2009

SUBJECT: **Acceptance for First Reading – The City of Rochester Hills Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map**

REQUEST:

To accept for First Reading the City of Rochester Hills updated Zoning Ordinance and accompanying Zoning Map.

BACKGROUND:

City Staff has been working with McKenna Associates on an update of the City's Zoning Ordinance. The review was inclusive of the entire Zoning Ordinance and Map. The intent of the update was to incorporate recommendations of the City's most recent Master Land Use Plan, to review the Code for conformance with all current state and federal zoning requirements and laws, and to streamline the Ordinance and make it as user friendly as possible.

As outlined at the March 2, 2009 City Council meeting, the goal of the project, also identified in the Master Plan, is to update the Ordinance to first protect the existing residential character of the City, and second to identify opportunities to provide flexibility to the business community for future expansion, development and redevelopment in a manner acceptable to the City. To that end, there were several process/procedural changes to the Ordinances that were designed to help clarify and simplify the review and approval process, although the language and functionality were not changed significantly. McKenna and Staff presented the structure and reorganization of the new Ordinance and Map, and updated Council on any modifications, and received only a small number of questions to answer. Council was encouraged to further review the draft and provide any comments prior to the request for First Reading, which has been scheduled for March 16, 2009. A Resolution is enclosed for your consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission and Staff recommend that City Council accept the new Chapter 138, Zoning, and Zoning Map for First Reading.

RESOLUTION

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
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