



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2026-0268

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Leanne Scott, City Clerk
DATE: June 2, 2026
SUBJECT: Ordinance Amendment – First Reading for Chapter 54, Fees

REQUEST:

The Rochester Hills City Council accepts for First Reading an amendment to Chapter 54, Fees of the Rochester Hills Code of Ordinances.

BACKGROUND:

Cemetery fees have not been comprehensively updated since 2017, with the sole exception of a minor adjustment to non-resident lot pricing in 2021. To ensure rates remain competitive and sustainable, a market survey of fee structures was recently conducted across both public and private cemeteries throughout Michigan.

The survey revealed that rates at Van Hoosen Jones Stoney Creek Cemetery were averaging 30% lower than market alternatives. To adjust for inflation and better align with public cemetery standards, the city is proposing a series of modifications to the cemetery fee schedule, resulting in an approximate 35% overall increase. Beyond basic rate adjustments, the ordinance updates disinterment pricing to a formula of 1.5 times the standard opening/closing fee and maintains a clear buy-back depreciation schedule for spaces and niches.

The Cemetery Citizen Advisory Committee met on April 30, 2026 and voted unanimously to increase the fees as indicated in the redline version of the Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Rochester Hills City Council accept for First Reading an amendment to Chapter 54, Fees of the City of Rochester Hills Code of Ordinances.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A