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City Moves to Prevent Oil and Gas Drilling in Rochester Hills
Council Unanimously Supports Moratorium Resolution

Rochester Hills, Michigan-Recently introduced state legislation has prompted the City of Rochester Hills to enact a moratorium prohibiting oil and gas well siting or drilling in the city for six months.

“This has been an ongoing community issue and the city council’s unanimous support of the resolution will hopefully provide adequate time to allow the state legislative process to consider Senate Bill 1026,” states Mayor Bryan K. Barnett.

If enacted, SB 1026 will considerably alter state law concerning oil and gas development by prohibiting the drilling of oil or gas wells in cities or townships with populations of 70,000 or more. This would effectively ban oil well siting in Rochester Hills.

The City has received input from residents expressing concern about the possible environmental and safety effects of oil and gas exploration and development in Rochester Hills. The enacted moratorium is effective immediately for a period of six (6) months, through February 26, 2015.

The City has also submitted a letter to Senator Brandenburg, along with all 148 legislators, pledging our full support of SB 1026.

“The recent bill has allowed the City to start making substantial progress protecting our neighborhoods. We will do everything we can to ensure Lansing allows that progress to become permanent,” states City Councilman Adam Kochenderfer.

The legislature is currently on recess and will reconvene on September 9, at which time they would consider a hearing on the proposed senate bill.

Established in 1984, the City of Rochester Hills is a prosperous community offering residents and businesses superior services. Voted one of the top places to live by several sources including *CNNMoney* magazine and *RelocateAmerica.com*, Rochester Hills is committed to sustaining its position among the nation’s preeminent places to live, work and raise a family. Through the city’s focus on health, education and technology, the community continues to attract forward-thinking leaders and businesses.

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