



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2026-0375

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Leanne Scott, City Clerk

DATE: August 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Establishing a Second Early Voting Site

REQUEST:

The Clerk's Office is requesting the support of City Council in formally requesting Oakland County Clerk Lisa Brown and the Oakland County Election Commission to authorize and approve a second Early Voting site within the City of Rochester Hills for the upcoming November 3, 2026 General Election.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of the Michigan Constitution, registered electors have the right to vote in person during early voting periods prior to statewide and federal elections. The City of Rochester Hills currently participates in an inter-local agreement for early voting operations to serve electors within the municipality.

During prior elections, the designated early voting site experienced sustained high voter volume and continuous long lines throughout the early voting window. The current facility has reached maximum physical capacity within its designated room, preventing any further expansion of voting equipment, check-in stations, or election personnel at that location.

Securing authorization for a second early voting site within the City will significantly alleviate congestion, reduce voter wait times, expand accessible parking, and ensure equitable voting access for all residents.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Clerk's Office is recommending that City Council adopt the resolution formally requesting Oakland County Clerk Lisa Brown and the Oakland County Election Commission to authorize and approve a second Early Voting site within the City of Rochester Hills for the upcoming General Election to accommodate anticipated turnout demands.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney ☐ Yes ☒ N/A