



**MAJOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CITY OF ROCHESTER'S  
CERTIFICATE OF USE LEGISLATION  
September 2006**

The amendments to the legislation are intended to enable the Rochester Police Department (RPD) and Neighborhood Empowerment Teams (NET) better meet the original intent of the program: to close down businesses engaged in illegal activity more quickly, and to keep business owners with prior disqualifying behavior from opening new businesses under other names. At the same time, the amended legislation recognizes that the overwhelming majority of the City's businesses are led by law-abiding citizens and eases the C. of U. process for them.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Previous Requirements</b>	<b>Proposed New Requirements</b>
<b>Fee</b>	<b>Original Application: \$100</b>  <b>Renewal: \$10</b> If application received within 30 days; \$100 if not	<b>Original Application: \$25</b>  <b>Renewal: Free</b> if renewed within 30 days of expiration; \$25 if not  \$75 Refund will be provided for those who paid original fee last year
<b>Application</b>	Required Social Security Number, other information, and photograph in all circumstances	Does not require Social Security Number, streamlined for essential information, does not require photograph if business holds other license that requires one
<b>Certificate Posting</b>	Certificate must be posted in visible area	Certificate must be produced upon demand
<b>Inspections</b>	Inspection required prior to issuance	Inspection may occur, but will not be required
<b>Enforcement</b>	Broad-based effort requiring all businesses to undergo complex and time consuming review	Focused on businesses and properties with prior illegal behavior and/or negative impact on neighborhoods
<b>Reporting</b>	Administration required to report to Council after one year	Administration will report to Council at 6 month intervals for the first two years