But tighter controls stall

Oakland gives a hoot about county car usage

Oakland County Commissioner Henry Hoot (R-Troy) was disappointed at the way his proposed county car policy was chopped up and amended. but other board members said Hoot should be pleased that the county finally has a policy governing use of its cars by all departments. Hoot was chairman of a special committee that drafted the car policy promittee that drafted the car policy pro-

posal. The amended version last week passed the board of commissioners on a 19-4 vote, with Paul Kasper (R-Bloomfield Hills) the only local board member opposing it. Commissioner John McDonald (R-

Farmington) introduced the package of three amendments which Hoot complained "gutted" his committee's work. McDonald's amendments, ap-

proved 15-8, provided:

*Clected and public officials (the latter being major non-civil service appointees) would be exempt from having the eight-inch county seal on their car doors. (Cars used in criminal investigations were the only one exempt under Hoot's committee's recommendation.

*The new gas policy will take effect 45 days after passage. The Hoot committee had wanted it effective only a week after passage.

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Larry Pernick (D-Southfield) and John Peterson (R-Rochester).

PERNICK OFFERED his own amendment—to deduct \$25 biweekly from the salaries of all county employ-ees provided a 24-hour county car. It died 15-8 on a straight party-line vote

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Hoot called the final package "luke-warm, tepin (mikloast." bu agreed with board Chairman Wallace Gabler (R-Royal Oak) that the county finally has a policy. The policies provide that "any new positions or changes in existing posi-tions resulting from changes in job as-signments. resignations or retire-ments will automatically result in withdrawal of car privileges, unless an exception is granted by the finance committee. "All users (will) be required to com-

committee.
"All users (will) be required to com-pile on a 'daily basis mileage re-ports . showing origin, destination

and reason for the trip, to be totaled up and submitted at the end of each

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"All county vehicles, except those
in use in criminal investigations, the
black-and-whites and elected and pubtic officials, shall have an eight-inch
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"The total vehicle fleet (will) be reduced by 20 vehicles each year for the next three years.

"The car policy committee hereby directs that no county vehicle shall be gassed at the county gas station, effective 35 days following adoption of this policy, unless they carry the county seal or have been specifically excluded by the finance committee as to this regulation. Citizen observer John King of Bloomfield Hills agreed with Hoot's original report and asked the county of downgrade the size of vehicles" to conserve fuel.



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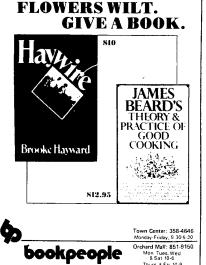
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Author says neighborhoods are small towns

Whether you need to borrow a lawn spreader, locate a babysilter or petition the city for a new traffic light, the most immediate resource is your neighborhood.
"Weighborhoods represent a source of information, identity and mutual aid to the people who live in them." according to University of Michigan social psychologist Rachelle B. Warren.

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"And they can represent a critical organizational base through which policy makers can reach local citzens and citizens can reach one another." The strategies are explained in "The Neighborhood Organizer's Handbook." consultationed by Warren, a sensor research associate at the UM Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, and her budsand Donald I Marren, chairman of the sociology-anti-organized department at Oakland Chimotogy of the Company of the

for using them to bring about social change.

The book is designed for government officials, social service agencies, school boards and planning comissions—and especially for the average citizen who wants to make his or her neighborhood and community a better place in which to live "Neighborhoods are the missing link in urban national policy," Rachelle Warren says. "In many cases they contain invisible leaders show

opinions are respected and who have reputations for getting things done These people can be an important asset to the isolated bureaucrat who is charged with serving local citizens. "Likewise, these grass roots leaders are an asset to the meighborhoods because they are familiar with resources in the outside community, and know how to mobilitie support of the control of the contr

It can be argued that in an era of criss-crossing expressways, mass media and urban renewal, the neighborhood is an obsolete entity. Werre isnsists that it is mor eimportant than

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