

# Farmington council stays firm on limiting height of antennas

By MARY GNIEWIK

The Farmington City Council took a hard line approach Monday to a proposed structure ordinance that would govern the height of radio antenna towers on residential lots.

The council did not vote the ordinance into law but drew up a plan of action to present during a public hearing scheduled Jan. 21.

At that meeting, licensed amateur radio operators are expected to ask the

city council to exempt them from a local ordinance which regulates the height of towers to 10 feet higher than the house on the lot.

The ham radio operators, who are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, claim they need maximum 75-foot towers to operate on 20 meter bands.

Council voted to allow antenna towers to be erected to 75 feet only if the tower is constructed no closer to the property line than the measured

combined height of antenna and tower.

Thus a radio operator who wanted to install a 75-foot antenna tower would have to own a 150-foot-wide lot. A 150-foot-wide residential lot in Farmington is rare, according to City Assessor John Salter.

He said the average size residential lot in the city is between 60 and 70 feet wide, which means operators would be limited to 30- or 35-foot-tall towers.

The 35-MEMBER Farmington Amateur Radio Club requested the variance from the ordinance last year after one of its members, Earl Pressel, was denied permission to install a 55-foot backyard tower.

"In discussing this with a number of people, we found a particular concern for the aesthetic value of towers on 50- or 60-foot lots in the city," said councilman Alton Bennett.

One other exception that the council voted down Monday would have allowed 75-foot towers with a signed

statement of approval from the majority of property owners within the fall distance of the antenna tower.

But council decided not to put the burden of the decision on neighboring property owners.

Only councilman Warren Buckler was opposed to both exceptions. He opted to give the radio operators the waiver without special regulations.

"The ham radio operator provides some benefits to the community," Buckler said. "I think we should allow towers to the maximum height of 75 feet without regard to lot size or neighbor opposition."

The majority of council, however, was concerned with questions of aesthetics and safety.

"The persons to protect are those on either side of the tower," said councilman Richard Tupper.

In all cases, a radio operator would be required to acquire a building permit and to construct the tower in accordance with building regulations.

## Benefits of kicking habit are immediate

This New Year millions of smokers made a resolution to kick the cigarette habit. And, says the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan, millions of them will succeed.

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The researchers studied those who managed to quit and those who did not. The results, which were startling, were published in a recent issue of the American Review of Respiratory Disease, published by the American Lung Association.

"We were surprised to find such an unequivocal improvement in the quitters in all of the function tests,"

said one researcher.

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To find out more about non-smoking, contact the American Lung Association at 963-3029.

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### JOHN H. KENNEDY

Mr. Kennedy, 85, of Plymouth died Dec. 26 in Hendry Convalescent Home.

He retired from his post as manager and agent for Equitable Life Insurance Co. in 1959 after 58 years of employment.

Survivors include: wife, Doris; sons, Donald J., Gerald J., Rev. Thomas Fraser, Rev. Jerome Fraser, Daniel Fraser and William Fraser; daughters, Norma Carson, Nancy Fraser Moleky, Mary Fraser; 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 28 at the O'Brien Chapel of Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi and St. Kenneth's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 17550 Southfield Road, Detroit, Mich. 48235.

### MORRIS J. HORRIE

Mr. Horrie, 83, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 31 in Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

A resident of the area for 25 years, Mr. Horrie was a veteran of World War I. He was a retired custodian from the Clarenceville School system.

Survivors include: wife, Mable B.; daughters, Chris, Mrs. Bernice Haggeman; sons, Morris, Art; sister, Mrs. Madeline Lumbart; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services were Jan. 4 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home and St. Alexander's Roman Catholic Church. Fr. James Wright conducted the service. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

### MARY LOZON

Mrs. Lozon of Southfield died Jan. 1, 1980 at Oakwood Hospital. She was 62.

She was born Feb. 3, 1917 in Detroit and worked as a custodian for Southfield Public Schools prior to her retirement. A resident of Southfield for 42 years, she also was a member of the Southfield United Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Lozon is survived by her husband William Lozon Jr.; children Mrs. Larry (Emlage) VandeKleef of Maryland, Mrs. Robert (Arlene) Gates of Howell and William of Melford; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were Jan. 4 at the Ross B. Northrup and Son Funeral Home. Rev. Paul H. Sutton officiated. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery.