

# Council stiffens penalties for liquor violations

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Liquor establishments in every city come up for annual review but until last Monday Farmington had no ordinance governing the operation of such establishments.

Councilmen unanimously approved the adoption of an ordinance last week which city administrators hope will give licensees an idea of what is expected and what's prohibited in bars.

Unlike the rules which govern the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) — authorized only to fine licensees for violations — the city ordinance has teeth

that includes possible penalties of 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine. City councilmen have discussed the possibility of recommending the LCC not renew, or revoke, the liquor license held by Joseph Asclone, owner of Bootlegger's Bar in Farmington following a series of complaints by residents alleging that bar patrons have disturbed the peace and damaged cars of homeowners living near the bar at 32305 Grand River at Brookdale.

The council went so far as to issue a unique parking-by-permit-only zone on Brookdale after residents of the street complained that bar patrons block driveways when the lot behind Bootlegger's is full.

UNDER THE NEW ordinance the criteria for revoking a liquor license includes provisions prohibiting "the pattern of patron conduct in the neighborhood of the licensed establishment which is in violation of the law and/or disturbs the peace, order and tranquility of the neighborhood."

Another paragraph of the law prohibits "any advertising, promotion or activity which, by its nature, causes, creates or contributes to disorder, disobedience to rules, ordinances or laws or contributes to the disruption of normal activities of those in the neighborhood of the licensed establishment."

City Manager Robert Deadman ad-

mits that recent complaints about Bootlegger's caused council members to look at adopting an ordinance but denies any suggestion that the ordinance is designed to bring pressure on that bar.

"Bootlegger's is not the first problem we've had," Deadman said.

Liquor licenses are reviewed by the council annually by April 30, Deadman said. Asclone has been given oral warning, said the city manager, but the new rules will give all licensees written guidelines to follow.

"Before (a license) is cited he has to be placed on notice as to what the vi-

olations are," said the city manager. "He has to have previous notice as to what criteria he's being measured against. Number one, he has to be told what the rules are. And, number two, if he's in violation of the law, he has to be placed on notice. Courts have always said that he's entitled to redress and due process."

BOOTLEGGER'S policy in the past of advertising all-you-can-drink specials for early hours on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Deadman said, "just offends my sense of reason." The all-you-can-drink promotion may violate the provision of the new ordinance which prohibits bar promotions which,

by their nature, "create or contribute to disorder."

Norman Zielenksi, LCC investigator, said last week that Asclone will receive a warning letter from the department calling for an end to advertisements promising customers all they can drink, the officer, Zielenksi said, is illegal because it implies persons can drink when they're intoxicated.

Asclone counters that the bar policy is to refuse to serve intoxicated persons regardless of the all-you-can-drink promotion. He said he intends to continue following the law in Farmington but contends that police have singled his establishment out for harassment.

# Community business leaders differ on Reagan economics

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the number businesses filing for bankruptcy.

Lending rates are likely to rise, said the banker, if Reagan's administration attempts to reduce the national \$200-billion deficit by printing more money or by borrowing from banks, which would be detrimental to the amount of money available for attainable mortgages.

"He's got to balance the budget," Wibby urged. "Whatever it takes. If it means cutting \$100 billion out of the defense budget, I'd do it. It means raising taxes, I'd do it."

Even with the prime rate down from almost 20 percent to 11.5 percent, Wibby said interest rates are still too high. Customers remain reluctant, Wibby said, to sign long-term mortgages or even four-year car loans. Banks, he said, are uneasy about issuing loans at attractive rates because there's a good chance that rates the bank must pay in the future will be higher than the amount they get back on an old loan.

THE PRESIDENT gets a much better report card from Tom Duke, president of the Western Wayne County Board of Realtors, and vice president of Estates, Inc. of Farmington Hills, a commercial real-estate brokerage.

"I have a great deal of confidence in the president," Duke said. "I grow more confident every day, more and more certain we're on the right track. I feel that way every time I hear him, every time he holds a press conference."

Economic indicators, Duke said, cause him to conclude that Reagan's economic-recovery goals are being attained.

In the real-estate business — which many cite as the sore spot of the administration — Duke said sales in a 1,600-square-mile area around Detroit jumped from 1,157 homes sold between August and December of 1981 to 3,681

homes sold in the same period of 1982 — or a jump of about 500 houses.

"That's not bad," Duke said. "Starting from August, the figures show us 1983 could be a bang-up year for American business and the housing industry. Builders are building again and housing could very well bring the country out of the depression we're in — it's done it before. The more homes bought, the more kitchens get remodeled."

LOWER INTEREST rates, Duke said, have got the nation back into conventional financing instead of land contracts and assumptions. He claims 42 percent of the homes sold in the last

quarter of 1981 among Detroit area real-estate agents were financed by FHA and VHA "new money." About a year ago, Duke said, 81 percent of the homes sold in metropolitan Detroit were financed by assumptions or land contracts.

Duke supports the president so faithfully he said he can't think of anything he'd recommend the administration do that they aren't already.

"To use his words, 'Stay the course,' " Duke said. "I'm serious. It's going to work for the best."

While other businessmen in town question growing defense-budget appropriations, Duke said they aren't capable of analyzing the nation's military needs.

"THAT'S WHAT we pay our leaders for — to determine that Congress and the president have more information than I. We have to rely on their decision-making process when it comes to defense matters."

A small businessman in Farmington, Ken Muba, vice president of Grand-8 Collision, said he's "not really politically minded" and leaves the assessment to the president up to the pundits and self-proclaimed experts.

However, he said, his business would benefit if interest rates dropped and customers were able to finance new cars.

When customers were buying new cars every few years a bump shop mostly repaired cars. Now, he said, half of his revenue came from selling used cars his employees refurbished.

## Police watch the courts

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certainly of knowing what is going to happen to you will deter people in the immediate future. Whether that deterrence will be long range will depend on what happens to those persons they know and how they're treated in the courts," Miller said.

"If stories prevail that they're not dealt with very severely, the laws may not work."

"Just the mere fact you blew a .10 will be sufficient to indicate guilt of having broken a law."

# Healthier living taught at hospital

Five popular classes in healthier living will be repeated by the community health education department at Providence Hospital this winter. New classes also have been added to the schedule.

Offered again will be instruction in life-saving techniques, managing stress, how to stop smoking and weight control. New to the schedule will be infant CPR, vital living for people over age 50, and information on the causes and prevention of low back pain.

All classes will meet in the hospital's Fisher Center auditorium, except "Vintage Vitality," which will meet in the Southfield Senior Adult Center.

Heartsaver classes teaching the signs and signals of heart attack, risk factors, healthy heart living and one-man rescue will begin in February. A \$2 fee is charged.

Basic cardiac life support, which builds on the knowledge acquired in the Heartsaver class, will be taught in two class sessions beginning Jan. 17 and 24 with additional dates set in February, March and April. A \$5 fee is charged.

Stress management detailing how to

determine the level of stress and how to reduce it, how to identify the causes, how to relax mind and body and other stress reduction techniques will be offered Feb. 8 and April 19. There is a \$30 fee.

The "Stop Smoking System" of the American Health Foundation will begin with a free introductory session Jan. 24 or 25 and again March 14 or 15. After the introduction, the class meets for five consecutive nights, with the assurance that participants can quit smoking in five days. There is a \$125 fee for treatment and follow-up.

An eight-week program for weight control will begin with a free introductory session on Jan. 25. Classes using a skills-oriented approach to weight control will follow on consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning Feb. 1. Taught by American Health Foundation staff, the class carries a fee of \$100.

Three new community health classes will be offered this winter. Infant CPR, designed for families with infants up to 12 months of age who risk respiratory emergencies such as

choking, croup or sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), will meet on Feb. 16 from 7-10 p.m. There is a \$2 fee.

"Vintage Vitality," covering the health and well-being of vital people age 50, will be offered in a 10-week course beginning Jan. 20. A \$7 fee will be charged.

The causes and prevention of low

back pain will be discussed in a single session on March 22 taught by two Providence Hospital registered physical therapists. A \$2 fee is required.

To register or to request a printed class schedule, call the Providence Hospital community health education department at 652-9041.

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