Tower height booster gives up fight

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Farmington Hills amateur radio operator Larry Gordon, leader of a recent second unsuccessful bid in six years to change the city's height policy for antenna towers, plant to bury the Issue.

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The Farmington Hills City Council Mooday unanimously denied a request by local radio operators to change the zoning ordinance to allow them to build antenna towers to a maximum 75 feet.

According to the city's zoning ordinance, antenna towers are restricted to 25 feet uniess the operator obtains an approved variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Board of Appeals. In an effort to convince both plan-

ning commissioners and council members that liceressed antenna towerbeight would cause surrounding neighbors few, if any, problems, Gordon began his last speech to clip officials
Monday with words of caution.

"If an unfavorable decision is rendered tonight...", Gordon said,
"there will be litigation." Two unidentifield attorpers contacted him with an
interest in taking the issue to court,
Gordon told council.

Although council members appeared
undatunted by Gordon's seraris, Council woman Joan Dudley, began her comments with. "First of all, I would like
to say I don't like to be threatened."

When the Farmington observer contacted Gordon Tuesday for his reaction
to the council's unanimous denial of the
radio operators' request for increased
antenna tower height, he said he had
expected it.

When asked about the threatened lawsuit, Gordon said his comments were not for publication.
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But later in the day Gordon issued a five-item statement regarding the beight issue and threatened lawnuit. Gordon also requested that his statement, which be called a "complete stand in all respects," be published in its entirety.

"It might be of interest to some parties to know that the adoption of the proposed ordinance would not have allowed the rection of my personal radio tower. ZBA approval would have been necessary. The ordinance per se would not have had any direct bearing on me personally.

would not have had any direct bearing on me personally.

"As the prime mover for a proposed tower ordinance, I do not, nor am I aware of any other local ham that plans to pursue this issue any further. This issue appears to be dead.

on a ranch home," Kraus continued, pointing to a scaled down version of a 75-foot antenna tower.

Suddivision residents who have op-

sundation radio operators' push for a zoning amendment have pointed to aesthetics, safety and the possible negative impact of antenna towers on surrounding property values.

Although this is the second time in six years that the radio operators have lost their hid to have the zoning ordinance changed, Dolan told those at the public hearing Monday to apply for a

"With respect to future litigation for the harm in parent, I have no plans to coordinate such a movement. Furthermore, I have no intention of pursuing on an all-loclusive basis, any discussion with the attorneys that with to handle the tright tower case' in Farmington IIIIs.

"I have tried to do my best with respect to helping some of the harms in our community for increased tower heights. But I did not achieve an ordinance revision. I plan to concentrate all my future efforts solely to the pursuit of my own personal tower needs.
"I believe that all parties that have been involved with this issue have had an opportunity to better understand the and opportunity to better understand the and the processing of the control of the contro

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25 feet, told council that "as a group, we have been discriminated against to I can't tell you what degree."

When Dudley asked Peterson how city officials have "officially discriminated" against ham radio operators, he pointed to the zoning ordinance's height restriction of 25 feet.

"They have done it by the fact that they've shot down so many people that went into the ZBA, "Peterson said.
Prior to the public hearing, Mayor Pro-tem Jan Dolan said that since 1972, the ZBA approved 19 variances for antenna towers higher than 25 feet. Of the 19 variances, 13 were classified as residential, three as business and three an industrial.

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Since 1973, the ZBA denied seven variances, Dolan sald. Of the seven, four were classified as residential, two as industrial and one (a television tower) as business.

Although contending that variances

"I've also spoken out against Ronald Reagan on cuts in education — suc-

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have been granted, radio operators claim that the ZBA procedure does not provide a uniform standard by which applications for a variance are judged. Radio operators also claimed that antenna towers of at least 65 feet are needed to provide them with a sufficient signal to overcome interference and communicate on a worldwide basis.

and communicate on a worldwide basis. There is a lot to this. I don't think you folks really know. "Peterson told council. "If you want to earry on everyday conversations you have to have at least 65 feet."

IN FACT, said radio operator Richard Painter, shorter antenna towers cause more electrical interference for neighbors than do taller towers. But Jim Kraus, president of Kendallwood Farms Subdivision Association, armed with a scaled model of a house, antenna tower and utility pole, said "we're talking about excess here."

"Imagine what that would look like

Continued Dunn, "Pete Secchia (a national committeeman from Grand Rapids who supports Lousma) and his Amway boys want their own man in there. And Lousma has said, 'I'm trainable. I know how to take orders.' I've never been like that. I'm independent,"

But Dunn said be supported President Reagan on most issues — even though that support may have cost him the election in 1982 in an area which had been re-districted to include parts of Pontiac.

"Do I have my differences with him (President Reagan)? Sure. But be's been more effective than any president we've had for a long time," Dunn said. "And I think that Michigan needs a Republican Seasor that Ronald Reagan will listen to."

"Geraid Ford said in 1975 that free and open debate is essential to ultimate unity," Dunn said. "But Jack (Lousma, has repeatedly refused to debate me."

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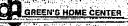
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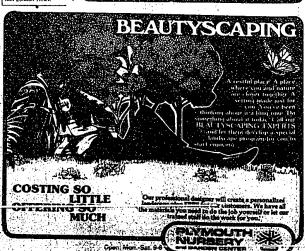
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