

State bill would help consumers

A bill introduced by state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, would fill a gap in Michigan's consumer protection laws.

Under present law, a person who buys a new car or a dealer-demonstrator model from a dealership has almost no protection if that car was severely damaged prior to sale.

Other than to avoid bad customer relations, the dealer has virtually no incentive to inform a prospective purchaser that a car has been damaged.

The Faxon bill would require a new car dealer to fully inform a customer about all damage the dealer knows or should know about, if the damage

amounts to \$500 or more.

"I heard about a case where a dealer-demonstrator was hit by two police cars involved in a high-speed chase," Faxon said. "The city's insurance company paid for the repairs and the car was sold as new."

"It wasn't until the unfortunate owners confronted the dealership about the severe problems with the car, rattles, missing parts, bad brakes and bent wheel rims, that they admitted the source of the damage."

"The owners had no relevant recourse except to swallow their pride and take the car back to the dealership whenever a new problem was discovered."

Under the bill, if a car is being sold as new or as a demonstrator model, the dealer would be required to provide the customer with written notice of all repairs made to the vehicle. The notice would

indicate the area of damage, cost of repair and a description of each major part repaired or replaced.

If the dealer failed to fully inform the customer, the car could be returned for a full refund.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Jump Rope for Heart

Nearly 500 students took part in Power Middle School's Jump Rope for Heart Jan. 31. The event was sponsored by the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance to promote the benefits of physical education. Participants included sixth grader Zachary Hoag. Participants pledged \$9,465. When collected, proceeds will go to the American Heart Association to combat heart and blood vessel diseases.



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LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
Community Development Block Grant Program
Program Year 1986-87

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has advised the City of Farmington Hills that it is entitled to receive between \$254,000 and \$309,000 for the 1986-87 Community Development Block Grant Program year. These funds have been allocated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and 77, as amended. In addition an estimated \$30,000 will be received in program income from the Housing Rehabilitation activities.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, February 17, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, at which time and place the Farmington Hills City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant funds.

The proposed statement of Community Development objectives and projected use of funds for the CDBG program (1986/87) is as follows:

PROPOSED STATEMENT OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (1986-87)
City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills has considered the various eligible projects which may be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. These activities range from construction of sidewalks, storm/sewer, water lines, and street paving to public services, code enforcement, historic preservation, etc. After careful evaluation of these projects it has been determined that the highest priority of needs for low and moderate income areas in the community, would be achieved through the following expenditure of CDBG funds:

| Activity | Amount | Percentage |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Administration | \$ 42,600 | 15% |
| Housing Rehabilitation* | 107,000 | 38% |
| Capital Improvements | 123,500 | 47% |
| | \$274,000* | 100% |

*Includes \$30,000 of program income from the Housing Rehabilitation Program

The 1986-87 Capital Improvement projects for possible consideration include:

- Regal Orchards Paving and Drilling, Section 26 and 33
- Gripping Avenue Storm Sewer Improvements, Section 36
- Radcliffe Storm Sewer, Section 35
- Meadowbrook Heights Drainage Improvements, Section 36
- Averhill Drainage Improvements, Section 36
- Farmington Acres Drain Improvements, Section 33
- Osmus Drainage Improvements, Section 23

Please note that only a portion of these projects will be possible due to funding but it is felt that opportunities for public discussion each of these should be given.

All projects proposed with the use of 1986-87 CDBG funds, as noted above, will benefit low and moderate income areas or persons defined in the 1980 Census.

All CDBG activities have been designed to avoid the displacement of persons. In the event displacement becomes necessary the City will assist displaced persons in accordance with the Federal Uniform Relocation Act.

1985-86 CDBG Program - The Final Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds for the 1985-86 CDBG Program Year, included the following:

| Administration | \$ 80,000 |
|---|-----------|
| Housing Rehabilitation | 130,886 |
| Capital Improvements: | 91,146 |
| Sunnydale Drainage Improvements | 21,200 |
| Shiloh/Sidewalk | 19,440 |
| Gill/Eight Mile Drain Cleanout | |
| Grand River Intersection Improvements | 11,140 |
| Meadowbrook Heights Drainage Improvements | 43,884 |

Administration and Housing Rehabilitation Activities are currently underway and scheduled for completion by June, 1986. The Capital Improvement Projects are currently scheduled for design and construction during the spring, 1986. The Meadowbrook Heights Drainage Improvement Project has been cancelled, with these funds being redistributed to Capital Improvements and Housing Rehabilitation.

1984-85 CDBG PROGRAM - THE FINAL STATEMENT OF Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds for the 1984-85 CDBG Program Year, included the following:

| Administration | \$ 50,000 |
|---|------------------|
| Housing Rehabilitation <td>113,000</td> | 113,000 |
| Capital Improvements: | 186,000 |
| Tarabul Drain | 335,000 |
| Contingency Fund | 1,533 |
| | \$350,533 |

1983-84 Program - The statement of Community Development objectives and projected use of funds included the following:

| Housing Rehabilitation | \$100,000 | 24% |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Administration | \$ 40,000 | 10% |
| Capital Improvements | | |
| Street Paving | \$200,000 | 48% |
| Water Main tap-in | \$ 30,000 | 7% |
| Celox Sidewalk | \$ 26,000 | 6% |
| Shiloh/Sidewalk Drain Improvements | \$ 14,000 | 3% |
| Hamilton Drain Improvements | \$ 10,000 | 2% |
| | \$220,000 | 100% |

The above 1983/84 and 1984/85 activities have been completed with 100% of the funds benefiting low and moderate income areas or persons. No persons were displaced.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed use of Block Grant funds and the City's participation in the Community Development Block Grant program. Further information regarding the previous and proposed CDBG program may be obtained at the City of Farmington Hills Community Development Office, 31555 W. 11 Mile or by calling 474-6115, extension 127.

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