New pedestrian walk planned

The state is moving ahead with plans for a Grand River pedestrian traffic signal — and a little prodd-ing from local senior citizens health but an't hurt.

hasn't hurt.
Plans call for a pedestrian-ac-tivated signal to be placed at Grove. Street on the state-owned highway running through down-town Farmington.
It will be located near Farming-

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It will be located near Farmington Place, a scalor citizen apartenent complex on the north side of Grand River, whose residents have swamped the Michigan Department of Transportation with leters to move the lengthy process along, officials said.

Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman is hopeful the signal will be installed to 1898, but said the city is pushing to have it installed during the next year.

A typical signal installation of this type, he said, takes about three years beginning to end.

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THE CITY was advised of MDOT project approval in November 1985, when city council approved a cost-tharing measure for the project. It was originally to be placed at School Street, but was moved west to Grove following public safety traffic studies.

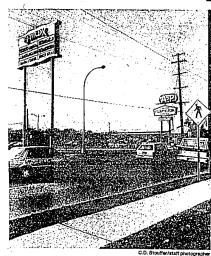
The signal's installation coicles with the city's Downtown Development Authority's plans for safe pedestrian traffic in the downtown area. The DDA board has included the signal in the DDA mas-

town area. The DDA board has in-cluded the signal in the DDA mas-ter plan for downtown. The pedestrian-activated signal will maintain a green light for Grand River traffic until a person

Farmington will hold onto its only class C liquor license to attract a nore "upscale restaurant operation"

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Meanwhile, eight applicants remain on file at the state's Liquor Control Commission. At least one is



This is the site of a future pedestrian traffic light at Grand River Avenue and Grove in downtown Farmington.

waiting to cross activates it, stopping traffic and allowing the crossing. The signal will flash red to Grove Street at all times.

the city wait for an upscale restaurant to apply for the liquor-by-the-glass license or wait for one of the applicants to open a new restaurant of the type the city seeks.

"We would be hesitant to recommend that city council approve the issuance of the city e last Class C II-quor license to any of the proposed applicants unless they were committed to constructing a new facility or locating in an existing building an upscale restaurant operation," Deadman said in a report Ig council.

City's only Class C license open

agreement with the state, giving a firm amount to the city's share of the \$18,326 project. The city also will pay half, or an estimated \$240 per year to maintain the signal, Deadman said.

HE IS hopeful the pedestrian-activated signal can eventually be converted to a fully-operational signal. The city had originally requested such a signal, but state originals or ficials determined the need wasn't there. The pedestrian-activated signal is "a compromise from the state... because of the scalor citizen warrants," or requirements, Deadman added.
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Izen warrants," or requirements, beadman added ut that after the signal has been installed, the number of pedestrians crossing at this location will linerase," Deadman said. "If this occurs we will one again request that the signal be converted... for both Grand River and Grove Street."

The signal will use telephon lines and will be phased with other Grand River traffic lights in an effort to avoid Grand River traffic backups. Deadman estimates the signal will phase in a range from 15-45 seconds depending on when a pedestrian pushes it.

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The Grove Street location was selected because of its proximity to the downtown area, officials said. It is planned for the west side of the intersection because of traffic

patterns.

A Farmington Department of Public Safety traffic study during select days of November and December of 1985 counted 100 pedestrians crossing Grand River in the vicinity of the proposed signal. A total of 1,552 vehicles exited from Grand Chief with 1,226.

wan or 1,552 vehicles exited from Grove onto Grand River with 1,226 of them turning right, or east-bound.

The study showed that 90 per-cent of the pedestrians were walk-ing to or from the downtown shop-ping area, according to past city reports.

Storm Inc.; Joseph Parente; David A. Sinacola; and Richard Allen Skinner. This list and the information about the open Class C license was sent to the city on Dec. 5, according to information from the LCC's licensing di

Elmore 'Dutch' Leonard O on hand for autographs 3

Birmingham author Eimore (Dutch) Leonard will be on hand 2-30 pm. Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Little Professor Book Center in Farmington to autograph his new book. "Bazdita." Newsweek called Leonard "the greatest ctime writer of our time, perhaps ever." Following closely on the heels of his highly successful novel "Cilita," Leonard has given us what promises to be another best-seller.

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subsequent appeals with Pal Joeys Inc., owner of The Boolleggers bar on Grand ruver. The city is allowed a total of seven Class C liquor licenses, or one per 1,500 residents, which allows licensees to serve liquor on the premises. The city has the final say in who receives the license, according to information from the LCC. The eight applicants seeking the Class C license were identified only by name by the state and include new applicants San Kuen Lau and Pool of the Company of mation from the LCC's licensing di-vision. Deadman said the list is probably very old, many having applied after the 1880 census when some cilles' populations increased and they are allowed more Class C licenses. He said he didn't know how many of these were still serious applicants. Before the state can take action to investigate any applicant, 'the city must recommend one over the oth-ers,'' a spokeswoman said. "We can-not authorize any of these for inves-tigation until the city makes a rec-ommendation." **SAVE 50%** Whole mess and more! |fashioned klitchen into a beswifel, | klitchen for 12 the price, 12 the Boneless

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The city council took no action
Dec. 15 based on city manager Robert Deadman recommendation that

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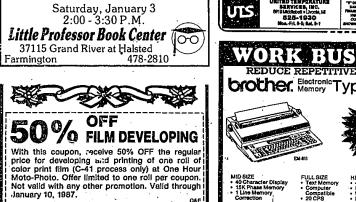
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