

Deputy picked to replace clerk

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"I really appreciate their (city council's) faith and consideration of me and the fact that they believe I can do the job," Dornan said. "I'm going to do it 100 percent. I plan to have a smooth-running, efficient office."

COSTICK RECOMMENDED Dornan's appointment to provide a smooth transition after Reynolds' retirement.

... she (Dornan) is well respected by her peers, her fellow employees, and would make a good member of the city administrative staff," Costick said.

Costick reminisced about Reynolds' career. "She's someone you could always look to for getting facts and information when others said it couldn't be found. I envy her that she

The council unanimously appointed Kathy Dornan to replace JoAnn Reynolds, effective after the Aug. 2 primary.

seems very excited about her retirement. We will miss her."

Reynolds has a long history with Farmington Hills and city hall. She joined then-city clerk Floyd Cairns' small staff in early 1965 and worked her way up the city government ladder. "I went through every chair," said Reynolds, who replaced Cairns as clerk in January 1985.

"It's been great. It's never monotonous. A changing scenery every day in addition to the regular, routine

business," Reynolds said. "One day is never like the rest."

After just moving into new offices in city hall, Reynolds is keeping most of her belongings in boxes ready to start her long-planned retirement.

Reynolds and her husband, Dan, will move to Cedarville on Prentiss Bay in the Upper Peninsula. "We started building 3 1/2 years ago. But it's far from finished at this point."

THOUGH THE Upper Peninsula seems far away, Reynolds said she really isn't leaving Farmington Hills far behind. A good number of her new neighbors are former Farmington Hills residents as is the man from whom the Reynolds' bought their lakefront property.

What she won't miss is the city's traffic. She arrived in the Farmington Township in the 1940s when Halsted was a dirt road "you could get stuck in and the main traffic light in town was at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road," she said.

Through the years she's witnessed the changes and the growth that's characterized the city. "There have been drastic changes. It's gotten busier and busier. A year ago I thought it couldn't get any busier. But nothing is slowing down — except 12 Mile at rush hour," Reynolds said.

Chamber celebrating area festivals, fairs

The 34th Annual Farmington Founder's Day Festival is one of three special events being featured this month on "Chamber Perspectives."

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● 7:30 p.m. — July 26 — Festivals and Fairs, Part I ● 2 p.m. — July 28 — Festivals and Fairs, Repeat Part I ● 7:30 p.m. — Aug. 2 — Festivals and Fairs, Part II ● 2 p.m. — Aug. 4 — Festivals and Fairs, Repeat Part II ● 7:30 p.m. — Aug. 9 — Festivals and Fairs, Part I ● 2 p.m. — Aug. 11 — Festivals and Fairs, Repeat Part I ● 7:30 p.m. — Aug. 16 — Festivals and Fairs, Part II

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Charter change sought on posts

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For example, councilwoman Jan Dolan was not required to resign to run for the 69th district state House. Also not required to resign is Mayor Jody Soronen, who is seeking the 27th district Oakland County Board of Commissioners seat.

The current charter provision also does not require a board or commission member to resign their posts to seek county or state office. State House 69th District candidate Paul Welby continues to serve as a Farmington Hills planning commissioner.

THE PROVISION has long sparked the ire of some council members and would-be council members who were required to resign their appointed posts to seek council election.

Among former candidates required to resign their posts are city council members Ben Marks, Aldo Vagnotz and Jean Fox. Unsuccessful 1985 council candidate Jonathan Grant also resigned from the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees. Following the election, then-mayor Delan reappointed Grant to the library board.

"It's either going to be yes or no. If it's yes, they'll be able to stay in their positions and run. If it's no, they won't be able to," Reynolds said.

Originally, the city council intended to put the proposal on the November 1989 ballot. Members changed their minds so that if the proposal passed in August, city council candidates who also are board and commission members could benefit from the amendment

in time for the next city council election November 1989.

This is the wording for the Farmington Hills charter amendment ballot proposal:

Shall the city charter of the city of Farmington Hills Section 3.02, C, be amended to allow the members of boards and commissions to become candidates for election to the city council without first resigning from their appointed position?

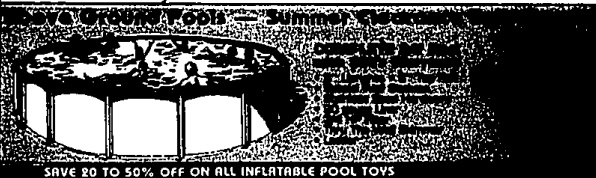
Under the current charter provision citizens who serve on a city board of commission are required to resign their appointed positions if they become a candidate for city council. The resignation provision does not apply to members of boards and commissions who become candidates for any other elective office.

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