

Day care zoning fight looms

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government to reasonably regulate various land and business uses within local communities and would be a further erosion of the "home rule tradition" so well entrenched and established in Michigan.

Councilman Ben Marks, who proposed the resolution, is disappointed with the Senate passage. "I think it's contrary to allowing people to govern themselves. We recognize the need for this type of facility. But I feel it absolutely should be a decision made by the local bodies."

Egan, however, called the bill a compromise between Faxon, other supporters and the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association. The bill passed with

several amendments.

THE BILL now in the House committee contains amendments:

- restricting operating hours to 16 in a 24-hour day.
- requiring a special use permit for group day care homes if they are less than 1,500 feet from another group day care home.
- allows city staff to inspect day care homes annually though the homes cannot be inspected for items that exceed state regulations.
- requires at least 1,500 feet between a group day care home and another or a correctional facility, foster care home or group homes for the mentally retarded, disabled or mentally/emotionally ill.
- licensing of an existing group

day care home won't be affected if any foster care-type of home moves within 1,500 feet.

• requires group day care homes to comply with local sign ordinances and erect fencing and property maintenance determined by local government.

THE BILL would affect only family and group day care homes registered and licensed for operation after the bills become law, Egan said.

"The state requires that family and group day care homes providers register with or be licensed by the state Department of Social Services, yet local governments can presently zone for or against these homes," Faxon said.

"A woman who has been baby-sit-

ting in her home for years may register with the state and then discover that she is breaking the zoning law in her own city. This is a situation that needs to be remedied," he continued.

The city council in May 1987 adopted an ordinance allowing state-licensed family day care homes for up to six children in residential areas. State-licensed group day care homes for a maximum 12 children are allowed only on major or secondary roads and not in neighborhoods.

In August 1987, the city council agreed to give the city's two state-licensed operators of the larger group day care homes in residential areas a two-year extension to continue operating despite the ordinance. The two cases will be reviewed in August 1989.

Phone solicitations not from Hills cops

The police department is not a part of any telephone solicitation campaign in Farmington Hills. Residents are urged not to donate to any group claiming to be raising money for the police department. The groups typically say they represent police officers or former officers.

"We don't support, endorse or condone any of these groups," Chief William Dwyer said Friday. "We receive no money at all from any of these groups nor do we want any," Lt. Richard Murphy added.

On Thursday, a solicitor called a woman, swore at her and said Dwyer endorsed the fund-raising effort. "I don't endorse anybody,"

Dwyer said. Dwyer called such tactics fraudulent. "They're often boiler-room operations in it for financial gain. They harass citizens, use profanity. It's a big fraud," he said.

No one from the Farmington Hills Police Department is associated with any of these groups, some of which hire outside solicitors, Dwyer said.

The problem in prosecution is that it's hard to identify who's behind the fraudulent groups.

People who have received such suspicious calls haven't gotten the group's name, address or phone number.

"We can't follow up on without such information," Dwyer said.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington City Council
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty
8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3

The council will consider a proposed variance for the downtown development district for projecting signs and will consider taking a position on the proposed Oakland County \$25 vehicle fee.

The council also will discuss traffic control orders for Halloween safety, an Oakland County law enforcement mutual aid agreement and the 1988 codified city code. The council will receive a financial re-

port for 12 months ending June 30, 1988.

Farmington Hills City Council
Planning Commission joint meeting
Farmington Hills City Hall
Council Chambers
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3

At tonight's joint study session, the city council and planning commission will discuss the city's continuing lot-splitting moratorium, a proposed tree ordinance and a proposed revision to an ordinance governing sculptures.

Downtown Development Authority
Farmington City Hall
Council conference room
23600 Liberty
8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4

The DDA will hear a report on the council's action on decorative signs and on the 1988 Michigan Youth Corps project. Members will consider attending a centralized retail management conference.

Farmington Board of Education
Schulman Administrative Center
Board meeting room

32500 Shawwassee
6:30 p.m., Building and Site Committee
7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 4

Trustees will consider options to the failed bonding proposal, additional projects for Farmington High School and open bids.

Arthritis Today
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Livonia, Michigan 48152
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Another condition, called the TMJ syndrome, resembles the type of jaw problems facing a patient with arthritis. However TMJ syndrome is different since the individual has no joint swelling or pain in the hands, wrists, shoulders, knees, or feet.

In both rheumatoid arthritis and TMJ syndrome, therapy consists of heat, aspirin-like medication and occasionally steroid injection into the jaw joint. Such treatment generally works well for people with arthritis, but individuals with TMJ syndrome respond poorly to such measures, and may have pain lasting months to years.



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