

Ordinance support growing

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residential areas, including multiple-family districts. The city's light industrial district is the only area in which drilling would be allowed.

"This doesn't void current leases. It's where they're going to put a drilling operation that's critical," city attorney Paul Ribeau said, referring to leases signed by some homeowners in southwest Farmington Hills.

If a company drills diagonally under a Farmington Hills neighborhood from a site outside the city, for example, the city's residential leasing prohibition would not prevent homeowners from receiving oil or gas production royalties. DNR regulations, with or without leases, says the homeowners would be entitled to royalties from production.

"They allow only so much production. They regulate the amount of extraction and they establish a pool. If they (homeowners) are within the pool, they are entitled to the money," Costick said.

Under the proposed ordinance, any drilling site must be a minimum 500 feet from a residential district, 500 feet from a building and 100 feet from a public street.

drilling could take place would be 600 feet from a residential district," Costick said, adding that the distance could even be 700 feet considering the public street distance restriction.

The proposed ordinance requires a permit with a \$2,000 fee for drilling. The permit would be issued by the city council following a public hearing. Applicants must submit a valid permit for drilling issued by the DNR.

A permit also would be required from the city manager's office for companies to seek mineral rights leases. We would deny it in a residential area," Costick said.

Permit applicants would be required to provide public liability insurance for claims of bodily injury, sickness, disease or death of people other than employees.

The applicant also would be required to provide a minimum \$10,000 cash bond for each drilling

location to ensure that the site is "kept in an acceptable condition and that the use of that site does not damage public properties and streets," according to the proposed ordinance.

If an issued permit does not result in drilling, operation or production within 10 months, the permit would be declared null and void and a reapplication would be necessary, accompanied with a minimum \$1,000 fee.

Councilman Ben Marks was successful in convincing council members to raise the original \$300 extension fee to \$1,000. But he said he would have preferred a larger fee of \$2,500. "I don't want to encourage them . . ." he said.

BUT CITY attorney Ribeau said the renewal fee shouldn't be larger than the original permit fee of \$2,000. "It's to cover our costs," he said.

Unlike state DNR regulations, the proposed city ordinance would prohibit sour wells, generally accompanied by the smell of rotten eggs. "We don't believe odors have anything to do with Farmington Hills. It's not acceptable," Costick said.

The proposed ordinance also covers the production and operation of gas and oil extraction, including flare drills and the disposal of slush and waste. It also covers site restoration once a well is closed.

Costick is expected to provide a report to council on the estimated costs of restoring a site by the city should a company abandon a well.

Doctor calls suspect competent for trial

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He's charged in 10 attacks between April 1987 and March 1988: three rapes each in Farmington Hills and Bloomfield Township, an attempted rape in Farmington Hills, an attempted rape in Birmingham and an armed robbery in West Bloomfield.

The Oakland County serial rapist has been called vicious and calculating by county prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson.

The ski-masked, knife-wielding rapist attacked victims ranging in age from 12 to 61 in their homes or garages. Police believe they were picked at random and stalked for short periods until they were alone at night.

Police linked Szeman to several Oakland County attacks via fingerprints on a Farmington Hills victim's wallet, blood-semen samples and personal property found in his possession that belonged to some of the victims.

Calling the attacks among the "most horrific" he had seen in 16 years in office, Patterson told reporters Nov. 18: "It is my intention Szeman will never breathe a breath of free air again."

Dolan financial support increased after primary

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date, John Dolan has continued his waiver filing — indicating he had spent less than \$1,000 on his election effort.

Twenty-five individuals or groups donated \$200 or more to Jan Dolan's campaign during the August-October period. Some of these included: Security Bank and Trust of Southgate, Dow Chemical, Ford Motor Co., K-Mart Corp., Manufacturer National Bank of Detroit, the Michigan Optometric Association, Consumers Power, Michigan Consolidated Gas, and Farmington Hills resident Gary Jones.

DONATIONS WERE also made by political action committees, including: Michigan Bankers PAC, Michigan Insurers PAC, Oakland County Chamber of Commerce PAC, Realtors PAC of Michigan, Wayne Disposal PAC, DENTPAC of Michigan and Chrysler Political Support.

State elections analyst Rosemary Mixer questioned the Wayne Disposal PAC contribution of \$300, because "a political committee may not contribute more than \$250 for

... a candidate for state Representative."

Significant donations were also made to the Committee to Elect Jan Dolan from Bolsford Hospital president Gerson Cooper, West Bloomfield-area state Rep. David Honigman and Farmington Hills council member Rosa Flum.

The largest contributors to the Dolan campaign were the Michigan Education Association PAC, which gave \$1,500, and the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, which donated \$1,000.

JAN DOLAN held one fund-raiser during the August-October period at the Drakehouse Apartments Clubhouse in Farmington Hills, during which \$4,600 in donations was received.

The Dolan vs. Dolan campaign drew special attention because of the same surnames of the candidates — the two are unrelated — and a snafu over the winning candidate's age, which she falsified during the campaign. The Farmington Hills councilwoman is expected to resign her city post at the end of the year, shortly before taking her seat in Lansing.

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