

Council brings order to compost odor

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

The Farmington Hills council introduced an ordinance Monday in an attempt to contain the stink from compost piles.

Enactment is expected at the next council meeting and would take effect 21 days after.

Violation carries up to a \$100 fine.

"The first attempt by the zoning department is always to educate," said Lee Blimman, supervisor of the zoning division.

The ordinance is designed to be an answer to citizen complaints about improperly maintained compost piles that generate foul smells.

"We attempted to resolve these complaints using the blight ordinance, but were advised that that we should not pursue it with a stick, because the blight ordinance does not apply," Blimman and Dale Countegian, director of planning and community development, wrote in a June 5 memo.

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Although complaints were already received last year, creation of the ordinance was deferred until determination if new refuse disposal rules would apply.

The city attorney's office created a compost ordinance based on the one adopted by Novi in August 1991.

The Hills ordinance establishes a requirement for a 10-foot setback from the property line, which allows those with smaller lots to compost.

"We homeowners dealt with this problem all last summer with no control in place," said Carol Omer, a Sunderland resident from the Country Ridge Homeowner's Association. "I urge enactment of the ordinance while there is still some summer left to enjoy. A family's

outdoor activities should not be limited according to which direction the wind is blowing that day."

Compost piles may include a combination of organic yard and garden waste, such as weeds, branches, bark, grass clippings, stalks and stems, brush or vines. They cannot be located within any drainage easement nor can not be located in any front or side yard.

Compost piles must not exceed four feet by eight feet or six feet in

diameter and cannot exceed four feet in height. Double compost piles are allowed, providing the total size does not exceed the previously mentioned requirement.

Compost piles must be maintained so that odors do not emanate.

The city will explain the ordinance in its newsletter, which will also educate the public on proper maintenance of compost piles.

Zoning inspectors involved in enforcing the ordinance have already distributed a bulletin published by Michigan State University's Cooperative Extension Service to residents who are the subject of complaints.

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