

## Ordinance helps drive out cars

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To unclog their street, Earl Court residents have given up the right to park in front of their homes.

That's unfair, Farmington City Council members said.

However, council granted the residents' wishes and passed an ordinance Monday prohibiting parking 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday on Earl Court.

Residents blame congestion on nearby Greenery Extended Care Center on Grand River. Employees and visitors park on both sides of the street, they said.

That makes trash collection and snow plowing difficult. Also, emergency vehicles would be blocked from entering.

The problem has been ongoing, residents said. City officials said they intend to meet with the Greenery administration over the problem.

"I think most of the residents are willing to sacrifice (parking) five days a week between 8 and 5 to have our court cleared so we can get to our homes," said Al Van Rentergher, who lives on Earl Court.

Added Kathryn Hattam: "I hope something can be done. I live right behind the nursing home. I've got cars two-inches away from my driveway, some-

times all day long, which is annoying."

Eight residents on the court met with the Traffic and Safety Board to come up with a solution. Residents will continue to park in their driveways.

Tickets will be issued to violators.

"I suggest we work on something that doesn't penalize these people," councilman Bill Hartsock said, "and accomplish what they want, which is their street back."

Councilman Richard Tupper agreed: "I think we have to put the entire burden on the Greenery."

Giving special permits to residents would not be feasible, officials said. Added Van Rentergher, agreeing: "That's almost a Catch-22."

Shuttle parking and reconfiguring the building parking lot are some options being considered, said a Greenery spokeswoman who attended the Traffic and Safety Board meeting.

Buying adjacent land for additional parking is also being looked at, she said. Employees are told not to park on Earl Court.

"They're not supposed to... but you know we have visitors and people coming in," said Sally Levy, a Greenery administrator. "It's hard to catch them all."

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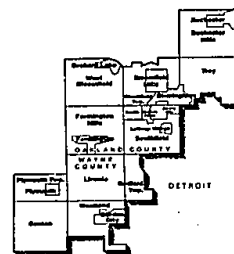
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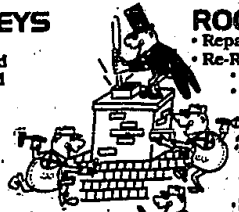
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