# **Perplexed**

# Residents, council can RV ordinance

Recreational vehicle and trail-commerciate horizonamental residence of the commercial of proposed ordi-nance to regulate them created more riddless than solutions.

The measure would have allowed rec whiteless under six feet to be parked on the side of homes but not in front. The purpose was to remove Rive in front of Leshaped or U-shaped homes. Some consider Rivs and trailers in the front yard as usaightly. Simple enough, right? Confusion ensured at Monday's Hills City Council meeting.

"My house is round, so I real donn Nualy, who lives on Dreaden Street.

Added Eldred Street resident Robert Hicks, "What you're asying is they can't park boat or race car trailers in their drive-

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Robert Hicks

way."

Other RV owners presented a variety of scenarios, which covered everything except parking dog sleds in front of iglocs.

Farmington Hills City Council members seemed equally perplexed, turning down the measure in a 4-2 vots.

Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, council members Cheryl Oliverio, Vicki Barnett and Jerry Ellis voted against. Council members Nancy Bates and Jody Boroncen cast ballots in favor of the regulation. Councilman Jon Grant was absent.

"We moved into this neighborhood because it was a rural area instead of a well-manicured subdivision," asid Hicks, who wore a T-ahirt depicting deer. "I didn't want to live where there is a subdivision association."

Unless it poses a safety hazard or is a piece of junk, Hicks said, "I think I should be able to park my trailer in the front yard."

For many RV owners, though, the issue is most. With the exception of popuptent campers or trailers, such whites are taller than six feet. Under city zoning, RVs more than six feet in height have to be parked in backyards. In newer neighborhoods, some subdivision association regulate practice of a great president asked the planning commission to which a rill the commission the rill the commission to which a rill the commission to which a rill the r

ning commission to review the city's recreational vehicle ordi-

Several residents spoke against the proposed ordinance

during a planning commission public bearing May 20.

At that hearing May 20.

At that hearing Hicks said he preferred to see boats or trailers compared to some of the junk cars perked legally in front of L-shaped homes where garages sit

cars parasets where garages an further back.

Some had problems with the six-foot benchmark used in the ordinance. Sports utility vehicles are growing in size, a councilman said.

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"They're huge," councilman
Ellis said. "They don't have both-rooms in them yet. So, I guess
they're not RVs."
A lot more study needs to be
done, Vagnozzi said. Ha'd like to
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The Hills measure would mostly affect those who live in older areas where some lots are only 60 feet wide, Vagnoxi said.

Traipeing through older parts of our city, I can see lots of problems, he said.

Bates and Soronen believed the proposal was straight-forward.

"We have a pop-up tent camper we park in the garage and in the backyard before that," Soronen said. "That works out just fine."

## Two Novi teens nabbed

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Two Novi teens, ages 17 and 18, are in custody after they unwittingly tried to break into a GMC Jimmy that was an unmarked police car with a plain-clothes officer inside early Wednesday morning.

Authorities believe the teens are responsible for a rash of car break-ins in the Nine Mile-Haggerty area. After aborting their attempt to get inside the officer's car, both were later caught taking speakers from a parked van, according to police. Around 1:15 a.m. a South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium undercover unit saw a pair of teens wearing booded jackets walking aroas Parkwood Lane in the Eight Mile-Haggerty area. SONIC includes Farmington Hills, Novi and West Bloomfield officers.

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The officer laid down on the front seat while the teens came up to his parised GMC Jimmy.
One pulled on the locked door handle while telling his part-ner, "Hey, check this out," police reports said.

When he noticed the man inside the truck, he backed off. The officer stood up and asked them what they were deing.

"Uh, oh uh, sorry dude, I was checking to see if you're OK," the teen replied before walking away with his partner down

Parkwood Lane, according to a police report.

Another surveillance unit watched as the pair disappared into a wooded area off Cheshire Street. Around 10 minutes later, officers found: a Plymouth Voyager - with the dome light on - parked on Heatheridge. They also noticed two shadows behind a house nearby.

Authorities spotted the pair again five minutes later standing next to a van parked in the driveway as one teen was removing sterso speakers. When spotted, the two ran east behind a Heatheridge residence and into a swamp by a construction site.

After a half-mile foot chase, police caught both without incident. The van's owner said he and a roommate loaded the stereo speakers inside and then went to bed.

This is a warning about locking your vehicle and keeping valuable things out of view," Assistant Chief Chuck Nebus said.

One of the teens arrested had leatherman tool in his jacket pocket, police reports said. Authorities are asking people in the Nine Mile-Heigert pa good in the Nine Mile-Heigert properly and needs to identify owners, Chief Bill Dwyer said.

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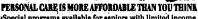
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