

Site plan fees are increased

FARMINGTON — Site plan review fees were hiked to match the costs of reviewing plans for the City of Farmington by the city council Monday.

Review fees start at \$25 for a remodeling job, up to \$150 plus \$2 for each dwelling unit for a multiple family development.

Hourly consulting fees will also be charged for planning or engineering services.

The old fee was a flat \$25 for a site plan.

Farmington Hills recently adopted a similar schedule.

City transfers land to library

FARMINGTON — The city of Farmington transferred the last lot required for the proposed, new downtown branch of the Farmington District Library.

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FARMINGTON — Commercial vehicle storage at private homes was changed from a police ordinance to a zoning matter by the Farmington City Council Monday.

The change allows an appeal under the Zoning Board of Appeals, impossible under the old law.

The new ordinance prohibits storage of any truck or commercial vehicle over 1½ tons at a residential home.

Trucks or vans between one ton and 1½ tons must be garaged, and trucks between 2 half ton and one ton must be stored behind the front building line.

Councilman John Allen asked the ordinance be changed to allow small commercial signs on trucks, but the decision of the majority of the council was to leave this up to the appeal process.

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McCosh's Column



If the United Foundation isn't dead, the original concept is gasping and wheezing. You can "smell the candles on the altar," as bull-fighters say when they feel a premonition of death.

Not that UF itself isn't collecting and disbursing more and more each year. But each year, another volunteer group discovers that a second, third or fourth community-wide solicitation yields some additional money.

"Give once for all" as a concept just isn't working any more.

The number of groups asking for contributions is increasing every year in Farmington. The Walk for Mankind, sponsored by the Farmington Area Jaycees; a local Boy Scout fund drive; the efforts of the Farmington Community Center; and the Farmington Area Advisory Council are a few recent additions to the fund-raising scene.

And there are the older efforts—the YMCA fund drive, the service clubs, which tap their members for their projects, even the Girl Scout cookie sales.

Barely a week goes by without an additional group asking for permission to solicit door-to-door in Farmington, before one city council or the other.

While there is an effort currently under way to study the idea of a "local united fund," perhaps some kind of community chest, it doesn't look like any great changes are looming in the near future.

One can't help but feel the "problem" is a natural result of the enthusiasm many local volunteer efforts generate.

Farmington has a large number of well-organized community oriented groups.

Usually, success breeds a budget, and in a very short time, the projects which the group would like to complete

Local charity summit is needed

outstrip the original source of funding.

It almost seems like this happens regardless of how affluent the group is when it starts out. The community center has a large income from course fees; FAAC was originally supported by the local governments, then by the county; the Boy Scouts formerly depended on the United Foundation.

Fund raising efforts meet with a wide variety of successes.

The YMCA has always done well, and the Boy Scouts also draw considerable support. Last year, the community center was well short of its goal, despite two major efforts.


One doubts the "give once for all" will ever be the answer, laudable as it is.

Fund raisers realize the total raised by several groups in a community usually exceeds any single drive.

But the situation is causing problems. Fund-raising schedules are conflicting, and the public is becoming more and more confused about just where its money is going.

Maybe the answer is some kind of "summit conference" among the leaders of the various groups planning to solicit during 1974.

If competition can't be eliminated, the efforts can at least be coordinated.



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