

Council approves fare raise; seniors keep special rate

By STEVE BARNABY
 City of Farmington residents will be paying more for that taxi ride, but senior citizens still will get a special rate for at least 90 days.
 The city council this week approved a rate increase for the Suburban Checker Cab Co. Vern Foster, cab company owner, made his plea before the city fathers citing increased insurance and gasoline rates for the needed increase.
 Riders will pay 80 cents for the first one-eighth mile and 10 cents for each additional one-eighth mile. The previous rate was 60 cents for each one-sixth of a mile. Remaining the same will be the 10 cents for each 45-second waiting period.

"This rate increase is simply a matter of survival," Foster told council members. "I can't hold out any longer."
 PRESENTLY, the City of Farmington has an agreement with Foster's company that senior citizens pay 50 cents to ride anywhere within city limits. The city picks up the remainder of the tab.
 Councilmen were explicit in saying they wanted the rate to remain the same for senior citizens.
 "I think it is unfair that the residents of Farmington have to be penalized for this increase. I want you to do everything possible to keep the senior citizen program going," Councilman Richard Tupper told Foster.

Councilman John Richardson supported Tupper.
 "I will move to rescind this increase if it proves to be a hardship on senior citizens," he said.
 Foster told the council his insurance rate has increased by 168 per cent in the last year, from an average \$495.36 per cab to \$1,330 per cab. The increase occurred, he said, even though his taxi service had a 34 per cent cost ratio, lowest in southeast Michigan.
 The increase was due to a change in insurance companies, something an individual company hasn't any control over. All cab companies in the area are going through the same increase changes, Foster maintained.
 Gasoline has increased from 31 cents a gallon to 48 cents a gallon. His company receives a nine-cent rebate. Price of individual cars has jumped from \$3,010 to \$4,182, he said.
 The day of the cab company is passing by the wayside, said Foster. Increased expenses passed on to customers, plus competition with dial-a-ride systems are putting cab companies out of business.

"ONE PROBLEM is that dial-a-ride systems start up in various communities and last just long enough to put cab companies out of business, then they fold," said Foster.
 It is impossible for private cab services to compete with dial-a-ride systems, because they are financed by state and federal funds, said Foster.
 "People should remember, though, that dial-a-rides aren't the plums that people think they are."

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 The primary purpose of the new service is to provide treatment for the alcoholic, his family and other relatives who may request help. Services include in-patient and out-patient care and educational services to the general public.
 A number of the client referrals to the new unit come from local UAW (United Auto Workers) representatives in the Oakland, Wayne and Macomb county areas. Other referral sources are schools, courts, Alcohol Highway safety programs, Secretary of State Driver Improvement Division, county agencies and private individuals.
 Intervisions is in the Travelers Tower, Evergreen Road between Ten and Eleven Mile. The Alcohol Abuse unit's hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lisa Sinagoga on dean's list

Lisa Sinagoga of 22129 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills, was named to Arizona State University's dean's list for the spring semester. She is a sophomore, majoring in sculpture.
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