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# Mayor may veto liquor license

By JACKIE KLEIN

Diners at Mama Zaida's may soon have wine with their pasta, but Mayor Donald Fracassi isn't happy about it. In fact, said Fracassi, he will weigh Monday's Southfield City Council decision to recommend approval of a Class C (liquor by the glass) license for the restaurant on Southfield Road between Twelve and Thirteen Mile roads.

"I have 10 days to submit a veto of

the council's resolution," Fracassi said. "I intend to give the matter serious consideration in the meantime."

The city council voted \$2 to recommend "above all others" the license issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Dissenting were Councilmen Steve Hurie and John Marosky.

The shopping center in which Mama Zaida's is located goes deep into a single family residential area," Fracassi said.

Councilman Nelson Chase said other applications from restaurants in the area have no bearing on Mama Zaida's.

"IF LIQUOR licenses aren't issued in establishments near residential areas, we're confining these restaurants to major intersections where land is expensive," he said.

That means we give liquor licenses only to \$1 million establishments and we ignore full service which includes inexpensive places.

There's nothing inherently bad about liquor adjacent to residences. It's no worse than restaurants per se."

A survey of the Raven indicated most liquor licenses are issued for restaurants within 500 feet of residential areas. Chase contended.

Councilman Martin Hollander recommended that an entertainment permit not be issued for Mama Zaida and the restaurant should stand on its own merit.

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"IF AN ENTERTAINMENT permit is issued, it could generate high volume traffic and adversely affect the beautiful Cranbrook Subdivision. I'm concerned about hours of operation and the fact that the restaurant is close to a church and single family homes."

Fracassi commented that a Chinese restaurant in the same shopping center and the former Landmark restaurant in the same general area were denied liquor licenses.

Council President Steve Hurie asked if a survey of the neighborhood had been taken similar to the one conducted by Councilman John Marosky when a liquor license for the Raven Gallery was being considered. Fracassi vetoed council's approval of a Class C license for the Raven and was its most outspoken opponent.

Hurie also asked if the residents in the area surrounding Mama Zaida's had been notified of the requested liquor license.

Marosky acknowledged he had sought comments from residents about the Raven license. "I'm always protective of single family residential areas, and I'm entitled to that position," he said.

COUNCILMAN STEPHEN Cooper said residents are notified of rezoning requests and major changes in land use but not of proposed liquor licenses.

"It is our policy that residents within a 350 foot radius of a proposed change in use are notified by mail," Cooper said. "They are the ones who would be most affected. I believe notification of proposed liquor licenses would be an admirable extension of that policy."

Cooper, who first opposed Mama Zaida's application for a license, said he has since determined that representatives of the church and residential subdivisions have no objections. He said he is convinced the restaurant is a stable, viable operation.

"I just want to be sure council uses the same strokes for all the folks," Hurie said.

## Sigma Alpha Iota chooses freshman

SOUTHFIELD—Jeanne Scarpone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Gene Scarpone of Southfield, was chosen for membership in Sigma Alpha Iota at the Hillsdale College Spring Honors Assembly.

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