Home day care OK'd with limitations

no Maliszowski

Regulations allowing in-home child day care in Farmington Hills are now on the books.

But operators of the larger, group day care homes can continue opera-tions until the Farmington Hills City Council approves a method of exaing them into the new regulations.

Without much ado — a maround after months of controver over inbome day care — the Finington Hills City Council Mondel, enacted an ordinance amendment milittage child day care in resident areas. The smeadment will tal effect April 13.

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Despite the council's action Monday, many questions — particularly regarding the city's two day care group homes — remained unanswered. Yet no one — proponents, opponents or council members — questioned the plight of the city's

JUST PRIOR to the meeting's adjournment, Councilman Terry Sever asked about the status of the two group home operators — whose homes are on interior subdivision streets — in light of the new regulations.

Sever saked that the two group home operators be allowed to main-tain their current number of chil-dren, with efforts made toward abld-ing by the new amendment. Though the state allows group home opera-tors to care for a maximum 12 chil-dren, the new city rules prohibit such homes on Interfors subdivision. homes on interior subdivision

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"Your concern is covered," city attorney Paul Bibeau sâld.

A resolution adopted when council introduced the zoning amendment last week still stands. Under the res-

last week still stands. Under the res-olution, the two group home opera-tors will not be prosecuted for vio-lating city ordinance, Bibeau said. City and legal staff are expected to develop a method for "grandfa-thering" these operations into the new regulations for council consider-ation sometime in April, Elbeau said.

City and legal staff are excited to the control of the control of

dren and the provider must be the occupant of the home, licensed by the state and registered with the city. Family day care homes would be limited to operating from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., must be at least 500 feet from another and cannot have signs advertising the service.

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Greater restrictions are imposed on group day care homes, which have been considered the most controversial because of the maximum number of children allowed.
The amendment would require all group day care homes to be on maximum or or secondary roads—not along subdivision streets. Group homes to be one of the same requires to be one of the same requires to be one of the same requires of the same requires one of the same requires one of the same requires of the same

Little choice

District judges recive salary increase

The carrot and the whip.
That's what 47th District Judge
Michael Hand called the state-subsidized judicial salary system in which
local governmental units pay more
if they refuse to authorize salary in-

reases.

After postponing a decision two weeks ago, the Farmington Hills City Council Monday authorized a 15 percent — from \$71,832 to \$82,720

School board deadline nearl

Five people, including incumbent Susan Rennels, have taken out nominating petitions for the one four-year term opening on the Farmington Board of Education.

No one has filed yet, however, reports Betta Duschinske, Farmington Public Schools business support services supervisor. Those turning in complete petitions can withdraw from theor-partisan race before 4 p.m. luraday, April 9; thereafter, their mes automatically will appear of the ballot.

tices supervisor.

Election day is Monday, June 8.

The opening term will run from July 1,097, to June 90,1991.

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Prespective candidates must be at least 18 and registered voters. Property ownership is not a requirement for candidate.

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Hand and Margaret Schaeft
But council members il little
choice unless they were wing to
hoot the majority of the twodges'
salaries. The salaries are shed by
the state and cities of Farington
and Farmington Hills.
Under this year's state-auprized
increase, each judge will paid
46,530 from the state and \$6,100
from the cities mrandardization plan, owever, the state will help the cits pay

can be supported to the state subsidy of \$50,150. Beto the state subsidy of \$50,150. Beto the cities may be subsidied was a subsidy of \$50,150. Beto the cities may be subsidied was a su IF THE Farmington Hills City Council had refused to grant the judges the maximum salaries allowed, both cities would have lost the total state subsidy of \$50,150. Because the state 'subsidy of \$50,150. Because the state 'subsidy was increased this year by more than \$6,000, the cities would have lost \$226 per judge this year If the Hills council had refused the increase.

"It's not a viable choice. You do it or you lose money," Councilwoman Jan Dolan.
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The council postponed a decision
on the judges salaries two weeks ago
after Dolan said she believed the 15
percent salary increase was 'out of
line." Other city employees (the
judges are state employees) received
an average 4 percent salary increase
in 1986-87. Because Hand and
Schaeffer were not in attendance at
that meeting, council postponed the
decision until Monday.
Council members Monday also followed the Farmington City Council's

lead in adopting a resolution automatically authorizing the maximum local share approved by the state Legislature in the future. "As long as the state-approved judicial standardication payment is increased and adequate funds are budgeted." The cities' standing resolutions ease the process of authorizing judicial salary increases because the state authorizes salary adjustments at the beginning of the year while the cities' operats on a July-June fiscal year.

DISTRICT JUDGES' salaries are based on 85 percent of a Michigan Supreme Court judge's salary. "If the Supreme Court judge's salary so un state of the Hills count salaries are based on 85 percent of a Michigan Supreme Court judge's salary." The Court salaries go up, ours follow, "chaeffer told the Hills count; salaries lay'r economended maximum salaries, Circuit Court and Recorder's Court judges, \$82,720.



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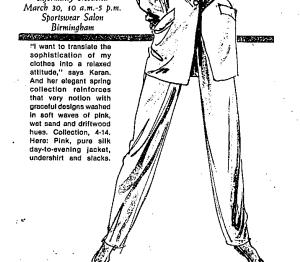
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