

Bills would allow home music lessons

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historic right. We should do everything possible to preserve the custom."

INTRODUCING DUPLICATE legislation simultaneously into the House and Senate is not unusual, according to Honigman, whose district includes West Bloomfield. In fact, it is a common occurrence, he said.

He expects little opposition to his bill.

"I expect it to be quite non-controversial. It could whiz through the House in a month. I will press to have it enacted into law by the end of the year."

The Stassons, who moved to West Bloomfield from Southfield in February, had their home customized to accommodate piano and violin students. She teaches piano and he teaches violin.

The couple was cited only for piano lessons. They were ordered to either stop the lessons or appeal to the township's zoning board of appeals.

They appealed and action on the violation is pending until the township's amendment is enacted.

"Isn't it exciting?" she asked of the proposed legislation. "The whole thing is ironic. My husband is Michigan's Music Teacher of the Year and then to have this happen."

The Stassons have given music lessons in their home for 42 years, including six years in Southfield prior to moving to West Bloomfield.

Unknown to them, Southfield's zoning ordinance also prohibits music lessons in the home.

The Stassons say it never occurred to them to check township ordinances prior to buying a home in West Bloomfield.

THE CULPRIT, ordinance 56, outlines what is permitted in one-family residential neighborhoods. Twenty specific uses are listed. Anything unlisted is not permitted and music lessons are not listed.

The amendment now under consideration would permit in-home les-

sons so long as no disturbance is created in the neighborhood, Basso said.

"Dealing with something like this requires a great deal of thought. I think the consensus of the committee

is traditional teaching that has always taken place in the home should be allowed."

A second reading of the proposed amendment is scheduled for Oct. 15.

"One of the primary considerations in proposing an amendment is considering whether the characteristics of a neighborhood are upset or not," said township attorney Paul Bi-

beau. Bibeau is also city attorney for Farmington Hills, which permits certain home businesses, including music lessons.

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appointments have become political.

"Unfortunately, politics is being played more and more with appointments. We had the question raised two weeks ago by a council member about a candidate for city council suddenly dropping out and being appointed to the ZBA. In the process, another non-incumbent candidate, Jean Fox, was replaced after years of service," Vagnozzi said.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE Fox has been replaced on the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Historical Commission.

Dudley disagreed with Vagnozzi's charges. "I will give the mayor the benefit of the doubt in it not being political."

The mayor is following the charter, not trying to dissuade anyone from election candidacy, Dudley added.

Vagnozzi also chided Marks' appointment methods. "At no time did the mayor call me to indicate I was being replaced. This has been a problem in the past where board mem-

bers are replaced without any communication from the mayor."

Marks defended himself. Because the charter requires resignation, formal communications are unnecessary, he said. The mayor also told Vagnozzi that if he had no applicants

for Vagnozzi's library post, he wouldn't have made an appointment Monday.

"I still think the mayor should tell people they are going to be replaced," Vagnozzi responded. He also reminded the council that over the years enforcement of the charter provision has been "spotty."

Hills confirms appointments

The Farmington Hills City Council approved the following mayoral appointments Monday:

• Historic District Commission: Bernard Ludwig to replace election candidate Jean Fox, who is required

by city charter to resign her post. He will fill her term, which expires Feb. 1, 1988.

• Committee to Increase Voter Participation: Robert Dorigo Jones

and David Haron each to a three-year term, expiring Feb. 1, 1990. Mayor Ben Marks is expected to appoint another member at the next regularly scheduled city council meeting, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12.

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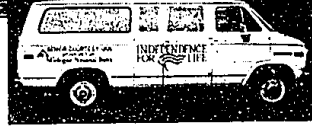
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