Neighbors should be notified — council

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City manager Robert Deadman reported that results of an informal sound the relige council and the region of the

proposed the ordinance change, had earlier suggested that the council consider transferring the authority for granting variances from the council to the city's zoning board of appeals.

voice their opinion on a variance," Tupper said.

He also warned that the council must be consistent when considering variances. "We're walking in dangerous waters if we do not process appeals in a like manner across the board."

The city council did not change the ordinance because of past litigation. According to Deadman, there have been no lawsuits in the past 25 years involving variances of either fences or signs.

TUPPER RAISED the subject of sign and fence variances with fellow council members several months ago, when he suggested variance guidelines be created and suggested tensions to the ZBA.

Last week's discussion and amendment introduction was prompted by Tupper's attendance at a seminan on a legal decision that allowed government compensation to a developer when he was not allowed to use his property.

After acaring about the litigation. Tupper said he wanted to be sure the city's policies are for firm ground."

"It's a matter of being responsible to our citizens," he added.

Dems await primary election

Three Southfield Democrats will bump heads in the Tuesday, Nov. 3 special primary election in their bid for a seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Only one Republican filed for the post in District 21, eliminating a GOP primary.

Democrats Lillian Jaffe Oaks, a former city councilwoman, Eric Coleman, Southfield School Board trustee, and Lew Barnett, a repeat challenger, are seeking the vacancy in District 21 created by the Aug. 19 death of Alexander Perinotf.

DOUGLAS SONOLOWSI, a South-field Republican who last year ran against Perinoff, will again seek the office. He will vie for the position in the Dec. 8 special election with the top Democratic vote getter in the Nov. 3 primary. Jaffe Oaks was president of the Southfield City Council in 1982-83

clarification

A story in the Sept. 24 issue of the Observer should have said that Haroune Alameddine has worked for the Farmington school district for 18

years.

He is beginning his ninth year coordinating the district's bilingual education program. He was recently promoted to administrative assistant for bilingual education.

and president protein in 1979-81. She serves on the Governor's Combission on the Future of Higher Education.

Coleman is secretary of the South-field School Board. He was elected to the board in June 1986.

Barnett has opposed Perinoff a

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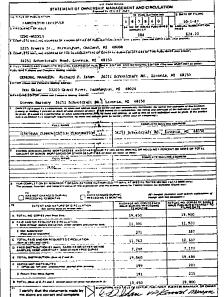
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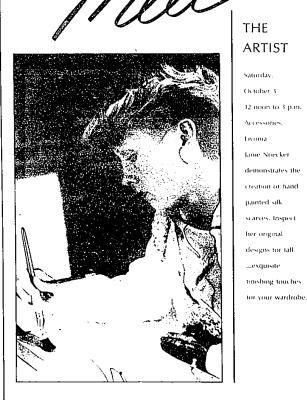




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