Hills wants input on changes in sign laws

Farmington Hills planning commission-rs want to know what store and business where think about possible changes in

Signs.

"If there is something we are overlookjig, they have an obligation to tell us. We
arge people that have a strong opinion to
beme and tell us." planning commission
chaltwoman Joanee Smith said.

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Commissioners and planning staff were
disappointed a week ago when business
owners didn't show up for a public hearing
Sept. 27 and tell commissioners what they
thought of some proposed changes in the
city saign ordinance.

"That has to tell us they don't care (about the proposed changes)," Smith said. "But I think they do."
Zoning, supervisor Lee Blizman was equally surprised by the apparent lack of interest although she received some phone calls. "Is this tack consent? How do we know what they (business owners) need unless they come forth.
Local government is best where they can have a say-so, where they can have a part in making laws that govern them."
The proposed sign changes are scheduled for more discussion at a future study session sometime after October.

COMMISSIONERS want to coordinate

regulations, Blizman said. "They want it to be a whole package so they get a larger view of what will happen with all signs." The kind of temporary signs commissioners are thinking of include those used for short-term events, such as church festivals. The proposed sign changes are expected to give business owners a set of rules to be followed in using exterior wall signs and signs on windows. Copies of the proposed detailed changes offices. The city now requires a permit for wall. The city now requires a permit for wall.

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The city now requires a permit for wall signs (such as a store name) but does not regulate the number of size of signs. The size and number of temporary and permanent window signs also are not regulated.

Unlike wall signs, however, the city has not required a permit for window signs.

Under the proposal, exterior wall signs and window signs will be regulated by size and window signs will be regulated by size and businessed changes vary in the city's different noting district. In the B-1 (local business) and B-3 (general business) districts, wall signs, including permanent window signs, cannot exceed 10 percent of the area of the facade on which the signs are placed.

In the B-2 (shopping center-type district), B-4 (also a shopping center-type but with access driver) and ES (expressway services) districts, the percent of the facade that can be covered with signs would be increased to 15 percent.

THE SAME goes for the LI (light industrial) district. But window signs would not be permitted in this district. Changes also are proposed with temporary window signs, such as the type a store owner uses to advertise a sale. They would allowed only in the business and expressway service districts. A permit wouldn't be required.

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All window signs, temporary and permanent, would not be able to exceed 10 percent of the window area, including door win-

dows.

"We are urging people to have a strong opinion and to come out to our meetings," Smith said. "So many businesses have done a beautiful job with their signs. We want to know what they think."

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Study of secondary school boundaries to begin

Two groups began studying boundaries of Farmington high schools and middle school, a meeting will be held to gather populations and adulting successful week with the aim of equalizing student populations and building successful.

• Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Warner projections and adulting successful week with the aim of equalizing student populations and building successful week with the sim of equalizing student populations and building successful week with the aim of equalizing student populations and building successful with the study and have a recommendation for the school board in early December.

The boundary study was commissioned by trustees following a fall facilities study report that cited severe overcrowing at several district boundary study was commissioned by trustees following a fall facilities study report that cited severe overcrowing at several district boundary study with the study and North Farmington High School.

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• Manday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m., a second meeting will detail the group's tentative mounts in their study, the middle school study committee includes to thing and blank structed freedom the study and the school study committee in the rest of Malley and Information on special education of the school study committee in the school study committee the study will be a 18-member committee will study the middle school study committee in the sc

2 local businessmen elected to MAPA board

Two Farmington-area busineas-men William E. Ponkowski and Craig B. Smith, have been elected to the board of directors of the Michi-gan Automotive Parts Association

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by the association general membership. As members of the board for the
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Smith is president of S-G Imported Car Parts, an independent auto parts business with locations in Farming-ton, Ann Arbor, Warren, Pontiac, Berkley and Allen Park.

Smith has served as an association board member for three years. He has been affiliated with the automotive aftermarket since 1969, the last 14 years with S-G Imported Car Parts. He resides in Farmington

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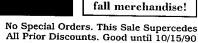
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