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# Ordinance amendment banning first floor residency in fire limit buildings passes, 6-2

An amendment to an ordinance will ban people from living on the first floor of downtown buildings.

In a 6-2 vote, the council approved an amendment acknowledging that many downtown buildings continue to allow upper-story residences but requires the first floor of those buildings to have an operating, licensed commercial or retail business or a licensed non-profit organization on the first floor.

The area to be encompassed in the ordinance is called the Fire Limits, defined by ordinance as "All that part of the city embraced within the following boundaries shall hereafter be known as the fire limits of the city, that is to say: Beginning at a point in the center of Penn Street opposite to the centerline of the alley between First Avenue and Second Avenue, thence north in the center of said alley between First and Second Avenues and continuing on north to the center of the former Lake Erie & Western railroad; thence east in the center of said railroad to the center of Third Street; thence south in the center of Third Street to the center of Penn Street; thence west in the center of Penn Street to the place of beginning."

Asked by Ald. Stephen Eyrich if the new restriction would affect the Downtown Motel, civic committee member Ald. Robin Lawson said it would not, because that is its business.

Ald. Kellie Ferrell, committee chair, said allowances could be made for other businesses, such as if someone wanted to open a bed and breakfast.

Ferrell, Lawson and Kyle Richards, who rounds out the committee, voted in favor, along with Eyrich, Jeff Wise and Bob Porth.

Voting against were aldermen Joe Garrett and Lourdine Florek. At the June 1 meeting, when the ordinance was proposed, Florek complained that it limited an owner's use of his own building and that current problems with people living in downtown buildings could be controlled with existing regulations.

Lawson said she gave serious thought to Florek's concerns but wanted the ordinance because "we have a problem down there."

The ordinance becomes effective 10 days after its passage.

In related action, the council approved declaring the former Countryside Mall, at 217 E. Main, and the former Moose building, at 222 Bank as dangerous buildings, both of which passed in 7-1 votes, with Garrett voting no

on each.

Aldermen hope charges will be filed in state court that would allow the buildings to be condemned.

Action was also set to be taken on Bzzz Bar, 306 E. Main, but was tabled. The business was damaged by fire in March 2019. The building has been released but a final determination on the cause of the fire has not.



# Up and away

Richard Cappellano and Colin Carswell, right, watch as a catch basin they released sways as it is moved by an end loader operated by Luis Marroquin. The Hoopeston Water Department employees also had to repair a sinkhole in the area, adjacent to the city hall parking on South Second Ave.

# From the Blotter

Ronald J. Weigand, 37, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 7:21 p.m. Sunday Tedd's Beverage Shop, 101 W. Main. Weigand was charged with

## **Obituaries**

**GOODRICH** - Bonnie Goodrich, 75, of Hoopeston, died at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 18, 2021, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

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driving while license revoked and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Court.

# Retirement open house

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## Children's Choir rehearsal

Any child interested in performing with the Community Children's Choir at the June 27 Community Church Service is asked to attend a rehearsal at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24 at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

## Weather

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