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Manor since 1972, McIntire has worked in housekeeping at Sacred Heart General Hospital for more than 20 years. He's also legally blind.

"I just look at it this way: What goes, goes. I'm not at all for it," McIntire said.

"It scares the hell out of me just to walk from here over to the hospital every day. I'd have trouble finding anything else, I'm sure, that would meet the needs I have here."

McIntire said his wife, age 65, has been disabled for about seven years. He said the convenience of being close to his workplace, coupled with the building's security, makes The Eugene Manor the best possible home for the two of them.

"When they tried this before, they claimed (conversion) would never take place, not in this building, so I don't know. I just don't know," McIntire said.

He was referring to attempts by outside developers in the late '70s to convert Eugene apartment projects to condominiums, at a time when the market favored such intentions and the city had nothing to prevent it.

High-rise and low rent were the local conditions of housing for the elderly throughout the '60s and '70s. But as rental housing lost popularity on the real estate market, con-

dominiums seemed to be the economic alternative. In 1979, owners of Willamette Towers and Patterson Tower, both largely occupied by senior citizens, announced their plans to convert.

The result was an outcry from senior citizens and groups supporting them. Days of testimony led the City Council to place a six-month moratorium on conversion of Eugene apartments to condos, delaying construction on Patterson and Willamette towers. The city used the time to develop the existing ordinance, considering problems caused by the possible displacement of special-category dwellers.

Although the legality of the city's moratorium was challenged on several fronts, conversion attempts on Patterson Tower were terminated to avoid conforming to the ordinance regulations the city was considering at the time.

Although the citizens' coalition has made its protest clear, at least one city councilor feels less than informed on the issue.

"I haven't seen any evidence of testimony from anyone who wanted to see the changes. I haven't been persuaded by any arguments that (the tenants' rights) should be changed," said City Council President Debra Ehrman.

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