

MINISTERS ATTACK ZONING PROPOSAL

Churches Would Be Driven Out, Council Is Told.

EARLY REMEDY PROMISED

Change in Measure to Allow Unhindered Religious Work to Be Made; Confusion Explained.

Opposition to the proposed zoning ordinance, in its present form, developed at a hearing before the city council yesterday when it became known that new churches and schools cannot be built in any district of the city other than the districts of classes IV, V or VII without an amendment. Request was made that this provision of the measure be amended.

Members of the city council assured the delegation that no discrimination would be practiced against the church and that before the ordinance is finally approved provision will be made giving the church every opportunity of expanding without restrictions. The proposed ordinance in its present form does not affect existing churches.

Rev. F. W. Black, pastor of the St. Francis church, spoke against the provision in the ordinance affecting new churches, saying that it was an effort to legislate the house of God out of the city of Portland.

Denunciation Is Bitter. Father Black was bitter in his denunciation of the authors of the proposed ordinance and predicted bitter opposition to the ordinance if the provision were not amended.

"No legislation should be passed which hinders our worshiping God," said Father Black. "I care not what a man's faith is, he has the right to worship God without interference."

Mayor Baker assured Father Black and other members of the delegation that the ordinance was merely presented for discussion, and that the city council would do nothing to drive the church from the city, but rather would do everything possible to protect the church.

"This council will respect God and the church at every step," said Mayor Baker. "Many times we have been petitioned to effect zoning of some sort to protect the church from intrusion of some objectionable industry. Therefore I believe that the zoning ordinance on the whole will protect the church, just as it will protect residential districts from improper intrusions and also serve to give industries the protection to which they are entitled."

Zoning Ordinance Explained. Representatives of the planning commission who drafted and submitted the proposed ordinance to the city council said that it was evident that there was a misunderstanding both as to the intent and effect of the proposed ordinance, in regard to churches. All existing churches, schools, public and semi-public properties are established in class IV districts. Alterations and additions to any of these properties can be made to any extent.

New schools and churches are recommended to go into any class IV, V, VII district, and may have additional districts provided for them anywhere by amendment to the ordinance. This can be done, it is explained, on motion of the city council or planning commission, or petition of property owners, after a hearing.

At present the ordinance as proposed provides that new single family dwellings only can be erected in districts, which comprise a large part of the outlying section of the city, as recommended by the neighborhood property owner committees.

Confusion Is Discussed. Some confusion is undoubtedly due, say representatives of the planning commission, to the fact that districts of class IV are not shown on the maps, although every such property as now exists is definitely established by a note on each map.

Representatives of the planning commission were unanimous in expressing regret over the misunderstanding and announced they were ready to correct any injustice that might be pointed out. It was explained at the meeting yesterday, that in launching such a program, some inaccuracies are certain to develop and it is for this reason that public hearings are now being held.

City Engineer Laurgaard, ex-officio member of the planning commission, said yesterday that the ordinance against the zoning ordinance at a meeting of the planning commission solely because preferential provision had not been included for churches, schools and fire stations.

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WOMEN'S NEWS

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