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Amity Township bans personal care homes in rural areas

The Amity Township supervisors Wednesday adopted an ordinance banning nursing, retirement and convalescent homes in the township's low density residential district, which is rural areas.

The move came after last month's withdrawal of an application to turn a residence along the 1800 block of Weavertown Road into a personal care home and adult day care center.

Adrean and Richard Turner sought a special exception in July to convert an existing residence. About three dozen residents fought the request.

The Turners withdrew their plans to get financing for the project in order, and had planned to reapply. They were not at the Wednesday night meeting.

Amy and John D. Purcell Jr., who live in the 1800 block of Weavertown Road and fought the Turners' application, said they were relieved by the supervisors' action. They were the only opponents of the Turners plans at the meeting.

Also, supervisors voted 5-0 to refinance \$1.65 million in debt through a new bond issue.

They said the move would save \$169,000 in 2010.

- By Carole Duran