

Home dispute settled

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Two girls can stay in a Wyoming foster home used by Straight Inc., a drug treatment program, under a compromise reached Monday between the city and the drug treatment organization.

The city of Wyoming and Straight have been fighting for two months over a house at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Girls stay at the home each night after spending the day at Straight's drug treatment center in Mt. Repose.

CITY MANAGER Randolph Forrester had charged that between four and six girls stay in the house, a condition that would violate the single-family residential zoning for the neighborhood. He ordered the girls evicted.

Straight officials said the number varies, but never exceeds three. They appealed the decision to Wyoming's board of Building and Zoning Appeals.

That board was scheduled to hear the appeal tonight, and the two sides reached a compromise in a meeting late Monday afternoon.

Bruce Petrie, the attorney who is representing Straight, said Straight agreed to delay its appeal while the Wyoming City Council considers a new foster home ordinance. That ordinance, Forrester said, would permit two unrelated people to live with a family.

THE COUNCIL, which has been considering the change for several weeks, held the first of three readings on that ordinance Monday night.

Straight and homeowners Jerald and Margaret Freedman also agreed not to keep more than two non-family members in the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] house until the law passes, Forrester said.

Straight operates a drug treatment program for persons ages 12 to 22.

Rushing said persons first entering the program stay in foster homes where others who have been in the program longer take care of them and enforce Straight's rules.