

Battle over big begins tonight

Troy council to discuss garage regulations

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When Paul Piscopo looks at his 6,000-square-foot sheet metal garage, he sees a man's paradise — a corrugated castle to store his 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle, 1979 Chevrolet El Camino, 1962 Buick Wildcat and a hodgepodge of other vehicles he tools around in.

When his neighbors look at the garage, all they see is ugly.

So ugly, in fact, that the family living next door fled the neighbor-

hood (Piscopo ended up buying their house and renting it out) and many of the remaining neighbors on Alpine Drive are petitioning the City of Troy to tear the thing down.

The battle over big is on.

And in metro Detroit — where classic car collections, boats, motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles can be treated with as much care as children — the challenge facing Troy leaders is to walk the line between property owners' rights and those of the rest of the community.

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HOW BIG IS BIG?

Paul Piscopo's 6,000-square-foot garage is almost four times the area covered by his house. Here's how it measures up:

