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Pahokee holding line between booze, church

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PAHOKEE — From the windows of city hall, officials can see the billboard that salutes Pahokee's visitors.

"The churches of Pahokee welcome you," it says, listing some of the nearly 20 churches in this city of 5 square miles and 7,000 people.

So perhaps it was little surprise that church and state rubbed shoulders inside city hall Tuesday night — and church won.

Officials were planning to decrease the respectful distance re-

quired between churches and any new establishment selling alcohol, from 300 feet to 100.

Farm owner Joey Thompson wants to open a convenience store in the now somewhat-deserted downtown. But Thompson said he couldn't find a spot far enough from a church.

But, then, neither can the Rev. Don Singleton, the pastor of Pahokee's First Baptist Church. "I wish (the requirement) was 300 miles," he said.

City commissioners voted 4-0 to abandon any loosening of the law Tuesday night.

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