

WESTPORT DEMANDS OUSTER OF SYNANON

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HARTFORD, Dec. 7 — The town of Westport carried to the state's highest court today its two-year-old legal fight to oust a chapter of the Synanon Foundation from a rambling mansion in a residential neighborhood in the city.

Edwin K. Dimes, the lawyer for Westport, told the five justices of the Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors that the presence of Synanon, a nonprofit organization devoted to rehabilitating narcotics addicts, violated the city's zoning regulations.

The 20-room Victorian mansion on a three-and-a-half-acre site at 249 Greens Farms Road, which is leased by Synanon for \$400 a month, is in an area that

is zoned for occupancy of one-family dwellings.

As many as 30 addicts have inhabited the building at a time, many of them transients, Mr. Dimes declared, adding that "by no stretch of the imagination" did they constitute a family."

The zoning regulations, however, do not define the term "family."

Jack Waltuch of Norwalk, the lawyer for Synanon, disagreed stating that the "term family is clearly one capable of being understood in more than one possible sense—it is at least ambiguous."

He cited various dictionary definitions of the word including one from Webster's Third New International Dictionary defining a family as a "group of individuals living under one roof: household." The justices reserved decision.