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## Kahle down, not out

## Family insists she'll return to council

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Toledo council member Eleanor Kahle has undergone surgery for removal of a brain tumor but the feisty senior citizen lawmaker has no plans to resign from council, her family says.

The surgery on July 27 lasted about three hours at Toledo Hospital, according to a brief statement that the Kahle family released yesterday. There were "no complications," the family said, declining to release any additional information.

Mrs. Kahle's sons are awaiting

results of tests to determine whether the tumor was cancerous, said Christine Wasserman, Toledo Hospital's media relations coordinator.

The five-paragraph statement said: "Currently, Eleanor Kahle's recovery is well on its way and in line with doctors' expectations. Her follow-up treatment will last approximately 6-8 weeks. At this time, however, it is premature to set a precise timetable for her recovery."

One of Mrs. Kahle's sons, Bob Kahle, said the tumor's presence was not known until "several days after she was hospitalized," Ms. Wasserman said. The Kahle family

has not said whether the entire tumor was removed, she added.

"With a lot of details, they consider them to be personal and private. I don't know how [the tumor] was determined. They did not share how extensive, or how large it was," Ms. Wasserman said.

Until yesterday, Mrs. Kahle's family members had declined to provide any details on any medical problems or what led to her admission on Toledo Hospital on July 17.

The silence had fueled speculation that Mrs. Kahle was seriously ill,

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**Kahle: awaiting tests to determine if tumor was cancerous.**

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possibly with a stroke. It remains unclear when Mrs. Kahle can return to her duties as a city councilman.

In her eight years on council, Mrs. Kahle, a Democrat, has been active on housing issues, efforts to lower Toledo Edison's electric rates, and senior citizen concerns.

Mrs. Kahle is expected to miss her second council meeting Tuesday. Council is meeting every other week but will resume weekly meetings in September.

The City Charter says if a councilman misses 10 consecutive regular meetings, his or her seat becomes

vacant. However, council by a majority vote can excuse absences and that certainly would be the case with Mrs. Kahle.

Steve Yarbrough, chairman of the Lucas County Republican Party, in an interview last week had called upon Mrs. Kahle to provide a full report on her health when hospital tests were complete.

According to the City Charter, if Mrs. Kahle resigned before Aug. 9, her successor would have to be on the Nov. 7 ballot. If Mrs. Kahle resigned after Aug. 9, her successor would fill out the rest of her term which runs until Jan. 1, 1998.

But questions about resignation apparently became moot yesterday when Mrs. Kahle's family indicated she has no intention of stepping down.