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Court hearing on

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The city summoned a group of doctors and officials of a West Side medical clinic operated by the Black Panther Party to appear in court and explain why the clinic is operating without a dispensary permit.

The clinic, called the Medical Care Center, 3850 W. 16th, opened Jan. 4 and lawyers for the Panthers maintain it does not need a permit because doctors at the clinic are licensed.

The Panthers say that the doctors are using the clinic as an extension of their offices.

Deputy City Collector Lawrence J. Goss said the summons was issued after his office received a memorandum from the city health commissioner, Dr. Murray C. Brown, that the clinic was operating without a dispensary permit.

Representatives of the clinic are to appear for a hearing Feb. 5 in Circuit Court to defend their actions in operating without a permit.

Goss said that an inspection by the Board of Health and a zoning check were necessary before the permit, which is free, could be issued.

Panther clinic's lack of permit

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