City of Saint Paul

Meeting Agenda

City Council

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Council Chambers - 3rd Floor
651-266-8560

Council President Rebecca Noecker
Vice President HwaJeong Kim
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Molly Coleman
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 **3:30 PM** **Council Chambers - 3rd Floor**

ROLL CALL

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

1 AO 25-66 Amending the 2025 Saint Paul Regional Water Services spending budget to record the cost-neutral change in spending of $1,762,500 for the cost of issuance, principal and interest due on PFA note DW10.

Attachments: Financial Analysis

2 AO 25-67 Amending the financing and spending plans in the SPRWS 2025 Adopted Budget in the amount of $50,000 to better support current priorities and maintain facility operations.

Attachments: Financial Analysis

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. If discussion on an item is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

3 RES 25-1674 Authorizing the acceptance of $59,270.40 from the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Solar on Public Buildings Grant Program for rooftop solar installation at Hamline Midway Library.

Sponsors: Coleman

4 RES 25-1680 Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for grant funding from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) ReLeaf Community Forestry Grants Program to invest in forestry planning and management of the tree canopy throughout Saint Paul.

Sponsors: Noecker

5 RES 25-1721 Amending project budgets to align with spending needs.

Sponsors: Noecker

Attachments: RES 25-1721 Financial Analysis

6 RES 25-1734 Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals for the FY25 Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Grant Program, issued by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Sponsors: Noecker

7 RES 25-1738 Approving Ordinance Permit 20240020604 for Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure installed by the Saint Paul Port Authority (SPPA) on The Heights project site at the following locations: on Arlington Avenue between Howard Street and McKnight Road.

Sponsors: Yang

Attachments: 20240020604 - ExhibitA.pdf

8 RES 25-1746 Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the City General Election held November 4, 2025.

Sponsors: Noecker

Attachments: St Paul Signed Election Abstract

Peter Butler public comment

David Triplett email & attachment

9 RES 25-113 Initiating the T District Follow-Up and Transit Corridor Zoning Study.

Sponsors: Jost

Attachments: T District Corridor Study City Council Resolution - Inititation

SUSPENSION ITEM

RES 25-1780 Appointing Jacobson Lawyers Group, under the direction of Dan Jacobson, as special counsel representing the City in Saint Paul et al. v. Christopher Wright et al., filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Sponsors: Noecker

Attachments: Administrative Code 3.02

RES25-1780 Financial Analysis

ORDINANCES

An ordinance is a city law enacted by the City Council. It is read at three separate council meetings and becomes effective after passage by the Council and 30 days after publication in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press. Public hearings on ordinances are generally held at the second reading.

Final Adoption

10 Ord 25-59 Amending Chapters 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, and 69 of the Legislative Code as recommended in the Traditional Neighborhood (T) District Zoning Study.

Sponsors: Noecker

Attachments: PC Resolution
PC Approved Minutes 9-5-25
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Proposed Amendments Formatted
Jenn Pierson public comment
Luke Hanson public comment
TDistrict_ZoningStudy_CC Staff Report
Noah Schneider public comment
Katherine DuGarm public comment
Isaac Bries public comment
Chad Hermes public comment
Benjamin Werner public comment
Joe Baierl public comment
SEIU Healthcare public comment
Mark Thieroff public comment
Cody Fischer public comment
Anna Potter public comment
Daniel Herriges public comment
11.5 public comments

11 Ord 25-65 Creating Chapter 225A of the Legislative Code titled Firearms Regulations to establish regulations for Assault weapons, Binary triggers, Ghost guns and Signage.

Sponsors: Noecker, Jost, Coleman, Johnson, Kim and Bowie

Attachments: 20251022 Gun Violence Prevention Ordinance Staff Report
Documents submitted during Council public hearing
Public comments

First Reading

12 Ord 25-72 Amending Chapters 60,61,68, and 72 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area and the Flood Plain Management Overlay Districts.

Sponsors: Noecker

Attachments: MRCCA Signed Resolution final
CNPC to PC memo final 9-25-2025
10-17-25 PC Action Minutes
MRCCA presentation public hearing response - CNPC reccomendations
Planning Commission Public Testimony
MRCCA map panels

Other MRCCA Cities Heights Comparison Chart

Wendy Neurer public comment

Rita Johnson public comment

Fort Road Federation public comment

Deborah Korthof-Stanton public comment

City Council Presentation

13 Ord 25-77 Amending Section 220.05 of the Legislative Code to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective January 1, 2026.

Sponsors: Noecker

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Live testimony is limited to two minutes for each person. See below for optional ways to testify.

14 Ord 25-63 Amending Legislative Code Chapter 220 to allow for Garbage Cart Sharing at properties with two or more Dwelling Units beginning January 1, 2026.

Sponsors: Noecker

15 Ord 25-66 Creating Chapter 420 of the Legislative Code establishing regulations for the registration of cannabis and hemp businesses, creating Chapter 420A of the Legislative Code establishing a permit requirement and process for temporary cannabis events, and amending section 310.01 to add a definition for “Cannabis Fees”.

Sponsors: Noecker

Attachments: Exhibit #1

16 Ord 25-67 Amending Chapter 170.02 of the Legislative Code to allow the Director of Parks and Recreation to adjust the hours of certain parks to accommodate for park use during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Sponsors: Noecker

Attachments: Permit Holiday Ordinances

Downtown Alliance public comment

St Paul Chamber of Commerce public comment

Visit Saint Paul public comment

Port Authority public comment

17 Ord 25-68 Amending Section 106.01 of the Legislative Code to allow businesses in the Downtown Entertainment District to temporary allow items in the right-of-way without a sidewalk-use permit during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Sponsors: Noecker

18 Ord 25-69 Amending section 293.02(d) of the Legislative Code to remove the requirement for a sound level variance in the Downtown Entertainment

District during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Sponsors: Noecker

19 Ord 25-70 Amending section 409.08 of the Legislative Code to allow holders of Liquor Licenses issued under section 409 to apply for extended service of alcoholic beverages until 2:00 a.m. during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Sponsors: Noecker

20 Ord 25-71 Amending section 55.04(a) of the Legislative Code to simplify the requirement for a temporary structure permit during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Sponsors: Noecker

21 Ord 25-76 Creating Chapter 297 of the Legislative Code prohibiting the use and placement of virtual currency kiosks within the City.

Sponsors: Noecker, Jost and Kim

Attachments: St. Paul City Council Presentation, MN Dept of Commerce
Forest Lake Kiosk Presentation
Cryptocurrency Kiosk - City of Forest Lake
Stillwater Crypto ATM Presentation
Summary of Stillwater Crypto Currency ATM Prohibition
Saint Paul City Council Memo on Cryptocurrency Kiosks
Crypto Machines in St Paul
Letter in Opposition
AARP public comment

22 RES PH 25-253 Setting the Solid Waste Service Fee for 2026.

Sponsors: Noecker

23 RES PH 25-254 Authorizing Public Works to request $828,344 in SCORE grant funds from Ramsey County to support the curbside recycling program and setting the 2026 City Recycling Service Fees.

Sponsors: Noecker

24 RES PH 25-255 Authorizing the Public Library Agency to accept Minnesota Department of Education grant funds and amending the Library's 2025 financing and spending plans in the amount of $500,000 to support reconstruction of the Hamline Midway Library.

Sponsors: Jost

Attachments: RES PH 25-255 Amending 2025 Library Agency Special Projects Fiscal Analysi

25 RES PH 25-218 Ratifying the assessment for benefits, costs, and expenses for the Grand/Snelling parking lot operation and maintenance costs for 2026. (File No. 18746-25, Assessment No. 257202)

Sponsors: Jost

Attachments: Assessment Roll

26 RES PH 25-243 Approving the application of MN Run Series/Podium Sports Marketing Inc. for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Turkey Trot Saint Paul on November 27, 2025, by Shepard Road between Washington Street and Sherman Street.

Sponsors: Noecker

Attachments: Turkey Trot Saint Paul Application
ENS1
Map
Turkey Trot Saint Paul.Notice to Owners
Owners List
Turkey Trot Saint Paul.Letter to Applicant

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

27 RLH TA 25-115 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 686 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. VB2507A, Assessment No. 258826) (Public hearing closed and laid over from April 9, 2025)

Sponsors: Bowie

Attachments: 686 Edmund Ave.Reg Notice 9-5-24.pdf
686 Edmund Ave.Warning Ltr 10-7-24.pdf
686 Edmund Ave.Vang email 10-22-25.pdf
686 Edmund Ave.Vang email 10-23-25.pdf
686 Edmund Ave.Vang email 11-12-25.pdf

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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28 RLH SAO 25-62 Appeal of Deborah Ruberto to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 235 BATES AVENUE.

Sponsors: Johnson

Attachments: 235 Bates Ave.appeal.10-21-25.pdf
235 Bates Ave.photos from inspector sent 10-21-25.pdf
235 Bates Ave.Ruberto Ltr.10-30-25

29 RLH SAO 25-60 Appeal of Emmett J. Owens, Jr. to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 239 BATES AVENUE.

Sponsors: Johnson

Attachments: 239 Bates Ave.appeal.10-15-25.pdf
439 Bates Ave.Photos 10-21-25.pdf
239 Bates Ave.Owens Ltr.10-24-25

30 RLH SAO 25-59 Appeal of Philip and Kelly Oliver to a Summary Abatement Order at 597 FOREST STREET.

Sponsors: Johnson

Attachments: 597 Forest St.appeal.10-10-25.pdf
597 Forest St.Photos 10-8-25.pdf
597 Forest St.Oliver Ltr.10-24-25

31 RLH CO 25-10 Appeal of Michael Haubrich to a Correction Notice at 1488 HAZELWOOD STREET.

Sponsors: Yang

Attachments: 1488 Hazelwood St.appeal.10-10-25.pdf
1488 Hazelwood St.photos 10-3-25.pdf

32 RLH FCO 25-64 Appeal of Todd Knudten to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1205 HOMER STREET.

Sponsors: Jost

Attachments: 1205 Homer St.appeal 10-6-25.pdf
1205 Homer St.inspector photos 7-17-25 (sent 9-22-25)
1205 Homer St.Knudten Ltr.10-17-25

33 RLH FCO 25-61 Appeal of Abdalla Tobasi to a Fire Fire Inspection Report at 933 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST.

Sponsors: Bowie

Attachments: 933 Minnehaha Ave W.appeal 9-22-25.pdf
933 Minnehaha Ave W.Photos 7-29-25.pdf
809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25
MN Fire Code - Unsupervised Dispensing Codes.pdf
809 Selby Ave & 933 Minnehaha Ave W.Imbertson email 10-14-25.pdf
809 Selby Ave & 933 Minnehaha Ave W.email chain 10-14-25.pdf
809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-17-25

34 RLH CO 25-9 Appeal of Parker Hoen to a Correction Notice at 1635 MONTREAL AVENUE.

Sponsors: Jost

Attachments: 1635 Montreal Ave.appeal.8-22-25.pdf
1635 Montreal Ave.Kedrowski email & photos 8-26-25.pdf
1635 Montreal Ave.email chain 8-27-25.pdf
1635 Montreal.Vang Zimny Hoen email chain.9-4-25
Drainage citation 9-25-25
1635 Montreal Ave.reissued CN.9-25-25
1635 Montreal Ave.Hoen Ltr.9-26-25
1635 Montreal Ave.Martin & photos 10-14-25.pdf

1635 Montreal Ave.Hoen Ltr.10-17-25

35 RLH FCO 25-60 Appeal of Abdalla Tobasi to a Fire Fire Inspection Report at 809 SELBY AVENUE (806 SELBY AVENUE).

Sponsors: Bowie

Attachments: 809 Selby Ave.appeal 9-22-25.pdf
809 Selby Ave.Photos 8-4-25.pdf
809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25
MN Fire Code - Unsupervised Dispensing Codes.pdf
809 Selby Ave & 933 Minnehaha Ave W.Imbertson email 10-14-25.pdf
809 Selby Ave & 933 Minnehaha Ave W.email chain 10-14-25.pdf
809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-17-25

36 RLH RR 25-24 Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 378 SIMS AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 25-5.

Sponsors: Kim

Attachments: 378 Sims Ave.MF Letter 8-8-25.doc
378 Sims Ave.Hart Yang R-R Ltr.8-28-25
378 Sims Letter.Received 9-10-25.pdf
378 Sims Ave.email chain 9-10-25.pdf
378 Sims Ave.contractor letter.9-10-25
378 Sims Ave.Cert of Code Compl 10-23-25.docx

37 RLH SAO 25-52 Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2198 TILSEN AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-49.

Sponsors: Yang

Attachments: 2198 Tilsen Ave.Munos email 11-4-25.pdf
2198 Tilsen Ave.photos 11-4-25.pdf

38 RLH SAO 25-61 Appeal of Johnny E Howard Sr to a Summary Abatement Order at 633 VAN BUREN AVENUE.

Sponsors: Bowie

Attachments: 633 Van Buren Ave.appeal 10-16-25
633 Van Buren Ave.photos.10-9-25.pdf
633 Van Buren Ave.Howard Ltr.10-30-25

39 RLH CO 25-13 Appeal of Robert Lankfard to a Correction Order at 613 VIRGINIA STREET.

Sponsors: Bowie

Attachments: 613 Virginia St.appeal 10-21-25.pdf
613 Virginia St.photos 10-13-25.pdf
613 Virginia St.Lankfard Ltr.10-30-25

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Master

File Number: AO 25-66

File ID:	AO 25-66	**Type:**	Administrative Order	**Status:**	Archived
Version:	1	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/14/2025
File Name:	Amending the 2025 Saint Paul Regional Water Services spending budget to record the cost-neutral change in spending of $1,762,500 for the cost of issuance, principal and interest due on PFA note DW10.			**Final Action:**	11/12/2025

Title: Amending the 2025 Saint Paul Regional Water Services spending budget to record the cost-neutral change in spending of $1,762,500 for the cost of issuance, principal and interest due on PFA note DW10.

Notes:

Sponsors:		**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	Financial Analysis	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Mollie Gagnelius	**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	Mollie.Gagnelius@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Council	11/12/2025	Received and Filed				
	Action Text:	Received and Filed					

Text of Legislative File AO 25-66

Amending the 2025 Saint Paul Regional Water Services spending budget to record the cost-neutral change in spending of $1,762,500 for the cost of issuance, principal and interest due on PFA note DW10.

See Attachment.

City of Saint Paul Financial Analysis Template Instructions

Purpose of the Fiscal Analysis Template:

- Provide summary information of the fiscal impact of financial resolutions that come before the Mayor and City Council
- Provide accurate accounting information (codes, and amounts) so that budget amendments can be reflected in the Infor system.
- Resolutions and administrative orders without this information will not be approved by OFS, and will be returned to the resolution drafter.

Financial Analysis Template

- Provide the requested information in the Financial Analysis Template (green tab) of this file. Pop-up windows will appear throughout the file to provide more details on what information is required.
- Complete the **top section** (line #s 1-27) of the Financial Analysis Template for any finance related resolutions, including:
  - Grants: applying for, accepting, and budgeting
  - Donations: soliciting, accepting, and budgeting
  - Budget amendments: both resolutions and administrative orders
  - All other resolutions with a financial impact
- Required fields are marked with red font or borders.
- **General Ledger (GL) - Annual Budget**
  - Complete the **General Ledger** section for all changes to the annual budget
  - Provide accurate **GL account codes**: Company, Accounting Unit (fund-department-cost center), Account
  - If you need help with GL codes, check the Chart of Accounts crosswalk on the intranet or contact Lori Lee x68822
  - This section is required for all changes to the budget via budget amendment or administrative order
- **Activity Ledger (AC) - Life to Date Activity Budget**
  - Complete the **Activity Ledger** section in addition to the GL section for changes to the following budgets:
    - Grants
    - Capital and Capital Bond Proceeds
    - STAR
    - TIF
    - HRA
  - Provide accurate **AC account codes**: Activity Group, Activity, Account Category
  - If you need help with AC codes, check the Chart of Accounts crosswalk on the intranet or contact Patty Germain x68807

Budget Reference Tabs

- The Operating Budget Reference and CIB Budget Reference pages (blue tabs) contain guidance on what kind of Mayoral and/or Council action is required for budget changes to the operating and capital budgets. Charter and administrative code citations for various financial resolutions are also provided.
- If you have questions about what is required to accomplish a particular financial action, please contact your budget analyst.

City of Saint Paul Financial Analysis

File ID Number: AO 25-66

Budget Affected: Operating Budget Water Department — Special Fund

Total Amount of Transaction: -

Funding Source: Transfer of Appropriations

Appropriation already included in budget? Yes

Charter Citation: City Charter 10.7.4

Fiscal Analysis

The Board of Water Commisioners approved Resolution 25-1629 on Ocotober 21, 2025 amending the 2025 spending budget in the Water Utility Fund. This resolution recommends the transfer of 2025 spending budget from the Accounting unit "6906920XXNP 20XX Future Debt Proceeds" to Accounting Unit 690972025N "DS 2025 DW10 PFA note debt service". This results in zero net change to the 2025 Budget.

Detail Accounting Codes:

GENERAL LEDGER (GL) - ANNUAL BUDGET

Spending Changes

(Action Accomplished)

GL Annual Budget								
Company	Fund-Dept-Cost Center	Account	Description	ADOPTED 2025 BUDGET	*for reference* CHANGE ORDER 1 AO 25-37	CURRENT 2025 BUDGET	CHANGE ORDER 2	AMENDED 2025 BUDGET
8	6906920XX	78205	Principal on notes	2,235,786	(1,235,786)	1,000,000	(1,000,000)	-
8	6906920XX	78805	Interest on notes	1,500,000	(800,000)	700,000	(700,000)	-
8	6906920XX	78910	Cost of issuance fin advisor	15,000	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
8	6906920XX	78960	Bond counsel fee debt issuance	15,000	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
8	6906920XX	78980	City structuring fee	32,500	-	32,500	(32,500)	-
8	690972025N	78205	Principal on notes	-	-	-	997,000	997,000
8	690972025N	78805	Interest on notes	-	-	-	700,000	700,000
8	690972025N	78910	Cost of issuance fin advisor	-	-	-	16,500	16,500
8	690972025N	78960	Bond counsel fee debt issuance	-	-	-	16,500	16,500
8	690972025N	78980	City structuring fee	-	-	-	32,500	32,500
			TOTAL:	3,798,286	(2,035,786)	1,762,500	-	1,762,500

Financing Changes

(Action Accomplished)

GL Annual Budget						
Company	Fund-Dept-Cost Center	Account	Description	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
			TOTAL:	-	-	-

ACTIVITY LEDGER (AC) - LIFE TO DATE ACTIVITY BUDGET

Complete this section for Grants, Capital, Capital Bond Proceeds, STAR, TIF, and HRA amendments.

Spending Changes

(Action Accomplished)

Life to Date Activity Budget						
Activity Group	Activity	Account Category	Description	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
			TOTAL:		-	-

Financing Changes

(Action Accomplished)

Life to Date Activity Budget						
Activity Group	Activity	Account Category	Description	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
			TOTAL:		-	-

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	In order to:	Resolution, A.O., or Other Documentation Required?	Resolution/AO Action	Charter/Code Citation
1.)	**Recognize additional/unanticipated revenues** (Ex. Outperforming revenues, outside donations, etc.)	Budget Amendment Resolution and Public Hearing	- Mayor certifies that there are available for appropriation total revenues in excess of those estimated in the budget - Amend spending and financing to recognize new revenue in the appropriate company and activity	C.C. 10.07.1
2.)	**Accept a Grant**			
	a.) If no budget has previously been established for the grant	Award Letter and/or Grant Agreement Budget Amendment Resolution and Public Hearing	- Mayor certifies that there are available for appropriation total revenues in excess of those estimated in the budget - Amend spending and financing to recognize the grant in the appropriate company and activity	C.C. 10.07.1 Admin 41.03
	b.) Previously established grant budget	Award Letter and/or Grant Agreement Resolution Accepting the Grant Funds (No public hearing needed)	- Accept the awarded grant funds - Include in the resolution that the grant funds were included in the current year's budget	
3.)	**Transfer Appropriations within Departments:**			
	a.) Within the same Fund/Company	Administrative Order (A.O.)	- Mayor may transfer any unencumbered appropriation balances within a department - Administrative order is prepared to execute the transfer	C.C. 10.07.4
	b.) Between Funds/Companies	Budget Amendment Resolution	- Mayor recommends and council approves through resolution to transfer appropriations between companies - Amend spending and financing to recognize transfer	C.C. 10.07.4

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4.)	**Transfer Appropriations between Departments**			
	a.) Within the same Fund/Company	Budget Amendment Resolution	- Mayor recommends and council approves through resolution to transfer appropriations between departments - Amend spending and financing to recognize transfer	C.C. 10.07.4
	b.) Between Funds/Companies	Budget Amendment Resolution	- Mayor recommends and council approves through resolution to transfer appropriations between departments - Amend spending and financing to recognize transfer	C.C. 10.07.4
5.)	**Allow appropriations to lapse (non-capital improvement dollars)** For Lapse of appropriations - Capital improvements see City Charter 10.09. For guidance on budget change procedures for accomplished or abandoned projects, see the CIB Project and Budget Changes Procedures Guide, numbers 1, 2, and 6.	None	- No action required. -All non-encumbered appropriations will fall to fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. - All encumbered appropriations will be re-appropriated in the following fiscal year's budget for the same purposes	C.C. 10.08
6.)	**Enact Emergency Appropriation**	Emergency is defined as "a sudden or unforeseen situation affecting life, health, property, or the public peace or welfare that requires immediate council action", C.C. 6.06 Emergency Ordinances Budget Amendment Resolution	- Resolution to appropriate emergency funds is adopted by unanimous affirmative vote by the council	C.C. 10.07.2 C.C. 6.06
7.)	**Reduction of Appropriations**	Report by the Mayor of the estimated amount of the deficit Recommendation by the Mayor to the City Council of steps to be taken	- Resolution or other actions deemed necessary by Council to prevent or minimize any deficit	C.C. 10.07.3

Capital Project and Budget Changes Procedures Guide

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	In order to:	Resolution and/or A.O. Required? CIB	Resolution/AO Action	Charter/Code Citation
1.)	Close a completed project with excess balances	Administrative Order (completed by OFS) Periodic review by the CIB Committee	- Amend project financing and spending - Transfer excess appropriation to contingency when applicable	Administrative Code 57.09 (2) City Charter 10.09 - Accomplished projects
2.)	Close a completed project with no excess balances, but excess spending authority	Administrative Order (completed by OFS) Periodic review by the CIB Committee	- Amend project financing and spending	City Charter 10.09 - Accomplished projects
3.)	Close a completed project with no excess balances and no excess spending authority	None	- Contact OFS with project budget codes to have the project inactivated in the finance system	N/A
4.)	Adding new spending authority to an existing project (without changing the scope of the project)			
	a.) Financing source is new money	CIB Committee review and recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Compliance with City Comprehensive Plan Public hearing	- Amend project financing and spending to recognize new revenue	Administrative Code 57.09 (1) City Charter 10.07.1

Capital Project and Budget Changes Procedures Guide

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In order to:	Resolution and/or A.O. Required? CIB	Resolution/AO Action	Charter/Code Citation
b.) Financing source is contingency (less than $25,000)	All proposed uses of Contingency funds must first be reviewed by OFS Transfers within a department require an Administrative Order (completed by departments; verified and approved by OFS) A.O.s require periodic review by CIB Committee Transfers between departments require a resolution (completed by departments; verified and approved by OFS)	- Reduce amount in appropriate contingency fund - Amend project spending and financing to recognize use of contingency funding	Administrative Code 57.09 (3) a City Charter 10.07.4
c.) Financing source is contingency (more than $25,000)	All proposed uses of Contingency funds must first be reviewed by OFS CIB Committee review and recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Public hearing	- Reduce amount in appropriate contingency fund ("*unallocated reserve account*") - Amend project spending and financing to recognize use of contingency funding	Administrative Code 57.09 (3) b City Charter 10.07.4

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	In order to:	Resolution and/or A.O. Required? CIB	Resolution/AO Action	Charter/Code Citation
	Add a new project			
5.)	OR			
	Expand the scope of an existing project			
	a.) Financing source is new money	CIB Committee review and recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Compliance with City Comprehensive Plan Public hearing	- Amend project financing and spending to recognize new revenue	Administrative Code 57.09 (1) City Charter 10.07.1
	b.) Financing source is contingency	All proposed uses of Contingency funds must first be reviewed by OFS CIB Committee review and recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Public hearing	- Transfer dollars from contingency to new project - Amend spending and financing to recognize transfer	Administrative Code 57.09 (1) City Charter 10.07.4
6.)	Declare a project abandoned	Council resolution	- Identify project as abandoned -Transfer appropriation for the abandoned project to a separate contingency fund ("*unallocated reserve account*") - Reappropriation of the funds needs CIB Committee review, Mayor recommendation, and Council approval (see either of the Add dollars to a project sections above)	Administrative Code 57.09 (4) City Charter 10.09
7.)	Replace an approved project with a new project	1) Declare an approved project abandoned or completed with excess balances (see process above) 2) Add new project after capital improvement budget is adopted (see process above)	- Can accomplish both steps in one resolution	

Departments	Affected Budgets	General vs. Special Fund	Funding Source	Already Appropriated?	Company
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City Council	Operating Budget	Special Fund	Donation		5
Emergency Management	CIB Budget	Capital	Multiple		8
Financial Services		Multiple Funds	Other		9
Fire and Safety Services					
General Government Accounts					
HRA					
Human Resources					
HREEO					
Mayor's Office					
Parks and Recreation					
PED					
Police Department					
Public Health					
Public Library Agency					
Public Works					
RiverCentre					
Safety and Inspections					
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File Number: AO 25-67

File ID:	AO 25-67	**Type:**	Administrative Order	**Status:**	Archived
Version:	1	**Contact Number:**	651-226-6275	**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/14/2025
File Name:	Amending the financing and spending plans in the SPRWS 2025 Adopted Budget in the amount of $50,000 to better support current priorities and maintain facility operations.			**Final Action:**	11/12/2025

Title: Amending the financing and spending plans in the SPRWS 2025 Adopted Budget in the amount of $50,000 to better support current priorities and maintain facility operations.

Notes:

Sponsors:		**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	Financial Analysis	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Mollie Gagnelius	**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	Mollie.Gagnelius@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Council	11/12/2025	Received and Filed				
	Action Text:	Received and Filed					

Text of Legislative File AO 25-67

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City of Saint Paul Financial Analysis

File ID Number: AO 25-67

Budget Affected: Operating Budget Water Department

Total Amount of Transaction: -

Funding Source: Transfer of Appropriations

Appropriation already included in budget? Yes

Charter Citation: City Charter 10.7.4

Fiscal Analysis

The Board of Water Commisioners approved Resolution 25-1630 on Ocotober 21, 2025 amending the 2025 spending budget in the Water Utility Fund. This resolution recommends the transfer of 2025 spending budget from the Accounting unit 69082107-72255 to 69082100-64105. This results in zero spending change to the 2025 Budget.

Detail Accounting Codes:

GENERAL LEDGER (GL) - ANNUAL BUDGET

Spending Changes

(Action Accomplished)

GL Annual Budget				CURRENT		AMENDED
Company	Fund-Dept-Cost Center	Account	Description	2025 BUDGET	CHANGES	2025 BUDGET
8	69082107	72255	SAFETY SUPPLIES	97,000	(50,000)	47,000
8	69082100	64105	BUILDING REPAIR SERVICE	275,000	50,000	325,000
			TOTAL:	372,000	-	372,000

Financing Changes

(Action Accomplished)

GL Annual Budget				CURRENT		AMENDED
Company	Fund-Dept-Cost Center	Account	Description	BUDGET	CHANGES	BUDGET
				-	-	-

ACTIVITY LEDGER (AC) - LIFE TO DATE ACTIVITY BUDGET

Complete this section for Grants, Capital, Capital Bond Proceeds, STAR, TIF, and HRA amendments.

Spending Changes

(Action Accomplished)

Life to Date Activity Budget				CURRENT		AMENDED
Activity Group	Activity	Account Category	Description	BUDGET	CHANGES	BUDGET
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Financing Changes

(Action Accomplished)

Life to Date Activity Budget				CURRENT		AMENDED
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	a.) If no budget has previously been established for the grant	Award Letter and/or Grant Agreement Budget Amendment Resolution and Public Hearing	- Mayor certifies that there are available for appropriation total revenues in excess of those estimated in the budget - Amend spending and financing to recognize the grant in the appropriate company and activity	C.C. 10.07.1 Admin 41.03
	b.) Previously established grant budget	Award Letter and/or Grant Agreement Resolution Accepting the Grant Funds (No public hearing needed)	- Accept the awarded grant funds - Include in the resolution that the grant funds were included in the current year's budget	
3.)	**Transfer Appropriations within Departments:**			
	a.) Within the same Fund/Company	Administrative Order (A.O.)	- Mayor may transfer any unencumbered appropriation balances within a department - Administrative order is prepared to execute the transfer	C.C. 10.07.4
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4.)	**Transfer Appropriations between Departments**			
	a.) Within the same Fund/Company	Budget Amendment Resolution	- Mayor recommends and council approves through resolution to transfer appropriations between departments - Amend spending and financing to recognize transfer	C.C. 10.07.4
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5.)	**Allow appropriations to lapse (non-capital improvement dollars)** For Lapse of appropriations - Capital improvements see City Charter 10.09. For guidance on budget change procedures for accomplished or abandoned projects, see the CIB Project and Budget Changes Procedures Guide, numbers 1, 2, and 6.	None	- No action required. -All non-encumbered appropriations will fall to fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. - All encumbered appropriations will be re-appropriated in the following fiscal year's budget for the same purposes	C.C. 10.08
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1.)	Close a completed project with excess balances	Administrative Order (completed by OFS) Periodic review by the CIB Committee	- Amend project financing and spending - Transfer excess appropriation to contingency when applicable	Administrative Code 57.09 (2) City Charter 10.09 - Accomplished projects
2.)	Close a completed project with no excess balances, but excess spending authority	Administrative Order (completed by OFS) Periodic review by the CIB Committee	- Amend project financing and spending	City Charter 10.09 - Accomplished projects
3.)	Close a completed project with no excess balances and no excess spending authority	None	- Contact OFS with project budget codes to have the project inactivated in the finance system	N/A
4.)	Adding new spending authority to an existing project (without changing the scope of the project)			
	a.) Financing source is new money	CIB Committee review and recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Compliance with City Comprehensive Plan Public hearing	- Amend project financing and spending to recognize new revenue	Administrative Code 57.09 (1) City Charter 10.07.1

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b.) Financing source is contingency (less than $25,000)	All proposed uses of Contingency funds must first be reviewed by OFS Transfers within a department require an Administrative Order (completed by departments; verified and approved by OFS) A.O.s require periodic review by CIB Committee Transfers between departments require a resolution (completed by departments; verified and approved by OFS)	- Reduce amount in appropriate contingency fund - Amend project spending and financing to recognize use of contingency funding	Administrative Code 57.09 (3) a City Charter 10.07.4
c.) Financing source is contingency (more than $25,000)	All proposed uses of Contingency funds must first be reviewed by OFS CIB Committee review and recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Public hearing	- Reduce amount in appropriate contingency fund ("*unallocated reserve account*") - Amend project spending and financing to recognize use of contingency funding	Administrative Code 57.09 (3) b City Charter 10.07.4

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	Add a new project			
5.)	OR			
	Expand the scope of an existing project			
	a.) Financing source is new money	CIB Committee review and recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Compliance with City Comprehensive Plan Public hearing	- Amend project financing and spending to recognize new revenue	Administrative Code 57.09 (1) City Charter 10.07.1
	b.) Financing source is contingency	All proposed uses of Contingency funds must first be reviewed by OFS CIB Committee review and recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Public hearing	- Transfer dollars from contingency to new project - Amend spending and financing to recognize transfer	Administrative Code 57.09 (1) City Charter 10.07.4
6.)	Declare a project abandoned	Council resolution	- Identify project as abandoned -Transfer appropriation for the abandoned project to a separate contingency fund ("*unallocated reserve account*") - Reappropriation of the funds needs CIB Committee review, Mayor recommendation, and Council approval (see either of the Add dollars to a project sections above)	Administrative Code 57.09 (4) City Charter 10.09
7.)	Replace an approved project with a new project	1) Declare an approved project abandoned or completed with excess balances (see process above) 2) Add new project after capital improvement budget is adopted (see process above)	- Can accomplish both steps in one resolution	

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File Number: RES 25-1674

File ID:	RES 25-1674	**Type:**	Resolution	**Status:**	Mayor's Office
Version:	1	**Contact Number:**	651-266-6228	**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/20/2025
File Name:	Authorizing MN Commerce Solar Grant for Hamline Library			**Final Action:**	11/12/2025

Title: Authorizing the acceptance of $59,270.40 from the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Solar on Public Buildings Grant Program for rooftop solar installation at Hamline Midway Library.

Notes: Solar grant process for Hamline Library is being coordinated by OFS-Real Estate

Sponsors:	Coleman	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:		**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Cecilia Govrik	**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	cecilia.govrik@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Council	11/12/2025	Adopted				Pass
	Action Text: Adopted						

Text of Legislative File RES 25-1674

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File ID:	RES 25-1680	**Type:**	Resolution	**Status:**	Mayor's Office
Version:	1	**Contact Number:**	651-325-1697	**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/21/2025
File Name:	ReLeaf Community Forestry Grant			**Final Action:**	11/12/2025

Title: Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for grant funding from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) ReLeaf Community Forestry Grants Program to invest in forestry planning and management of the tree canopy throughout Saint Paul.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:		**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Rachel Jongeward	**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	tom.wollan@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

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File Number: RES 25-1721

File ID:	RES 25-1721	**Type:**	Resolution	**Status:**	Mayor's Office
Version:	1	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/29/2025
File Name:				**Final Action:**	11/12/2025

Title: Amending project budgets to align with spending needs.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	RES 25-1721 Financial Analysis	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	maia.wahlberg@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

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File ID Number: RES 25-1721

Budget Affected: Operating Budget General Government Accounts Special Fund

Total Amount of Transaction: $0

Funding Source: Other Please Specify Funding Source:

Appropriation already included in budget? Yes

Charter Citation: 10.7.4

Fiscal Analysis

Moving unencumbered project balance from SAC Fees to Library Security.

Detail Accounting Codes:

GENERAL LEDGER (GL) - ANNUAL BUDGET

Spending Changes

Shifting funds within existing Special Fund projects to alternate spending accounts in order to more closely align with project spending.

GL Annual Budget				CURRENT		AMENDED
Company	Fund-Dept-Cost Center	Account	Description	BUDGET	CHANGES	BUDGET
1	21124820	65340	MCES SAC CHARGES	150,000	(40,000)	110,000
			SUBTOTAL:	150,000	(40,000)	110,000
1	21143820	63160	GENERAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	2,550,000	40,000	2,590,000
			SUBTOTAL:	2,550,000	40,000	2,590,000
			TOTAL:	2,700,000	0	2,700,000

Financing Changes

(Action Accomplished)

GL Annual Budget				CURRENT		AMENDED
Company	Fund-Dept-Cost Center	Account	Description	BUDGET	CHANGES	BUDGET
1	21124820	59910	USE OF FUND EQUITY	(150,000)	40,000.00	(110,000)
			TOTAL:	(150,000)	40,000	(110,000)
1	21143820	59910	USE OF FUND EQUITY	(2,550,000)	(40,000.00)	(2,590,000)
			TOTAL:	(2,550,000)	(40,000)	(2,590,000)

ACTIVITY LEDGER (AC) - LIFE TO DATE ACTIVITY BUDGET

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Life to Date Activity Budget				CURRENT		AMENDED
Activity Group	Activity	Account Category	Description	BUDGET	CHANGES	BUDGET
O-Operating	4321177740	60105	FULL TIME CERTIFIED - Library Optimal Resp	40,037	-	40,037
O-Operating	4321177740	60835	SALARY NEEDS - Library Optimal Response	300,000	-	300,000
O-Operating	4321177740	63160	GENERAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE - Libra	969,850	40,000	1,009,850
O-Operating	4321177740	63385	SECURITY SERVICES - Library Optimal Resp	20,000	-	20,000
O-Operating	4321177740	65140	TELEPHONE MONTHLY CHARGE - Library C	6,700	-	6,700
O-Operating	4321177740	70130	COMPUTER SUPPLIES - Library Optimal Res	1,700	-	1,700
O-Operating	4321177740	72105	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE - Library Optimal R	1,750	-	1,750

				TOTAL:	1,340,037	40,000	1,380,037
O-Operating	2421177735	65340	MCES SAC CHARGES - DSI SAC Financial A		150,000	(40,000)	110,000
			TOTAL:		150,000	(40,000)	110,000

Financing Changes

Life to Date Activity Budget				CURRENT		AMENDED
Activity Group	**Activity**	**Account Category**	**Description**	**BUDGET**	**CHANGES**	**BUDGET**
O-Operating	4321177740	59910	USE OF FUND EQUITY - Library Optimal Res	-	(40,000)	(40,000)
O-Operating	2421177740	59910	USE OF FUND EQUITY - DSI SAC Financial A	(150,000)	40,000	(110,000)
			TOTAL:	(150,000)	-	(150,000)

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1.)	Close a completed project with excess balances	Administrative Order (completed by OFS) Periodic review by the CIB Committee	- Amend project financing and spending - Transfer excess appropriation to contingency when applicable	Administrative Code 57.09 (2) City Charter 10.09 - Accomplished projects
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	Add a new project			
5.)	OR			
	Expand the scope of an existing project			
	a.) Financing source is new money	CIB Committee review and recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Compliance with City Comprehensive Plan Public hearing	- Amend project financing and spending to recognize new revenue	Administrative Code 57.09 (1) City Charter 10.07.1
	b.) Financing source is contingency	All proposed uses of Contingency funds must first be reviewed by OFS CIB Committee review and recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Public hearing	- Transfer dollars from contingency to new project - Amend spending and financing to recognize transfer	Administrative Code 57.09 (1) City Charter 10.07.4
6.)	Declare a project abandoned	Council resolution	- Identify project as abandoned -Transfer appropriation for the abandoned project to a separate contingency fund ("*unallocated reserve account*") - Reappropriation of the funds needs CIB Committee review, Mayor recommendation, and Council approval (see either of the Add dollars to a project sections above)	Administrative Code 57.09 (4) City Charter 10.09
7.)	Replace an approved project with a new project	1) Declare an approved project abandoned or completed with excess balances (see process above) 2) Add new project after capital improvement budget is adopted (see process above)	- Can accomplish both steps in one resolution	

Departments	Affected Budgets	General vs. Special Fund	Funding Source	Already Appropriated?	Company
(Select Department)	(Choose CIB or Operating)	(Choose General, Special or Capital)	(Select Funding Source)	(Yes or No?)	(Choose Company)
Multiple Departments			Transfer of Appropriations	Yes	1
City Attorney's Office	Both Operating and CIB Budgets	General Fund	Grant	No	3
City Council	Operating Budget	Special Fund	Donation		5
Emergency Management	CIB Budget	Capital	Multiple		8
Financial Services		Multiple Funds	Other		9
Fire and Safety Services					
General Government Accounts					
HRA					
Human Resources					
HREEO					
Mayor's Office					
Parks and Recreation					
PED					
Police Department					
Public Health					
Public Library Agency					
Public Works					
RiverCentre					
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Version:	1	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
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Notes:

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Attachments:		**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	scott.hvizdos@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

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File Name:	The Heights Ordinance Permit 20240020604 for Sanitary Sewers			**Final Action:**	11/12/2025

Title: Approving Ordinance Permit 20240020604 for Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure installed by the Saint Paul Port Authority (SPPA) on The Heights project site at the following locations: on Arlington Avenue between Howard Street and McKnight Road.

Notes:

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Attachments:	20240020604 - ExhibitA.pdf	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	David Kuebler	**Hearing Date:**	
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Exhibit A

Ordinance Permit 20240020604

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NA ☐ Documentation of roadway material test results at compaction of subgrade, grading and base, plant mix design report, insitu strength;

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RELEASE OF PERMIT:

Permit No._____ Council Res. No. _____ Permit Date _____

Release Authorized by_____ Title_____

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
SEAN KERSHAW, DIRECTOR

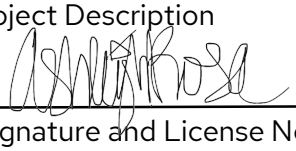
25 West 4th Street, 1500 City Hall Annex
Saint Paul, MN 55102
Tel: 651-266-6100 | Fax: 651-266-6222

Certificate of Compliance

I hereby certify that work completed under this Ordinance Permit and materials provided for installation conform to the appropriate specifications and provisions of the current State of Minnesota Department of Transportation *Standard Specifications for Construction* and the Department of Public Works, City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, *Standard Supplemental Specifications for Construction*, as amended, and that I am a duly Licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

The Heights - Infrastructure Construction - Arlington Ave Sanitary Sewer - OP 20240020604

Project Description



License No. 59517 02-12-2025

(Signature and License No.) Date

Bolton and Menk for Saint Paul Port Authority

Organization (Print)

City of Maplewood
1902 County Road B East
Maplewood, MN 55109
Tel: 651-249-2400
http://www.maplewoodmn.gov/ePermits

Permit Number: PW-2024-00195
Permit Type: Sanitary Sewer Main Line
Date Issued: 08/08/2024

PERMIT

Applicant
DESIGNING EARTH CONTRACTING

Address: 1902 East County Road B
Property ID: 142922210

Description of Work:
St Paul connecting to Maplewood for Hillcrest Development project. No fee. This is for record keeping purposes and inspection. Address is St Paul 2200 Larpenteur.

FEES

Joint project City of St Paul

Payment Date	Fee Description	Receipt Number	Payment Method	Payment Amount
				NO FEE

Total:

AGREEMENT AND SWORN STATEMENT

The work for which this permit is issued shall be performed according to: (1) the conditions of this permit; (2) the approved plans and specifications; (3) the applicable City approvals, Ordinances and Codes; and (4) the State Building Code.

This permit is for only the work described and does not grant permission for additional or related work that requires separate permits.

This permit will expire and become null and void if authorized construction is not commenced within 180 days, or if construction is suspended for a period of 180 days at any time after work has commenced. The applicant is responsible for assuring all required inspections are requested in conformance with the State Building Code.

CITY OF ST PAUL
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1500 City Hall Annex
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ORDINANCE PERMIT

OFFICE USE ONLY
Application No. 9
Application Date 7/25/2024
SPR File # 23-064690
Permit No. 20240020604

Type of Permit:

Modifications to the original 20240020604 were made at the request of the SPPA. Changes made by DLK 04/02/2025

- ☐01 Roadway
- ☐02 Sidewalk
- ☐03 Traffic Appurtenances Including Signals, Lighting, EV Infrastructure, Signing, Striping
- ☐04 Storm Sewer Collection
- ☐05 Storm Sewer Treatment
- ■06 Sanitary Sewer Collection
- ☐07 Sanitary Sewer Special
- ☐08 Retaining Wall
- ☐09 Bridge

Phase:	**Location** (*Street On, From/To, and Adjacent Lots/Blocks*):
4A - Sanitary Collection	Arlington Avenue MH6405 to MH6400 (connects to existing sanitary at McKnight).

Description of Work: *[Include the description provided in the permit application and all subsequent amendments or revisions, which are hereby incorporated by reference.]*

Arlington Avenue MH6405 to MH6400 (connects to existing sanitary at McKnight). Includes 2 8-inch PVC services, one to IP5 and another to IP6. ~~Montana MH6303 to MH6301 at Montana/McKnight intersection. Includes 1 (one) 8-inch PVC service at MH6202. McKnight MH6301 to MH6300 then connect to existing sanitary sewer under McKnight. TWO SERVICES AT MH6303 ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS OP APPLICATION.~~

Applicant Contact Person:	**Contact Person Title:**	**Contact Person Telephone:**	**Contact Person Email:**
Kristine Williams	Director of Real Estate SPPA	651-204-6225	kmw@sppa.com

Bond Co.:	**Bond Amount:**	**Bond No.:**
N/A	N/A	N/A

Insurance Co.:	**Insurance Certificate No.:**
United Fire & Cas., SFM Mutual Ins., Navigators Spec. Ins.	13021, 11347, 36056

Permit Conditions:

Completion of all proposed infrastructure elements in conformance and compliance with all plans, specifications, standards and regulations. Complete closeout checklist for final acceptance by the City of St. Paul.

This permit is issued with the stipulation that the work of the permittee and related agents, employees and contractors shall conform in all respects to the City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works Ordinance Permit Process Document and the Department of Public Works List of Applicable Standards & Specifications. The permit shall be available for display at the site referred to herein and shown to any Police Officer or Inspector upon demand and does not authorize or allow for interference with the work of any Contract made or to be made with the City of Saint Paul.

THIS PERMIT MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

A PERMIT FOR THE ABOVE DESCRIBED CONSTRUCTION IS AUTHORIZED BY:

David Kuebler, P. E.
Signature

Department Lead
Title

August 12, 2024
Date

David Kuebler, P.E.
Printed Name

PERMIT NUMBER 20240020604

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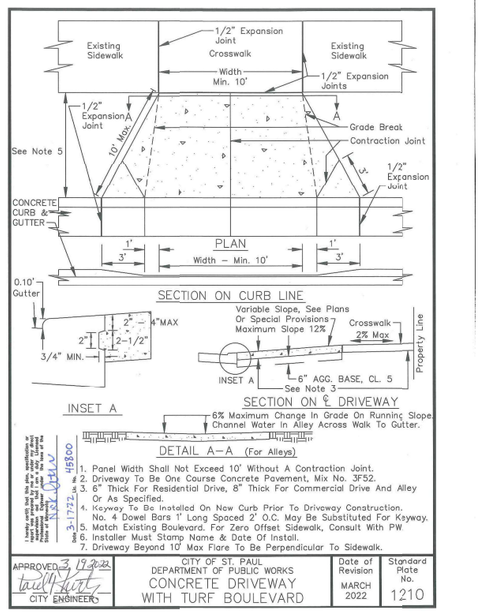

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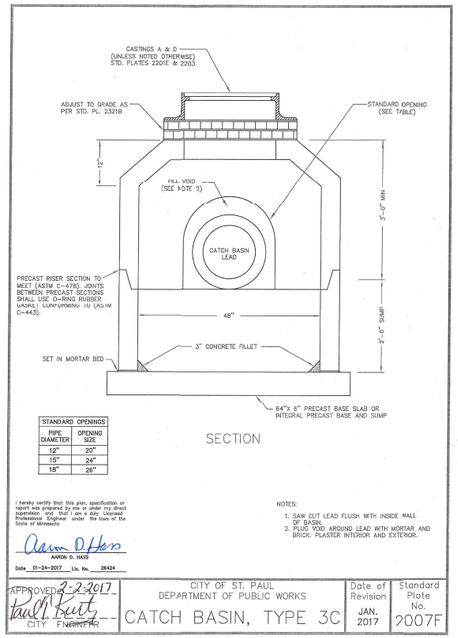

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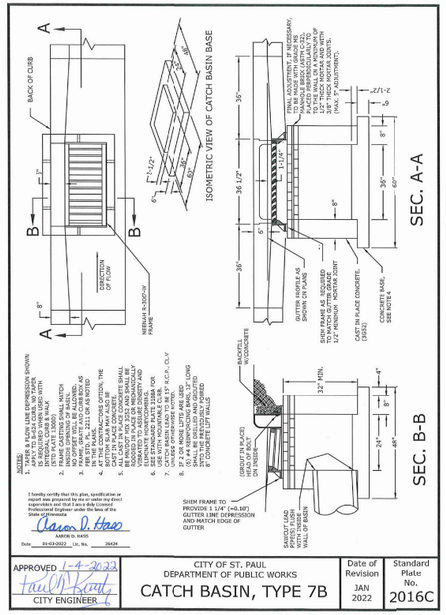

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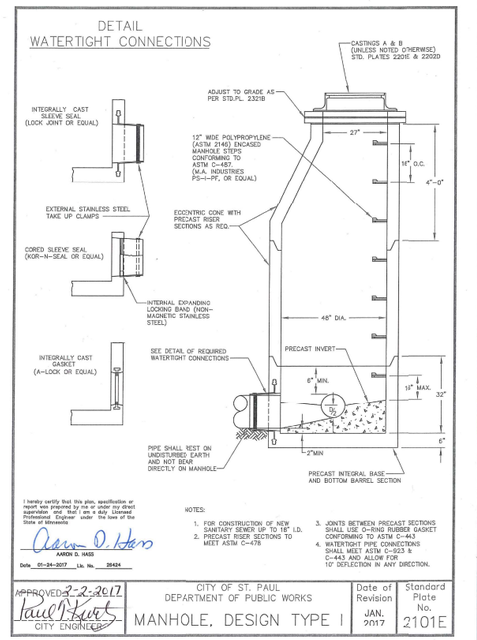

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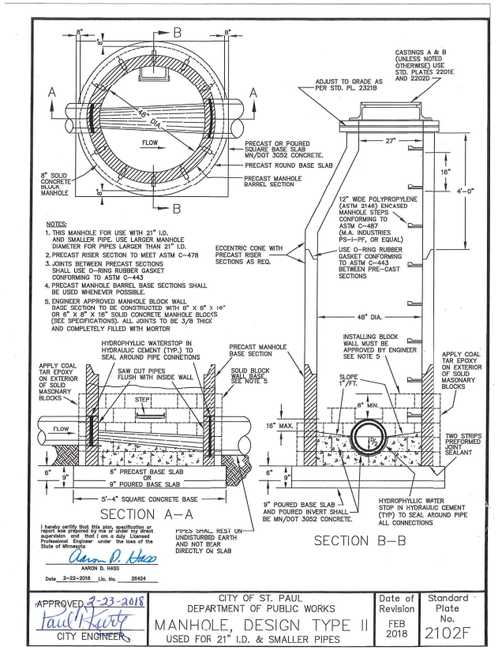

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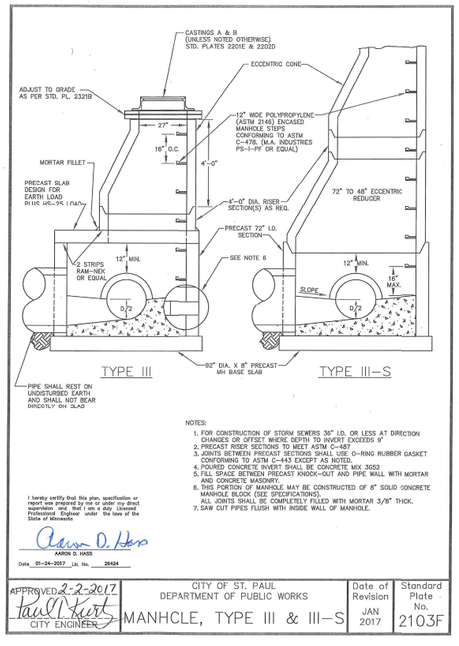

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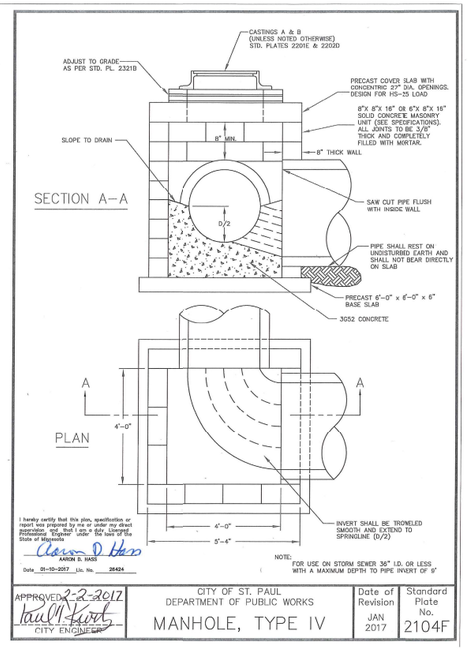

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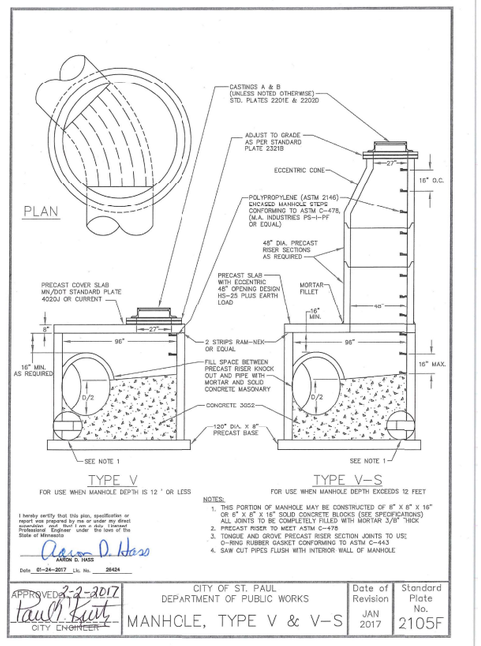

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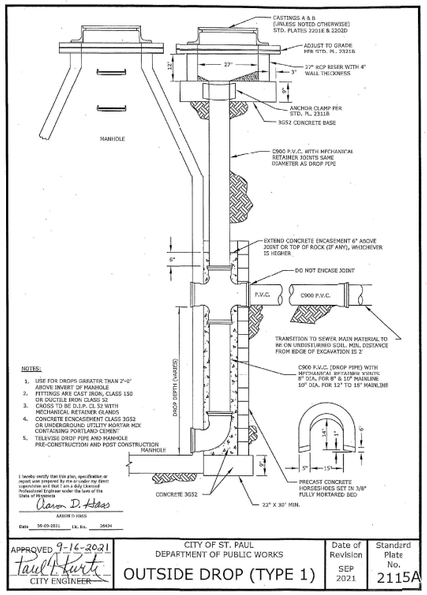

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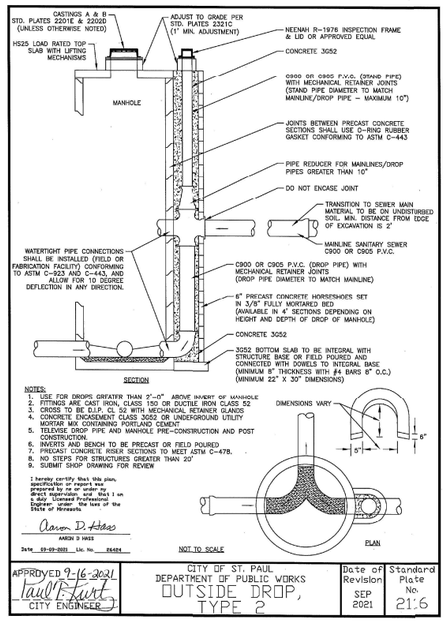

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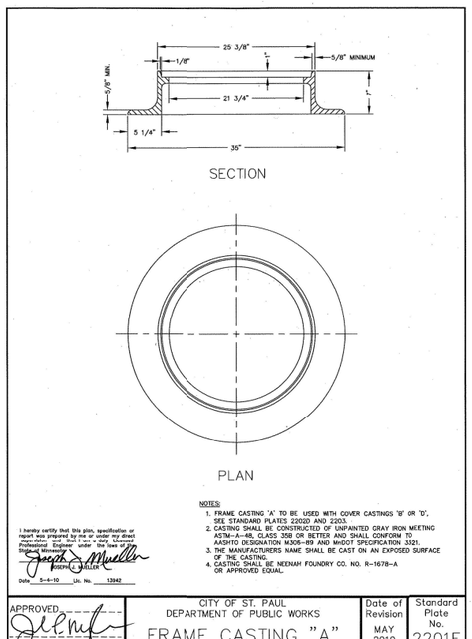

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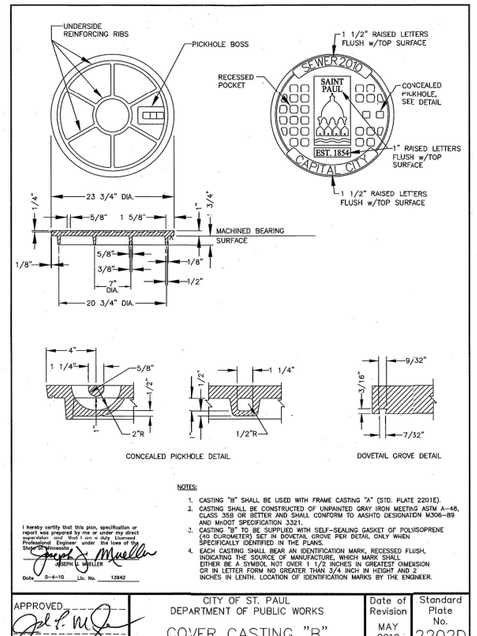

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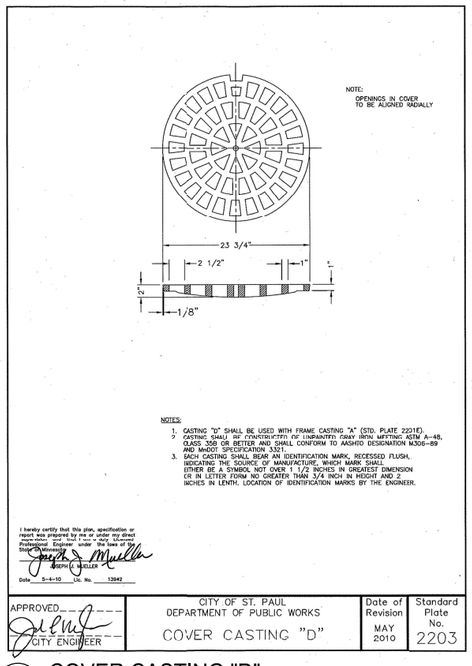

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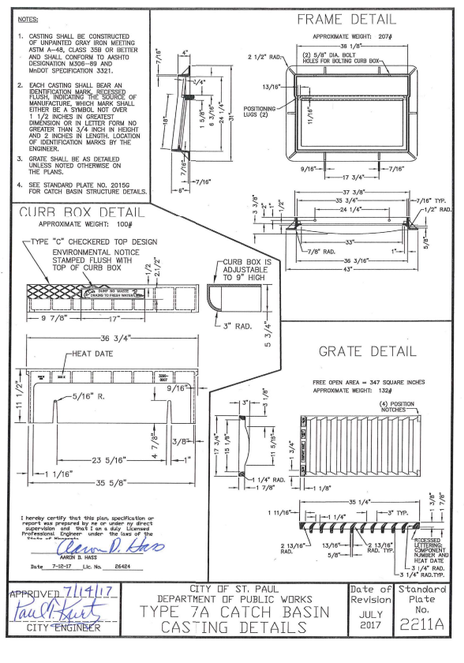

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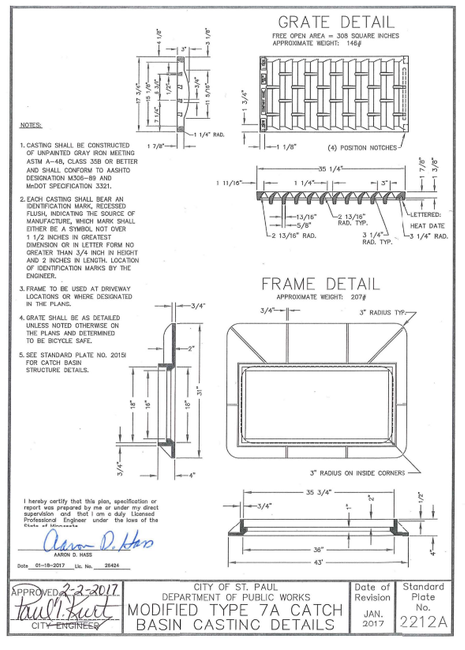

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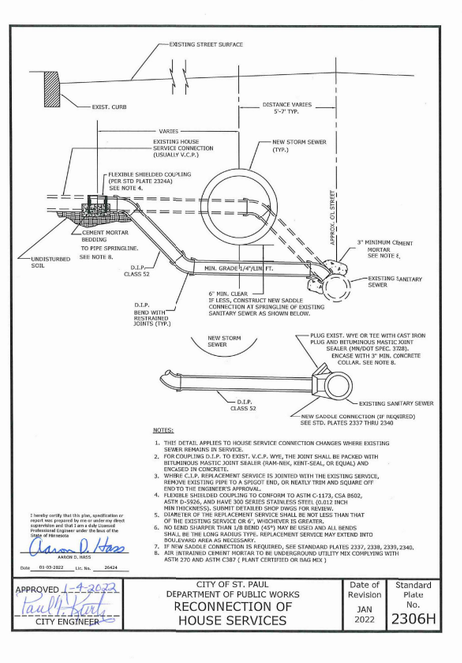

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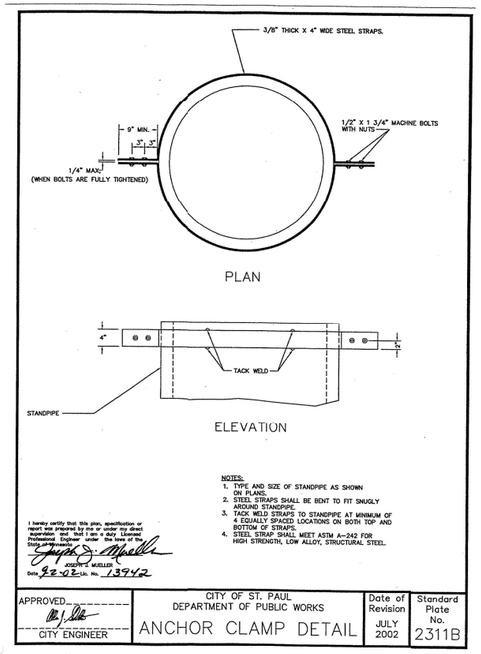

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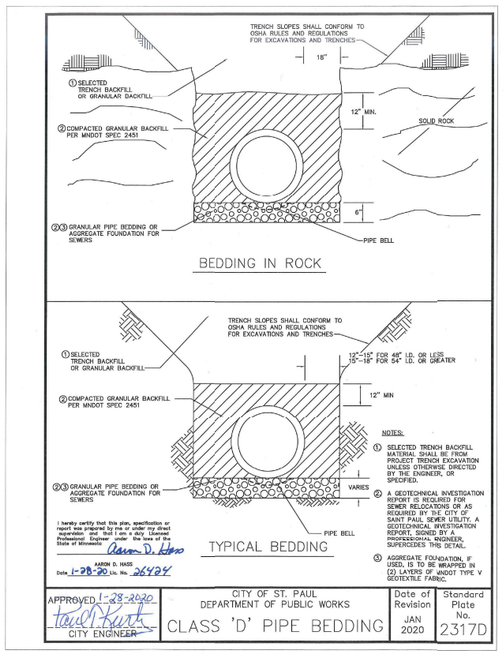

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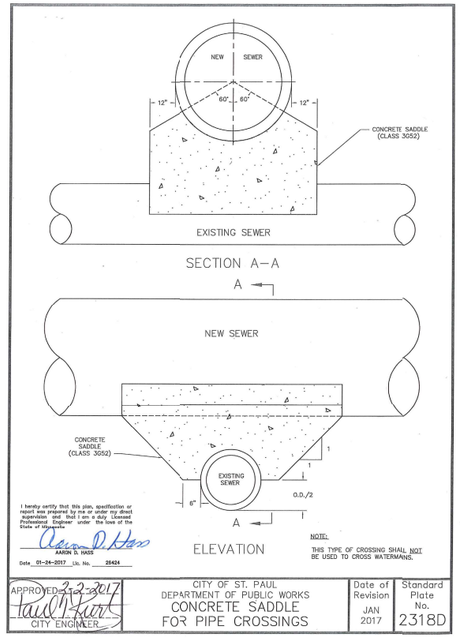

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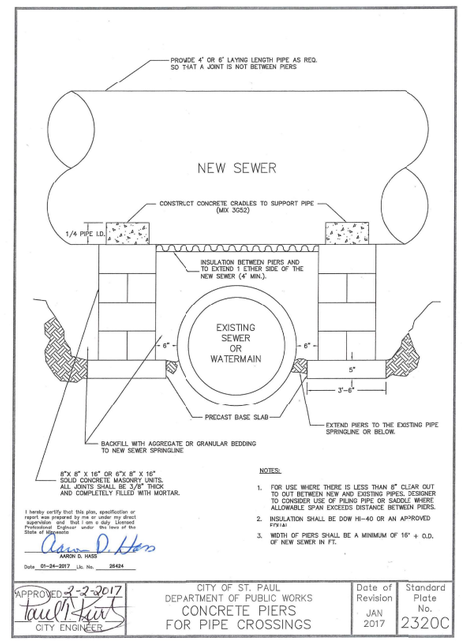

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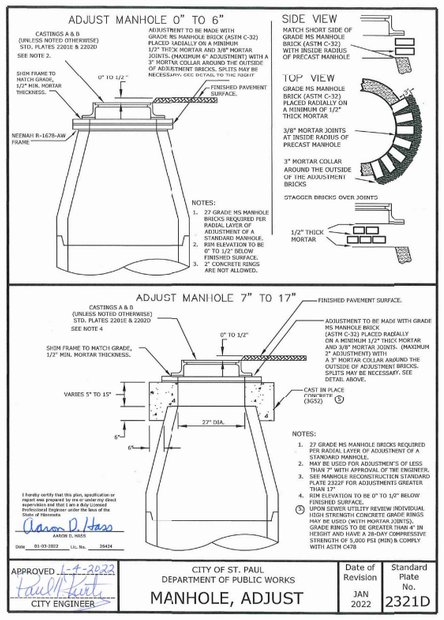

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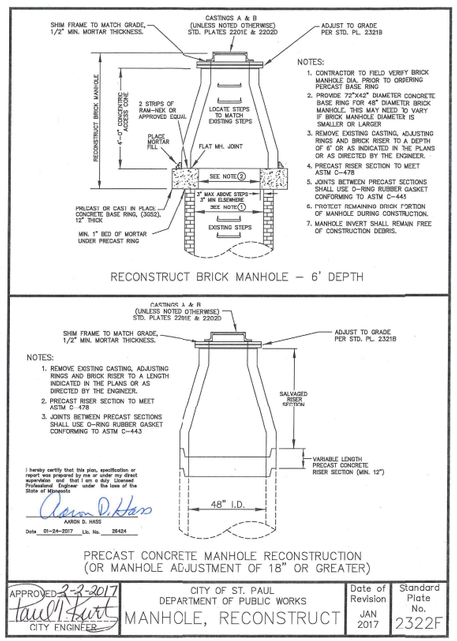

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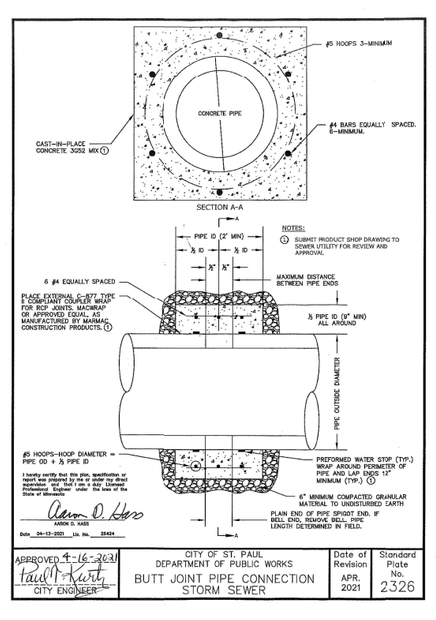

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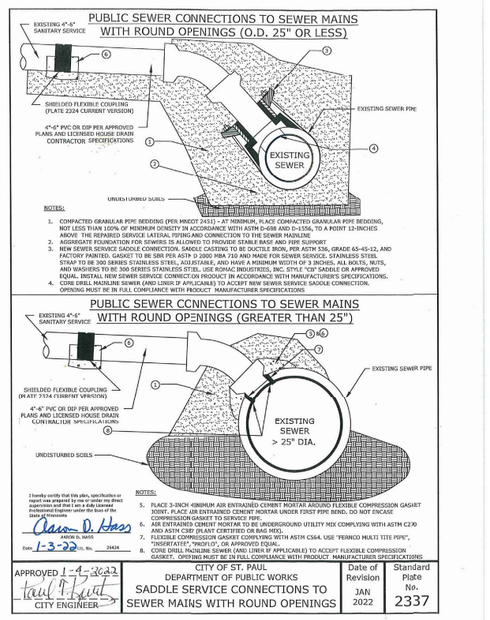

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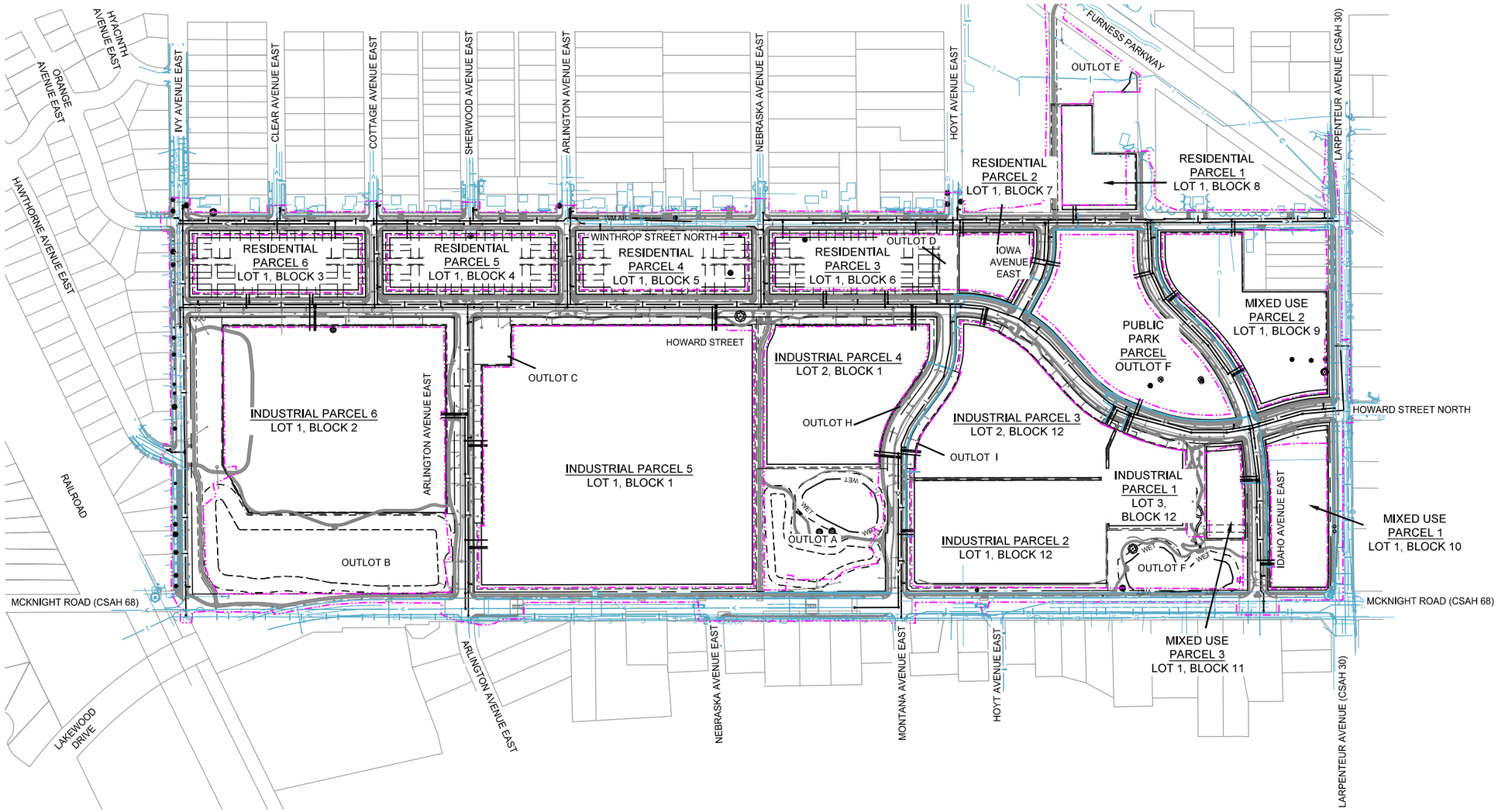

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HOWARD STREET NORTH
121 - SEE SHEET

HOWARD STREET NORTH
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MONTANA AVENUE EAST

127+00 - MATCHLINE STA
131 - SEE SHEET

STA: 121+79.53
12" - 11.25° BEND
10.00 LT

STA: 122+90.94
12" - 22.5° BEND
10.51 LT

STA: 120+89.63
12" GV
10.00 LT

STA: 121+06.30
12"X6" TEE
10.00 LT

STA: 121+11.30
12" GV
10.00 LT

① STA: 121+06.30
20.67 LT
HYDRANT
MUELLER SUPER
CENTURIAN A-243
10'-6" DIP

66' ROW

GEOTHERMAL, TYPICAL
(BY OTHERS)

② STA 125+85.42
75.00' LT
8" PLUG
2" TEMPORARY RISER
FOR TESTING/FLUSHING

② STA 125+78.31
75.00' LT
6" PLUG
2" TEMPORARY RISER
FOR TESTING/FLUSHING

① STA: 125+83.30
6" GV
20.33 LT

STA: 125+83.79
6" - 11.25° BEND
13.20 LT

STA: 125+84.58
12"X6" TEE
8.26 LT

① STA: 125+74.21
20.67 LT
HYDRANT
13'-6" DIP

STA: 125+00.50
12" - 11.25° BEND
8.22 LT

STA: 125+66.00
12" - 22.5° BEND
4.80 LT

STA: 125+76.95
12"X6" TEE
7.01 LT

① STA: 126+09.33
6" GV
8.72 LT

STA: 126+09.63
8" - 11.25° BEND
0.27 LT

STA 125+99.62
81.00' RT
8" PLUG

10' MIN
CLR

STA 125+99.62
75.00' LT
8" PLUG

① STA: 125+88.74
8" GV
20.33 LT

STA: 125+89.03
8" - 11.25° BEND
13.93 LT

STA: 125+89.73
12"X8" TEE
8.97 LT

STA: 126+09.05
12"X6" TEE
10.72 LT

STA: 126+14.27
12"X8" TEE
10.94 LT

① STA: 126+14.45
8" GV
5.95 LT

STA: 126+14.64
8" - 11.25° BEND
0.25 LT

10' MIN.
CLR

② STA 126+07.20
81.00' RT
6" PLUG
2" TEMPORARY RISER
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LEGEND
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- PROPOSED WATERMAIN
- EX WATER SERVICE W/ CURBSTOP & BOX
- PRO WATER SERVICE W/ CURBSTOP & BOX
- EXISTING HYDRANT W/ VALVE
- PROPOSED HYDRANT W/ VALVE
- PROPOSED WATER FITTINGS
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KEY LEGEND

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8" GEOT
INV: 1037.06
(BY OTHERS)

8" GEOT
INV: 1037.14
(BY OTHERS)

15" STRM
INV: 1038.86

67' - 8" DIP CL 52
WATERMAIN

67' - 6" DIP CL 53
WATERMAIN

90' - 6" DIP CL 53
WATERMAIN

90' - 8" DIP CL 52
WATERMAIN

8" GEOTHERMAL
(BY OTHERS)

8" GEOTHERMAL
(BY OTHERS)

654' - 12" DIP CL 52
WATERMAIN

8" PLUG
6" PLUG

8" PLUG INV: 1032.54
(INCIDENTAL)

4" INSULATION (TYP)

8" PLUG INV: 1032.66
(INCIDENTAL)

75' - 8" SCHD 40 PVC
SSWR @ 2.00%

81' - 8" SCHD 40 PVC
SSWR @ 2.00%

7.5' MIN.
COVER

STA 125+99.62, 0.00'
TYPE: DESIGN TYPE I
RIM: 1044.20
INV: 1031.04 (N)
INV: 1031.04 (S)
INV: 1030.94 (E)

OFFSET PER
STANDARD
PLATE D-10

275' - 8" C900 PVC
SSWR @ 1.00%

18" MIN.
CLR

18" MIN.
CLR

3" GEOTHERMAL
(BY OTHERS)

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1042.6 1047.7 1055.2 1051.47 1050.0 1050.92 1050.1 1050.36 1054.1 1049.81 1050.5 1049.26 1054.9 1048.71 1057.9 1048.08 1060.9 1047.20 1059.0 1046.20 1056.0 1045.20 1053.1 1044.20 1049.6 1043.20 1046.2 1042.20

120+00 120+50 121+00 121+50 122+00 122+50 123+00 123+50 124+00 124+50 125+00 125+50 126+00 126+50 127+00

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127+00 - MATCHLINE STA 130 - SEE SHEET

GEOTHERMAL, TYPICAL (BY OTHERS) 3

② STA 128+60.00
50.00' LT
6" PLUG
2" TEMPORARY RISER
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② STA 128+65.00
50.00' LT
8" PLUG
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STA 128+75.00
50.00' LT
8" PLUG

① STA: 130+41.39
20.67 LT
HYDRANT
10'-6" DIP

66' ROW

① STA: 128+60.00
6" GV
20.33 LT

STA: 128+65.00
8" GV
20.33 LT

74' ROW

STA: 130+36.39
12" GV
10.00 LT

6" DIP
8" DIP
8" PVC

10' MIN CLR

10' MIN. CLR

12" DIP

128+00 129+00 130+00 131+00 132+00 132+50

8" PVC

6302 6301

STA: 128+60.00
12"X6" TEE
10.07 LT

STA: 128+65.00
12"X8" TEE
10.04 LT

STA: 130+41.39
12"X6" TEE

STA: 130+68.70
12" GV

WET

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MONTANA AVENUE EAST

MCKNIGHT RD (CSAH 68)

278+00 277+00 276+00

EX 16" DIP

EX 8" PVC

8" PVC

6300

1530 2300 1524

① STA: 131+61.11
CONNECT TO EX
16" WATERMAIN.
10.00 LT

CONTRACTOR TO EXCAVATE, PROVIDE TRENCH BOX, ETC. SPRWS WILL PROVIDE MATERIALS AND PERFORM WET-TAP CONNECTION. CONTRACTOR SHALL CONNECT WATERMAIN TO WET-TAP VALVE.

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1 1060 1055 1050 1045 1040 1035 1030 1025 1020

6302

3" GEOT
INV: 1033.44
(BY OTHERS)

3

39' - 6" DIP CL 53 WATERMAIN

39' - 8" DIP CL 52 WATERMAIN

8" PLUG
6" PLUG

8" PLUG INV: 1029.19
(INCIDENTAL)

50' - 8" SCHD 40 PVC SSWR @ 2.00%

STA 128+75.00, 0.00'
TYPE: DESIGN TYPE I
RIM: 1038.70
INV: 1028.19 (W)
INV: 1028.19 (N)
INV: 1028.09 (E)

7.5' MIN. COVER

18" MIN. CLR

3" GEOTHERMAL (BY OTHERS) 3

OFFSET PER STANDARD PLATE D-10

4" INSULATION

275' - 8" C900 PVC SSWR @ 1.00%

461' - 12" DIP CL 52 WATERMAIN

249' - 8" C900 PVC SSWR @ 0.50%

STA 131+23.77, 0.00'
TYPE: DESIGN TYPE I
RIM: 1034.83
INV: 1026.85 (W)
INV: 1026.75 (S)

6301

STA 275+65.38, 5.06' RT
TYPE: DESIGN TYPE I
RIM: 1033.84
INV: 1026.00 (N)
INV: 1025.79 (S)

6300

CONNECT TO EXISTING SANITARY SEWER. INV: 1025.79

EX 8" SSWR

150' - 8" C900 PVC SSWR @ 0.50%

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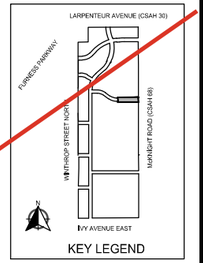

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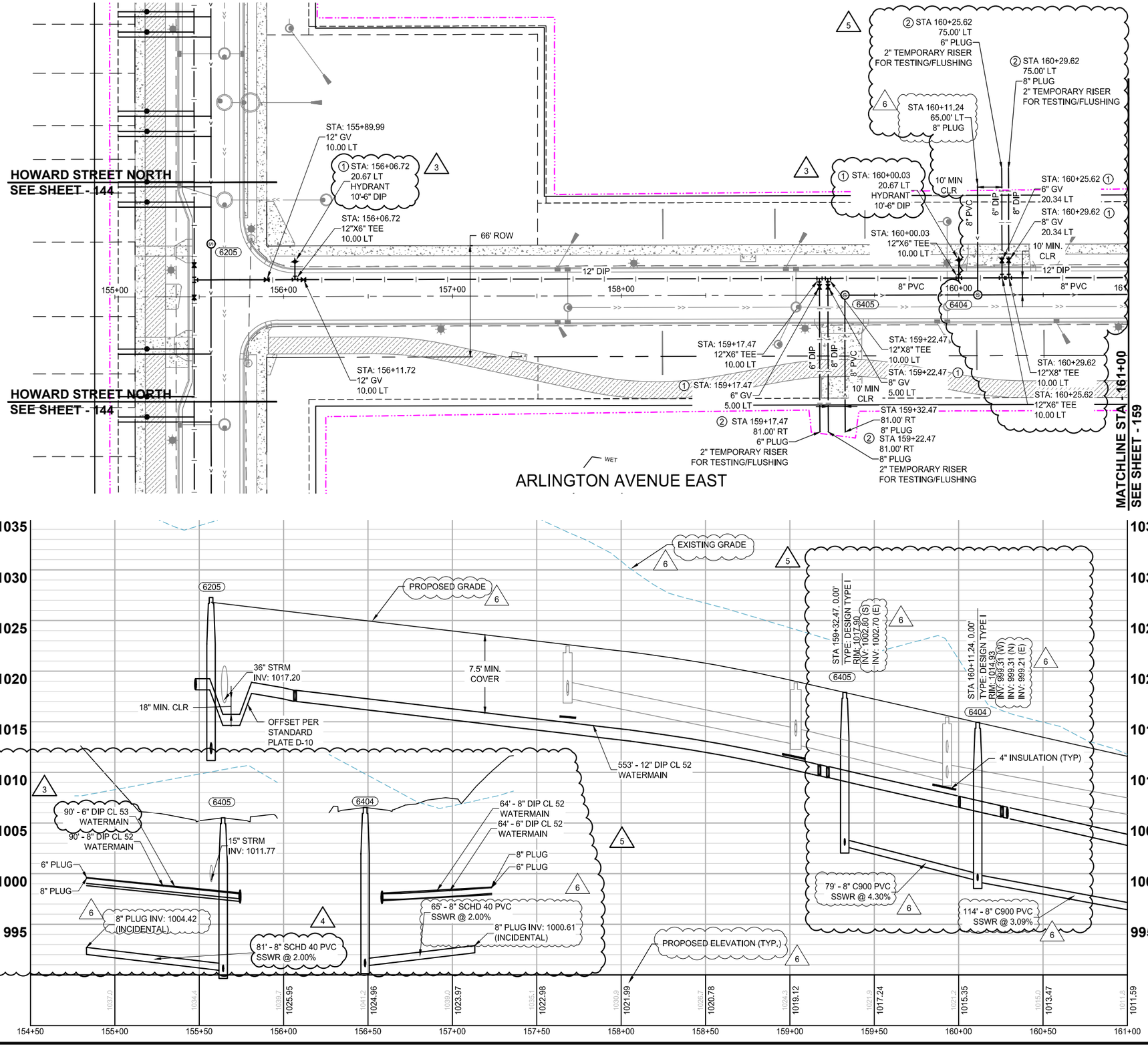

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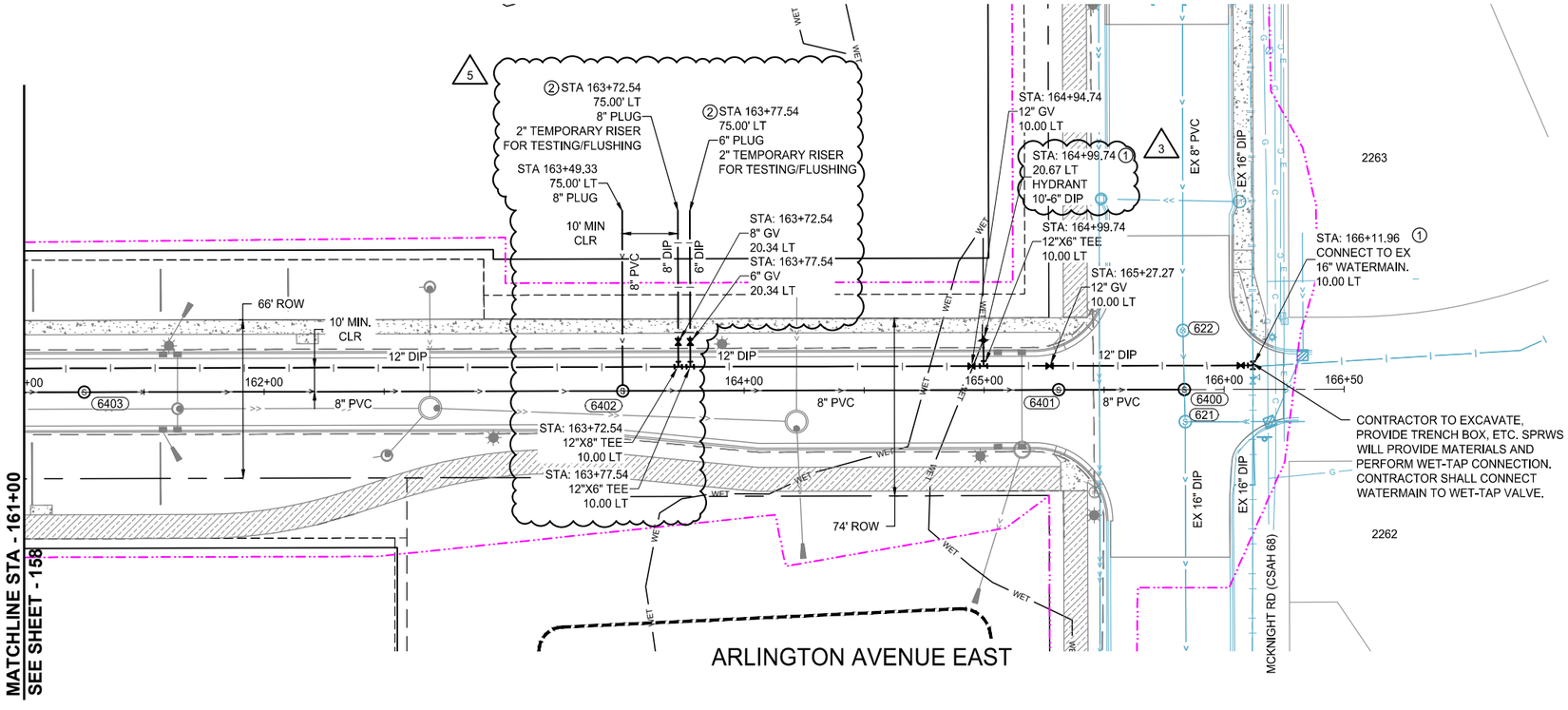

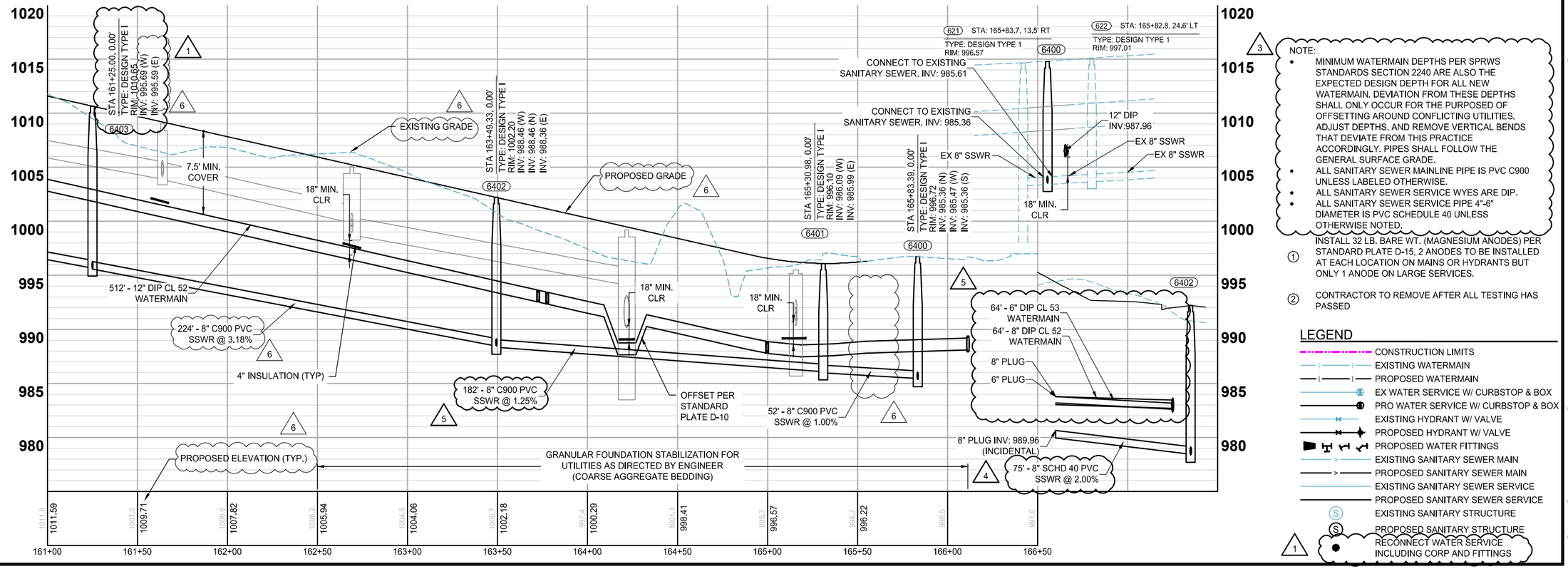

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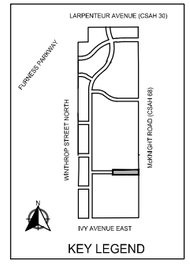

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DESIGN VEHICLE

LOCAL STREET	DESIGN VEHICLE	ACCOMODATION VEHICLE
WINTHROP ST. N.	P	S-BUS-40
IVY AVE. E.	P	S-BUS-40
CLEAR AVE. E.	P	S-BUS-40
COTTAGE AVE. E.	P	S-BUS-40
SHERWOOD AVE. E.	P	S-BUS-40
ARLINGTON AVE. E.	P	S-BUS-40
NEBRASKA AVE. E.	P	S-BUS-40
HOYT AVE. E.	P	S-BUS-40
IOWA AVE. E.	P	S-BUS-40

MIXED-USE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL STREET	OESIGN VEHICLE	ACCOMOOATION VEHICLE
HOWARD ST. N.	SU-30	WB-40
IDAHO AVE. E.	SU-30	WB-40
MONTANA AVE. E.	WB-40	WB-62
ARLINGTON AVE. E.	WB-40	WB-62

DESIGN DESIGNATION (ARLINGTON, HOWARD, IDAHO, MONTANA)

R VALUE	=	30
PRESENT ADT (2025)	=	0
PROJECTED ADT (2045)	=	3,450
ESALS	=	460,000
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BASED ON:		STOPPING SIGHT DISTANCE
HEIGHT OF EYE	=	3.5
HEIGHT OF OBJECT	=	2.0

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FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION:	LOCAL
NO. OF TRAFFIC LANES:	2
NO. OF PARKING LANES:	1
SHOULDER WIDTH:	2
STRUCTURAL DESIGN STRENGTH:	10 TON

DESIGN DESIGNATION (LOCAL / RESIDENTIAL STREETS)

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HEIGHT OF OBJECT	=	2.0

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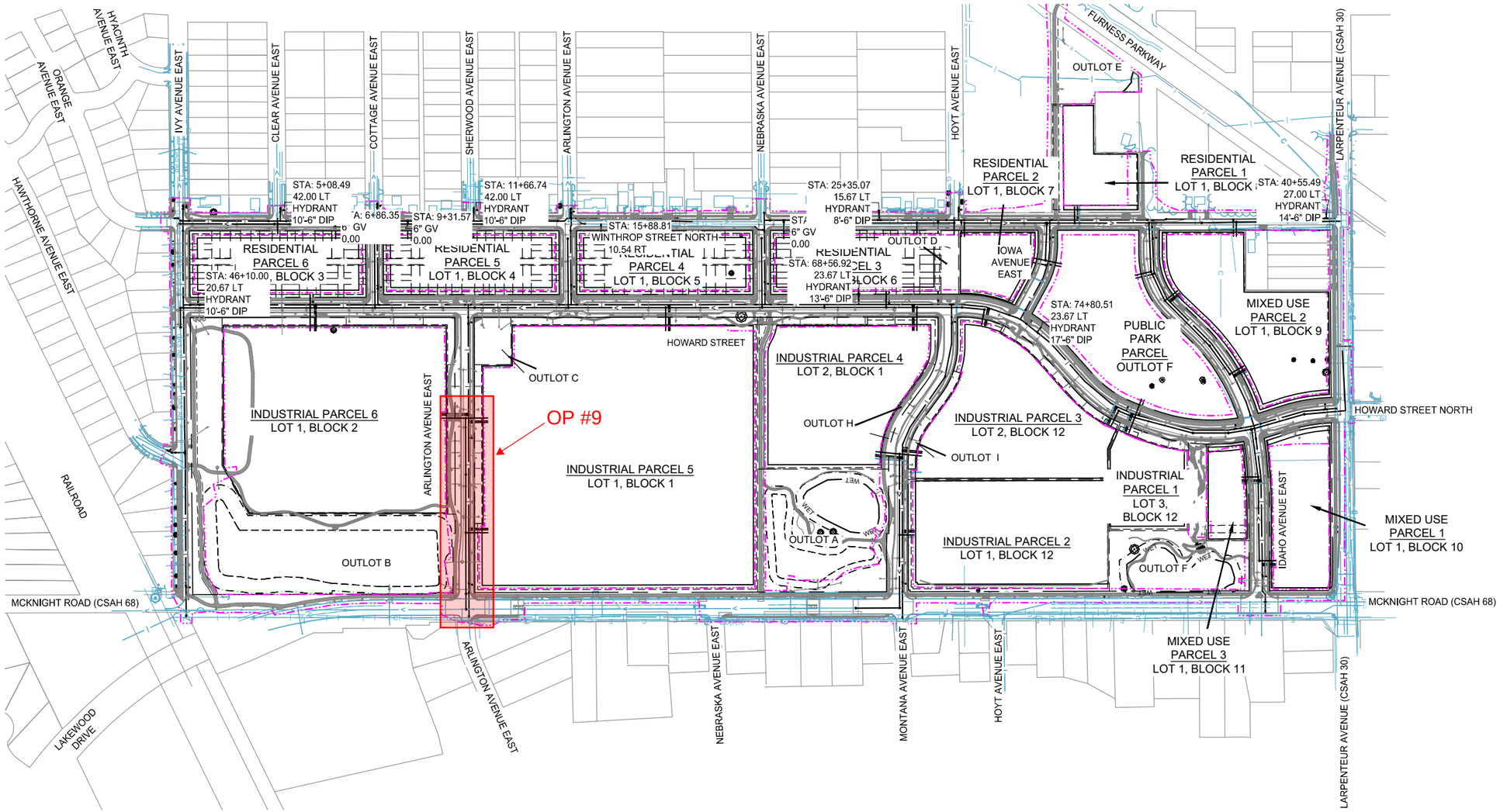

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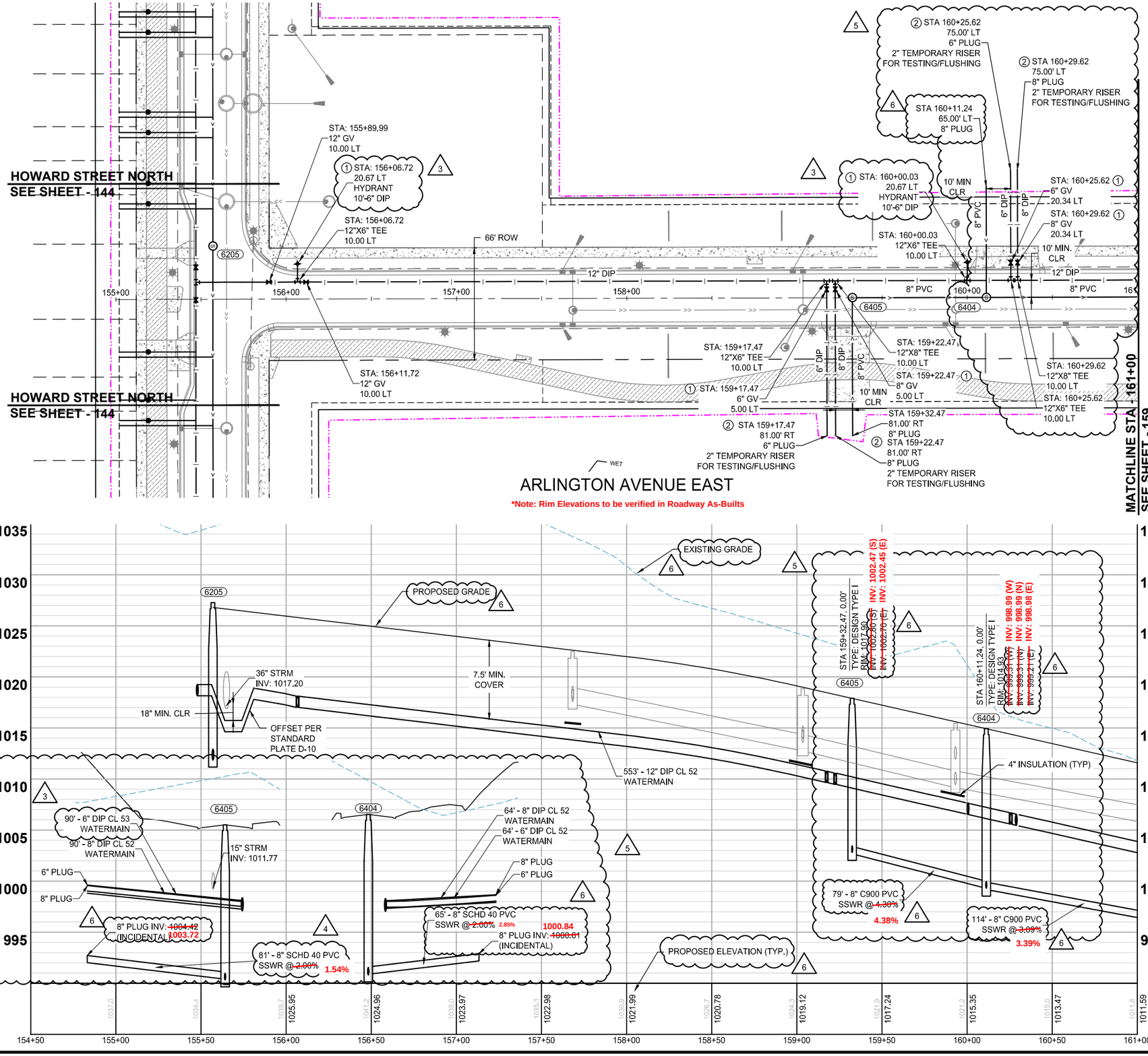

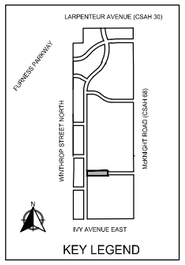

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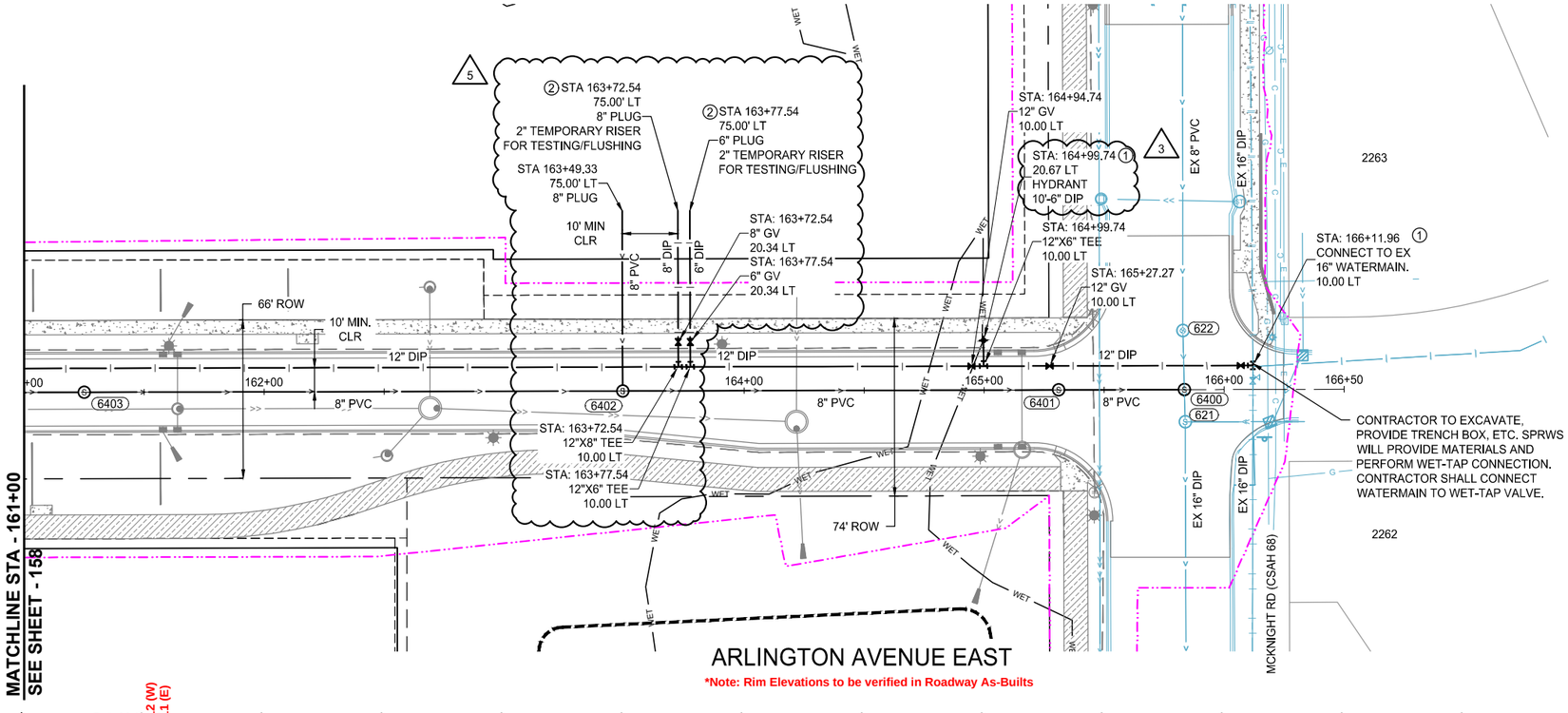

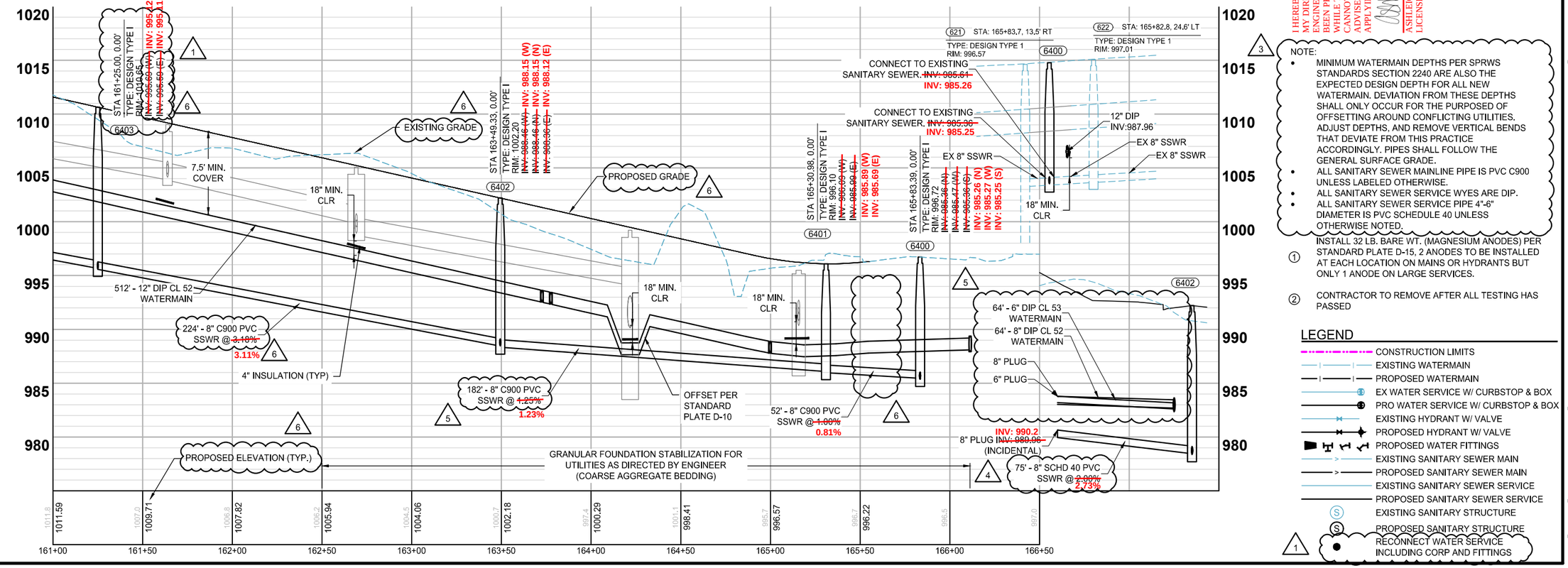

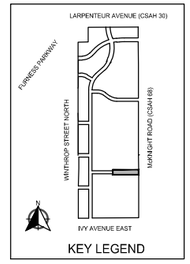

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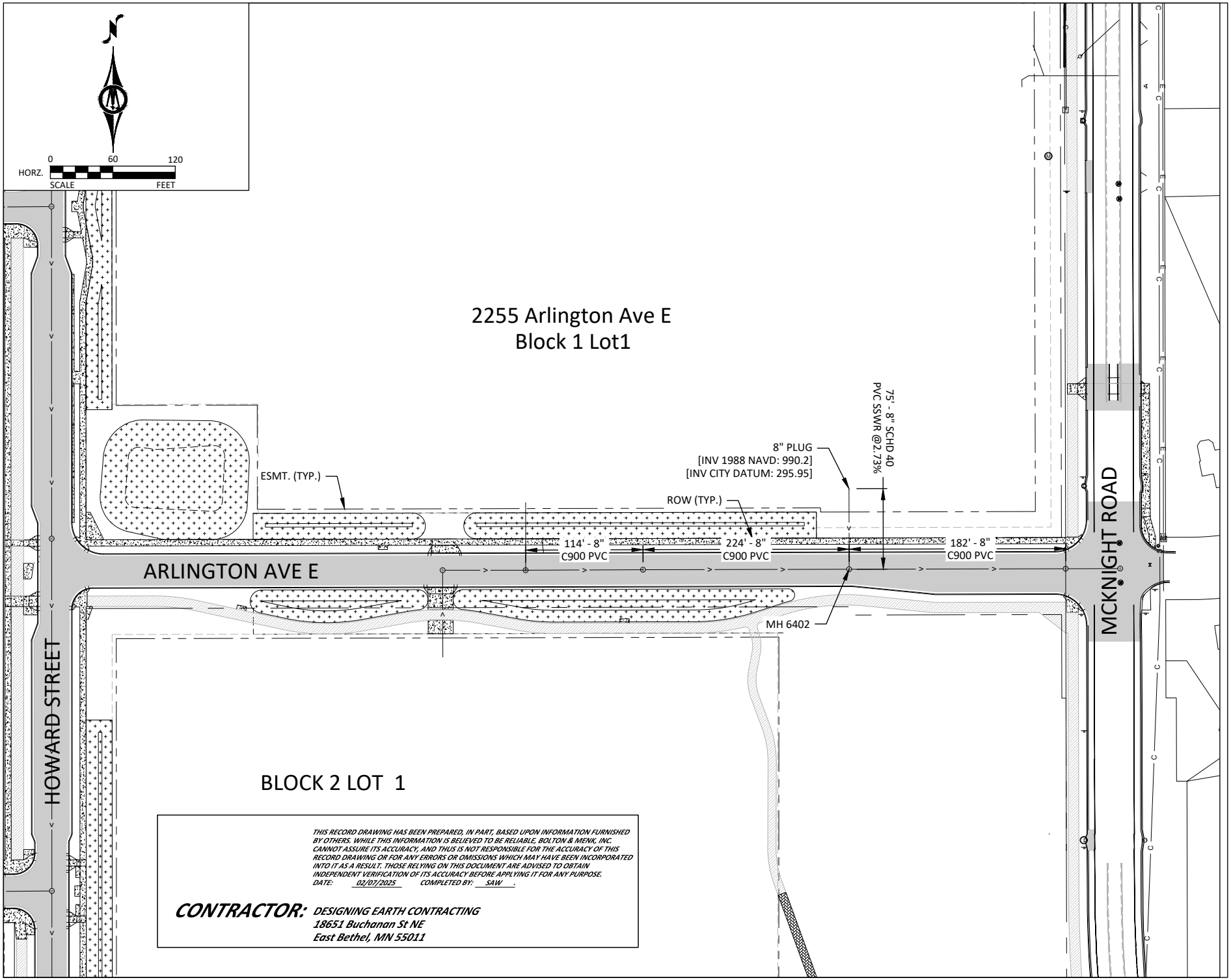
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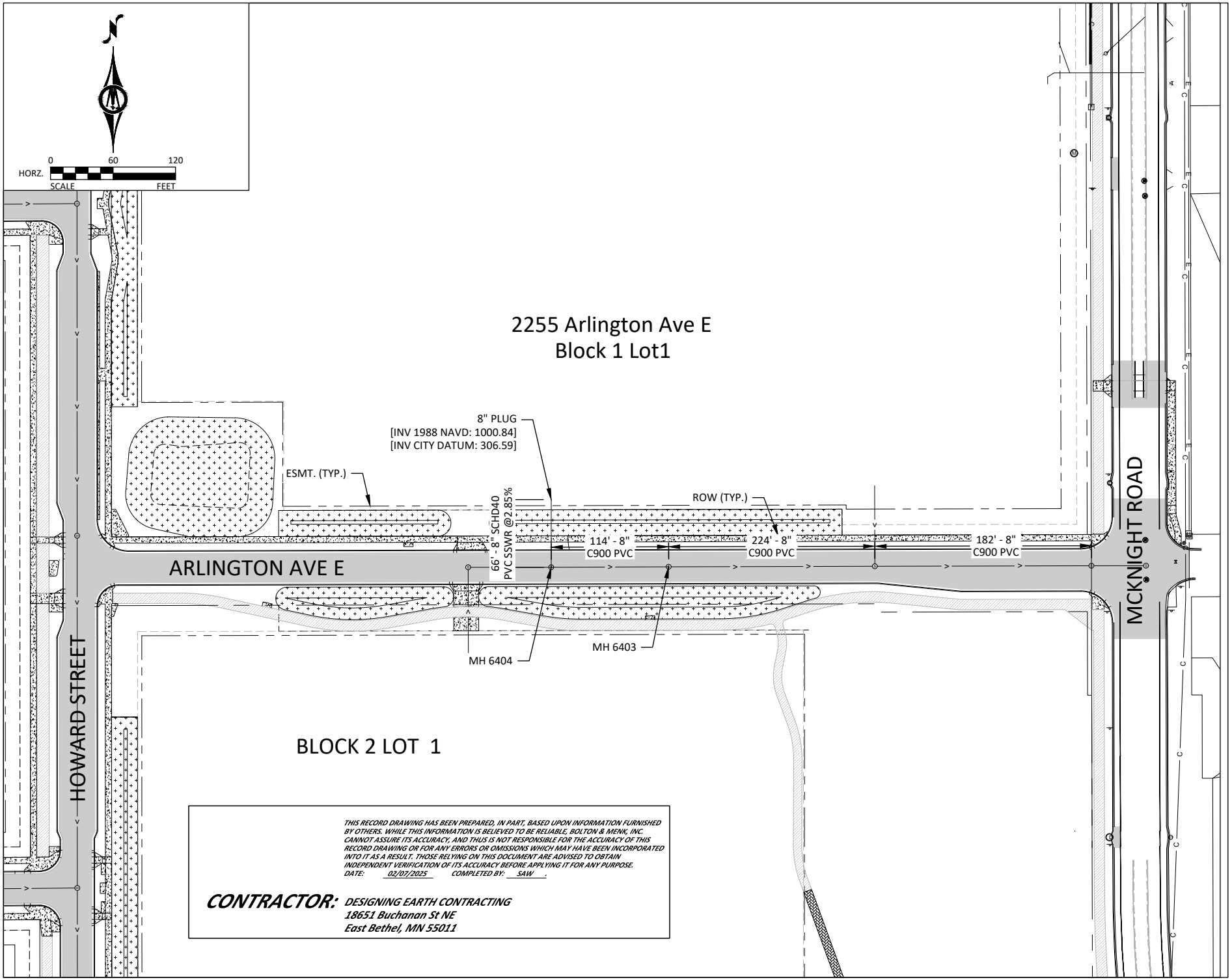
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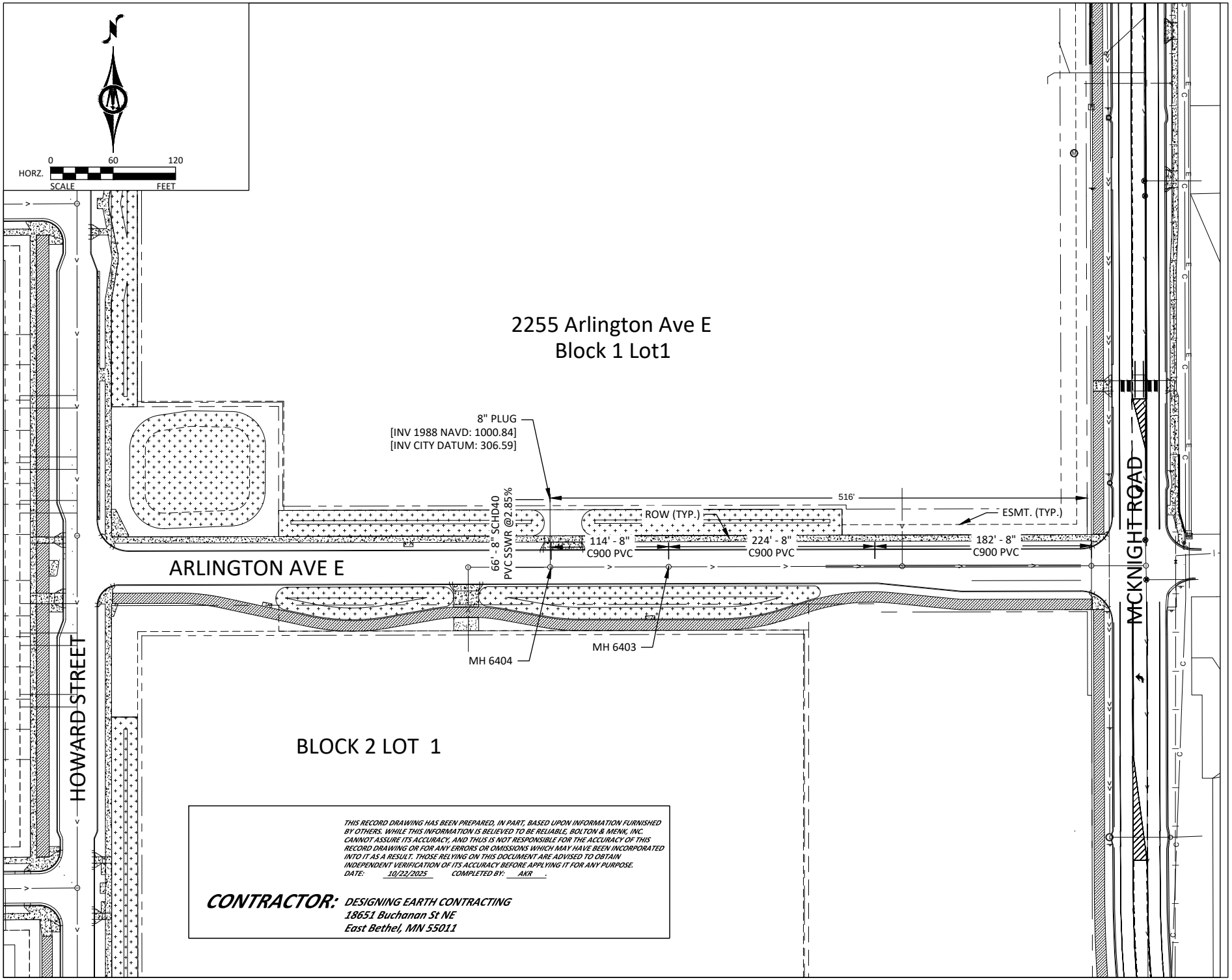
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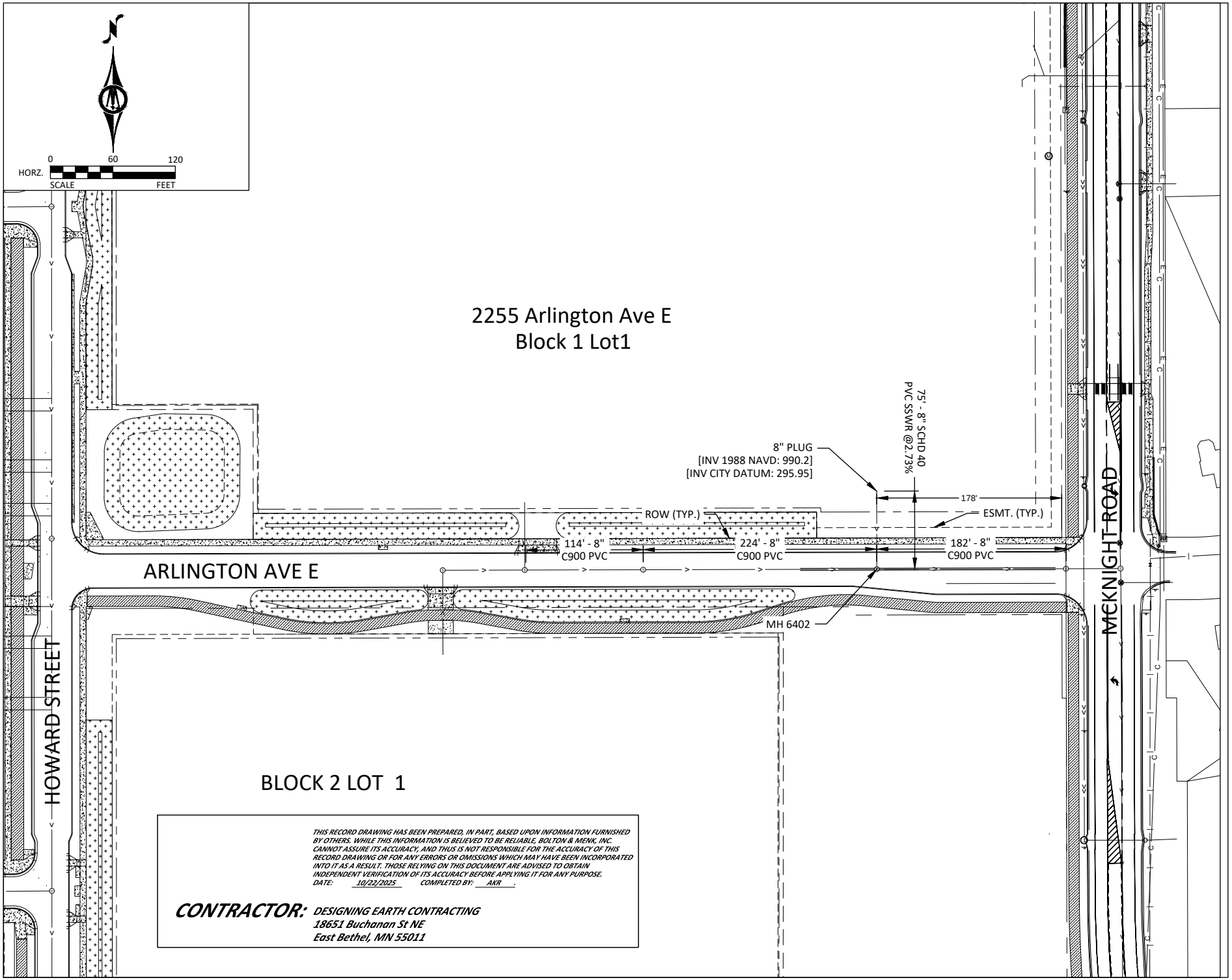
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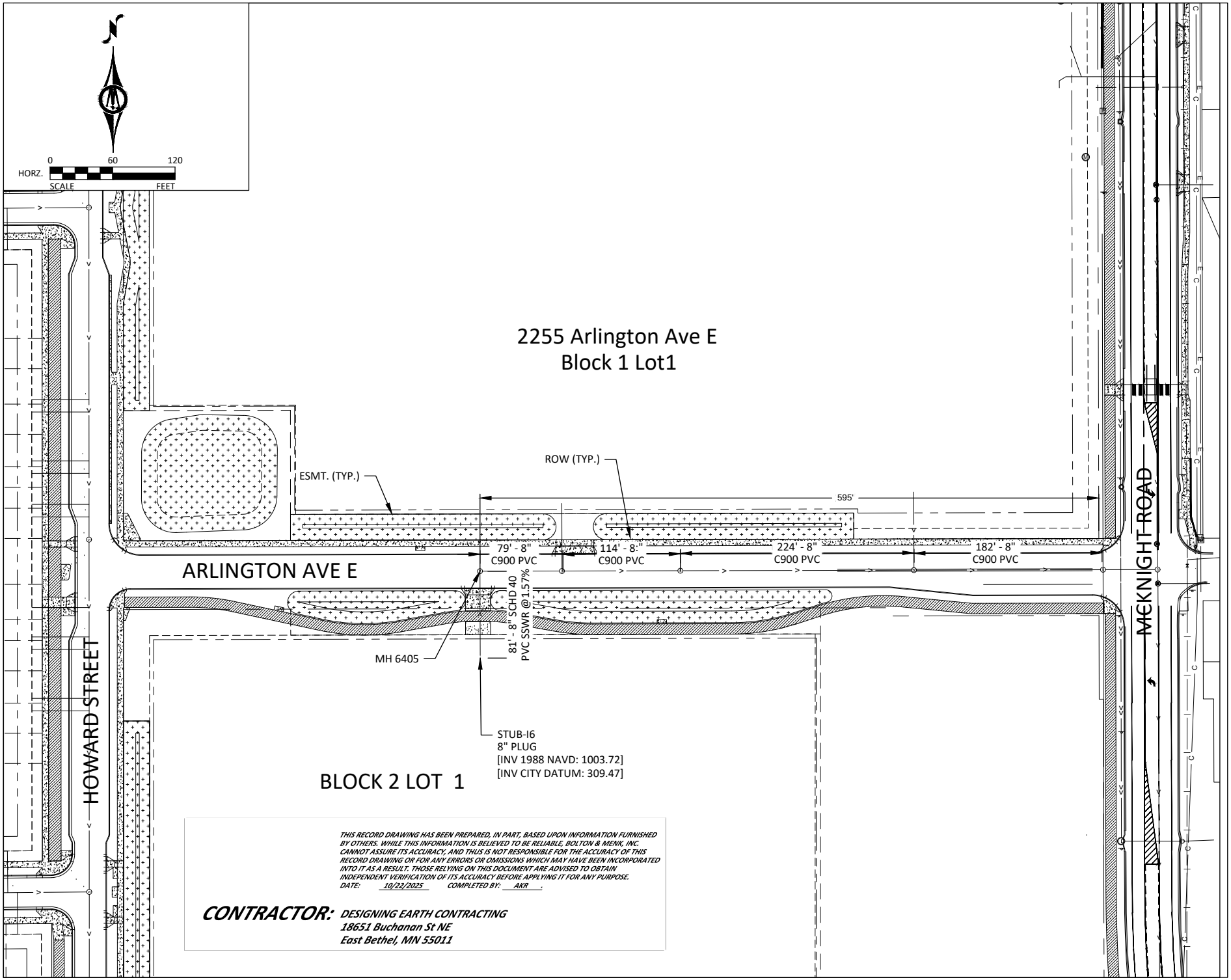
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Title: Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the City General Election held November 4, 2025.

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Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	St Paul Signed Election Abstract, Peter Butler public comment, David Triplett email & attachment	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
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Abstract of Votes Cast
In the Precincts of the City of St. Paul
State of Minnesota
at the Municipal and School District General Election
Held Tuesday, November 4, 2025

as compiled from the official returns.

Summary of Totals
City of St. Paul
Tuesday, November 4, 2025 Municipal and School District General Election

Number of persons registered as of 7 a.m.	167896
Number of persons registered on Election Day	3426
Number of accepted regular, military, and overseas absentee ballots and mail ballots	9044
Number of federal office only absentee ballots	0
Number of presidential absentee ballots	0
Total number of persons voting	67893

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KEY TO PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

NP - Nonpartisan

Mayor First Choice (St. Paul)

NP Mike Hilborn 5701	NP Kaohly Her 25658	NP Yan Chen 6416	NP Melvin Carter 27261	NP Adam Dullinger 1576
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CITY QUESTION 1 (St. Paul)

NP YES 44069	NP NO 20560

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Precinct	Persons Registered as of 7 A.M.	Persons Registered on Election Day	Total Number of Persons Voting
62 0540 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-01	503	20	100
62 0550 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-02	3149	102	1557
62 0560 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-03	1480	12	437
62 0570 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-04	1693	31	518
62 0580 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-05	1280	17	391
62 0590 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-06	970	35	445
62 0600 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-07	2633	70	1413
62 0610 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-08	1573	40	560
62 0620 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-09	1601	17	338
62 0630 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-10	2727	105	1473
62 0640 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-11	1045	15	207
62 0650 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-12	1685	23	354
62 0660 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-13	1564	10	253
62 0680 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-01	1964	58	840
62 0690 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-02	1919	46	985
62 0700 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-03	1088	28	431
62 0710 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-04	1882	36	943
62 0720 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-05	2476	77	1431
62 0730 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-06	2294	67	1253
62 0740 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-07	3543	98	1114
62 0750 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-08	2182	62	913
62 0760 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-09	2275	46	714
62 0770 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-10	1646	15	373
62 0780 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-11	2459	43	1063
62 0790 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-12	1737	31	613
62 0800 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-13	798	9	139
62 0840 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-01	2813	38	1769

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62 0850 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-02	3397	57	2137
62 0860 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-03	3040	91	1583
62 0870 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-04	3103	76	1795
62 0880 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-05	2373	47	739
62 0890 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-06	2446	24	1281
62 0900 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-07	1660	142	827
62 0910 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-08	1475	49	924
62 0920 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-09	2944	58	1763
62 0930 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-10	2898	55	1747
62 0940 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-11	2038	34	925
62 0950 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-12	749	34	270
62 0960 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-13	2372	57	1424
62 1000 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-01	1337	26	879
62 1010 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-02	1617	56	909
62 1020 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-03	3143	117	1063
62 1030 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-04	2244	56	1244
62 1040 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-05	1988	102	809
62 1050 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-06	2420	101	1429
62 1060 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-07	2975	48	1550
62 1070 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-08	2892	65	1374
62 1080 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-09	1225	58	476
62 1090 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-10	1556	55	591
62 1100 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-11	1389	36	673
62 1110 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-12	2257	61	1417
62 1120 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-13	2279	64	1329
62 1160 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-01	2780	34	1601
62 1170 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-02	1276	25	801
62 1180 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-03	2791	70	1339
62 1190 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-04	3651	37	1060

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62 1200 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-05	1730	18	229
62 1210 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-06	2321	25	658
62 1220 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-07	2282	19	625
62 1230 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-08	1948	21	500
62 1240 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-09	1726	26	383
62 1250 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-10	524	3	239
62 1290 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-01	1985	29	395
62 1300 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-02	2038	24	797
62 1310 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-03	1645	14	399
62 1320 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-04	1578	17	335
62 1330 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-05	2078	22	541
62 1340 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-06	1468	23	333
62 1350 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-07	1399	18	230
62 1360 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-08	1712	15	301
62 1370 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-09	1383	12	356
62 1380 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-10	1932	15	509
62 1390 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-11	1921	9	638
62 1430 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-01	1539	20	423
62 1440 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-02	794	16	183
62 1450 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-03	1540	21	400
62 1460 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-04	1463	22	416
62 1470 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-05	1480	20	526
62 1480 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-06	1489	12	389
62 1490 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-07	1374	12	313
62 1500 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-08	2168	12	551
62 1510 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-09	1697	20	450
62 1520 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-10	1760	21	505
62 1530 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-11	1294	18	232

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62 1540 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-12	2388	24	705
62 1550 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-13	1946	12	746
City of St. Paul Total:	167896	3426	67893

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Precinct	NP Mike Hilborn	NP Kaohly Her	NP Yan Chen	NP Melvin Carter	NP Adam Dullinger
62 0540 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-01	2	12	3	75	0
62 0550 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-02	74	793	153	493	26
62 0560 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-03	31	134	48	195	18
62 0570 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-04	26	178	71	215	16
62 0580 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-05	20	96	35	221	10
62 0590 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-06	26	110	51	240	10
62 0600 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-07	69	579	128	577	34
62 0610 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-08	16	196	49	277	13
62 0620 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-09	29	119	36	130	11
62 0630 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-10	92	596	138	605	26
62 0640 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-11	8	34	14	133	10
62 0650 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-12	49	102	30	134	27
62 0660 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-13	11	88	33	103	3
62 0680 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-01	49	341	72	347	18
62 0690 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-02	109	355	132	326	41
62 0700 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-03	29	206	35	142	15
62 0710 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-04	78	419	89	304	33
62 0720 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-05	73	665	121	535	23
62 0730 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-06	70	658	121	373	15
62 0740 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-07	70	401	89	502	31
62 0750 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-08	69	417	97	296	21
62 0760 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-09	49	236	67	320	22
62 0770 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-10	44	114	32	164	4
62 0780 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-11	85	369	108	464	23
62 0790 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-12	61	214	68	240	13
62 0800 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-13	13	54	19	42	6
62 0840 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-01	130	828	139	624	24

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Precinct	NP Mike Hilborn	NP Kaohly Her	NP Yan Chen	NP Melvin Carter	NP Adam Dullinger
62 0850 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-02	193	867	182	837	28
62 0860 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-03	113	591	122	701	21
62 0870 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-04	145	743	158	679	35
62 0880 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-05	59	246	77	311	26
62 0890 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-06	102	500	116	527	11
62 0900 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-07	35	342	48	372	23
62 0910 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-08	59	437	70	330	14
62 0920 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-09	137	775	110	688	29
62 0930 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-10	186	783	147	593	20
62 0940 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-11	76	328	95	392	18
62 0950 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-12	15	93	34	114	7
62 0960 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-13	105	609	112	554	27
62 1000 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-01	25	323	62	457	5
62 1010 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-02	39	300	47	495	14
62 1020 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-03	20	321	70	592	38
62 1030 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-04	80	507	117	488	36
62 1040 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-05	61	369	78	277	17
62 1050 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-06	78	630	136	555	20
62 1060 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-07	72	520	140	760	31
62 1070 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-08	90	461	115	653	28
62 1080 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-09	26	159	44	214	20
62 1090 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-10	21	186	46	314	18
62 1100 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-11	43	243	50	305	16
62 1110 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-12	124	675	128	463	16
62 1120 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-13	106	437	96	653	21
62 1160 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-01	201	526	126	706	28
62 1170 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-02	76	298	70	331	17
62 1180 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-03	107	449	124	593	33

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Precinct	NP Mike Hilborn	NP Kaohly Her	NP Yan Chen	NP Melvin Carter	NP Adam Dullinger
62 1190 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-04	116	336	104	469	18
62 1200 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-05	18	54	24	107	12
62 1210 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-06	87	207	99	234	15
62 1220 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-07	76	213	66	235	26
62 1230 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-08	56	179	46	189	13
62 1240 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-09	37	129	46	141	16
62 1250 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-10	18	94	19	103	1
62 1290 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-01	45	157	45	120	7
62 1300 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-02	84	303	59	306	32
62 1310 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-03	64	136	38	134	16
62 1320 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-04	59	92	35	120	14
62 1330 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-05	71	213	65	168	17
62 1340 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-06	42	101	38	130	8
62 1350 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-07	22	79	29	88	10
62 1360 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-08	16	87	34	139	10
62 1370 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-09	72	110	37	105	17
62 1380 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-10	100	150	71	154	16
62 1390 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-11	121	154	116	197	33
62 1430 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-01	31	136	83	151	9
62 1440 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-02	30	72	26	44	5
62 1450 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-03	58	126	50	138	16
62 1460 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-04	50	94	63	175	21
62 1470 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-05	69	202	66	162	10
62 1480 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-06	57	137	58	111	16
62 1490 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-07	42	105	41	104	9
62 1500 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-08	89	168	57	208	16
62 1510 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-09	90	132	49	151	20
62 1520 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-10	109	163	38	157	16

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Precinct	NP Mike Hilborn	NP Kaohly Her	NP Yan Chen	NP Melvin Carter	NP Adam Dullinger
62 1530 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-11	26	70	33	98	2
62 1540 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-12	79	219	102	266	19
62 1550 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-13	91	208	81	326	26
Total:	**5701**	**25658**	**6416**	**27261**	**1576**

Precinct	WI WRITE-IN
62 0540 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-01	0
62 0550 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-02	4
62 0560 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-03	5
62 0570 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-04	2
62 0580 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-05	1
62 0590 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-06	2
62 0600 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-07	7
62 0610 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-08	1
62 0620 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-09	0
62 0630 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-10	2
62 0640 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-11	0
62 0650 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-12	0
62 0660 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-13	0
62 0680 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-01	3
62 0690 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-02	0
62 0700 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-03	0
62 0710 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-04	2
62 0720 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-05	1
62 0730 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-06	5

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Precinct	WI WRITE-IN
62 0740 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-07	5
62 0750 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-08	0
62 0760 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-09	2
62 0770 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-10	1
62 0780 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-11	1
62 0790 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-12	1
62 0800 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-13	2
62 0840 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-01	10
62 0850 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-02	0
62 0860 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-03	2
62 0870 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-04	2
62 0880 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-05	2
62 0890 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-06	2
62 0900 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-07	2
62 0910 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-08	2
62 0920 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-09	2
62 0930 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-10	1
62 0940 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-11	1
62 0950 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-12	0
62 0960 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-13	1
62 1000 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-01	0
62 1010 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-02	4
62 1020 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-03	6
62 1030 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-04	5
62 1040 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-05	1
62 1050 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-06	2
62 1060 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-07	8
62 1070 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-08	2

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Precinct	WI WRITE-IN
62 1080 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-09	1
62 1090 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-10	2
62 1100 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-11	2
62 1110 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-12	0
62 1120 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-13	1
62 1160 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-01	1
62 1170 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-02	1
62 1180 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-03	5
62 1190 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-04	0
62 1200 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-05	3
62 1210 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-06	2
62 1220 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-07	1
62 1230 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-08	1
62 1240 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-09	3
62 1250 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-10	1
62 1290 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-01	1
62 1300 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-02	2
62 1310 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-03	1
62 1320 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-04	0
62 1330 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-05	2
62 1340 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-06	2
62 1350 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-07	1
62 1360 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-08	3
62 1370 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-09	0
62 1380 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-10	5
62 1390 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-11	1
62 1430 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-01	1
62 1440 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-02	1

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Precinct	WI WRITE-IN
62 1450 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-03	0
62 1460 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-04	1
62 1470 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-05	2
62 1480 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-06	1
62 1490 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-07	0
62 1500 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-08	3
62 1510 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-09	0
62 1520 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-10	3
62 1530 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-11	0
62 1540 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-12	1
62 1550 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-13	0
Total:	**157**

Office Title: CITY QUESTION 1 (St. Paul)

Precinct	NP YES	NP NO
62 0540 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-01	53	18
62 0550 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-02	1088	405
62 0560 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-03	269	153
62 0570 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-04	359	145
62 0580 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-05	217	157
62 0590 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-06	294	125
62 0600 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-07	980	370
62 0610 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-08	405	129
62 0620 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-09	185	137

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Precinct	NP YES	NP NO
62 0630 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-10	1022	391
62 0640 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-11	122	59
62 0650 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-12	173	164
62 0660 : ST. PAUL W-1 P-13	133	91
62 0680 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-01	634	183
62 0690 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-02	545	405
62 0700 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-03	280	134
62 0710 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-04	553	340
62 0720 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-05	1012	345
62 0730 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-06	852	353
62 0740 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-07	849	231
62 0750 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-08	620	262
62 0760 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-09	438	247
62 0770 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-10	211	145
62 0780 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-11	706	323
62 0790 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-12	331	244
62 0800 : ST. PAUL W-2 P-13	71	57
62 0840 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-01	1218	478
62 0850 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-02	1485	575
62 0860 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-03	1149	353
62 0870 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-04	1217	491
62 0880 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-05	476	227
62 0890 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-06	844	384
62 0900 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-07	580	191
62 0910 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-08	649	236
62 0920 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-09	1260	432
62 0930 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-10	1151	511
62 0940 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-11	641	244

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62 0950 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-12	166	71
62 0960 : ST. PAUL W-3 P-13	963	409
62 1000 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-01	684	152
62 1010 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-02	682	176
62 1020 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-03	761	238
62 1030 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-04	853	328
62 1040 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-05	539	217
62 1050 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-06	960	379
62 1060 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-07	1148	347
62 1070 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-08	929	382
62 1080 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-09	335	117
62 1090 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-10	414	149
62 1100 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-11	476	169
62 1110 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-12	961	380
62 1120 : ST. PAUL W-4 P-13	953	305
62 1160 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-01	1068	456
62 1170 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-02	513	252
62 1180 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-03	864	408
62 1190 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-04	663	348
62 1200 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-05	122	92
62 1210 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-06	353	279
62 1220 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-07	326	250
62 1230 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-08	284	189
62 1240 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-09	215	150
62 1250 : ST. PAUL W-5 P-10	173	61
62 1290 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-01	189	172
62 1300 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-02	498	264
62 1310 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-03	208	168

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City of St. Paul
Tuesday, November 4, 2025 Municipal and School District General Election

Office Title: CITY QUESTION 1 (St. Paul)

Precinct	NP YES	NP NO
62 1320 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-04	164	152
62 1330 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-05	277	235
62 1340 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-06	188	121
62 1350 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-07	120	99
62 1360 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-08	168	116
62 1370 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-09	187	155
62 1380 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-10	247	242
62 1390 : ST. PAUL W-6 P-11	302	298
62 1430 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-01	242	151
62 1440 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-02	81	93
62 1450 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-03	214	162
62 1460 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-04	223	171
62 1470 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-05	275	235
62 1480 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-06	187	179
62 1490 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-07	149	154
62 1500 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-08	289	233
62 1510 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-09	219	205
62 1520 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-10	251	232
62 1530 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-11	141	78
62 1540 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-12	386	285
62 1550 : ST. PAUL W-7 P-13	387	321
Total:	**44069**	**20560**

We, the legally constituted county canvassing board, certify that we have herein specified the names of the persons receiving votes and the number of votes received by each office voted on, and have specified the number of votes for and against each question voted on, at the Municipal and School District General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025

As appears by the returns of the election precincts voting in this election, duly returned to, filed, opened, and canvassed, and now remaining on file in the office of the City of St. Paul Clerk. Witness our official signature at _____ in _____ County this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Member of canvassing board

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State of Minnesota
City of St. Paul

I, Jay Willms, Clerk of the City of St. Paul do hereby certify the within and foregoing 17 pages to be a full and correct copy of the original abstract and return of the votes cast in the City of St. Paul Municipal and School District General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Witness my hand and official seal of office this 10th day of November, 2025.

J. Willms

From: Peter Butler
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council; CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Letter for RES 25-1746
Date: Friday, November 7, 2025 7:30:29 AM
Attachments: Letter on Mayoral Election Reallocation.pdf

Please post the attached letter as a public comment on RES 25-1746. Thank you.

November 7, 2025

St. Paul City Council
15 Kellogg Blvd. West 310 City Hall
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Councilmembers,

St. Paul City Ordinance allows ranked choice reallocation electronically only if the Ramsey County's voting system itself can perform the reallocation:

Sec. 31.08. - Manual count procedures.

The chief election official shall establish administrative procedures for conduct of a manual count in accordance with rules for counting the votes contained in section 31.05 of this chapter

(Ord. No. 10-60, § 1, 2-9-11)

Sec. 31.09. - Electronic voting systems.

(a) *Use of voting systems.* All provisions of Minnesota Statutes pertaining to electronic voting systems apply, to the extent they are not inconsistent with this chapter. Any voting system used to conduct an election under this section must be authorized for use by the county auditor pursuant to Minn. Stats. § 206.58. If used for the electronic reallocation of votes, the voting system must be capable of implementing the provisions of section 31.05(d), except that no manual examination of the ballots is required. If used for this purpose, the chief election official shall test the capability of the voting system to perform the electronic reallocation of votes at least ten (10) days prior to the election. If the test fails to demonstrate the capability of the voting system to perform the reallocation of votes in the manner provided in section 31.05(d), the chief election official shall conduct the reallocation of votes manually.

(b) *Electronic ballot images.* If the voting system is capable of creating an electronic image of the ballots that have been counted, the chief election official may use the electronic ballot images to conduct the manual reallocation of votes required by section 31.05(d) and any recount required by this chapter. The chief election official shall prepare the methodology for using scanned images of the ballots for either the manual reallocation of votes or for the visual inspection and counting of ballots in a recount no later than four (4) weeks before the election.

(Ord. No. 10-60, § 1, 2-9-11; Ord 15-18, § 1, 4-22-15)

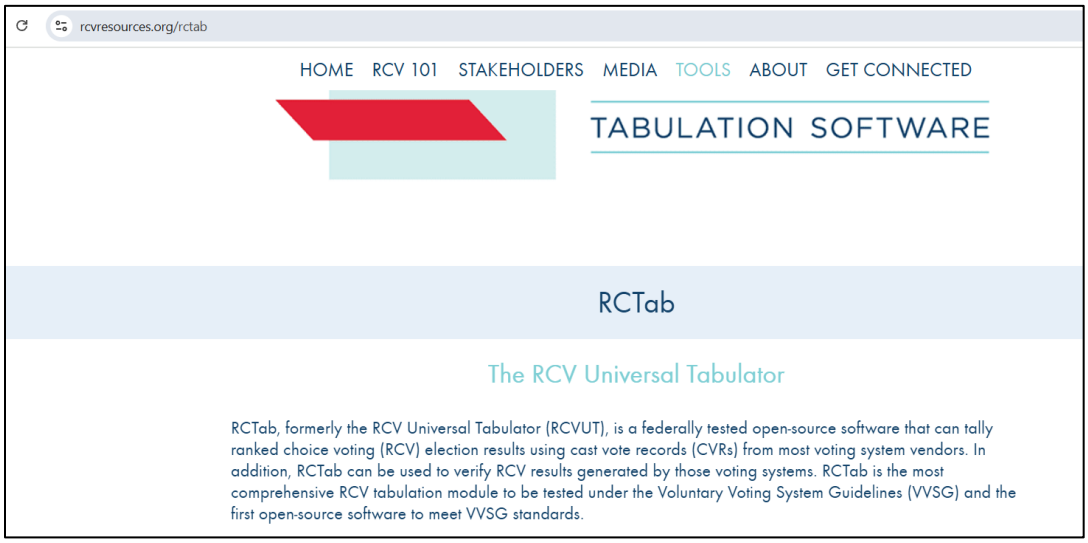
Minnesota Statute 206.56 defines a "voting system" as:

Subd. 8. **Electronic voting system.** "Electronic voting system" means a system in which the voter records votes by means of marking a ballot, so that votes may be counted by automatic tabulating equipment in the polling place where the ballot is cast or at a counting center.

An electronic voting system includes automatic tabulating equipment; nonelectronic ballot markers; electronic ballot markers, including electronic ballot display, audio ballot reader, and devices by which the voter will register the voter's voting intent; software used to program automatic tabulators and layout ballots; computer programs used to accumulate precinct results; ballots; secrecy folders; system documentation; and system testing results.

Municipalities may only use voting systems certified by the Minnesota Secretary of State. Ramsey County Elections performed the electronic reallocation with free, "federally tested" software from https://www.rcvresources.org/rctab. Presumably, the Elections Office

exported its voting system's "cast vote records" file and imported it into the RCTab program to determine the reallocation.



The November 4, 2025, mayoral election is the first time that the first-round leader did not win the most votes after reallocation. Performing a manual count and reallocation before the November 12, 2025, canvassing of returns will meet the requirements of city ordinance and ensure that the RCTab software performed properly.

Sincerely,

Peter K. Butler
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Delivered to Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us & CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us

From: Rebecca Noecker
To: Triplett, David; Greg Weiner
Cc: Dan Stahley; West, Tracy M
Subject: RE: Letter for RES 25-1746
Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 10:54:26 AM

Thanks Dave. Greg, can you please add this response and the attached allocation plan to the record on this item?

Best,
Rebecca

Rebecca Noecker | Saint Paul City Councilmember, Ward 2

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From: Triplett, David <david.triplett@co.ramsey.mn.us>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 8:42 AM
To: Rebecca Noecker <Rebecca.Noecker@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: Dan Stahley <Dan.Stahley@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; West, Tracy M <tracy.west@CO.RAMSEY.MN.US>
Subject: RE: Letter for RES 25-1746

Think Before You Click: This email originated **outside** our organization.

Hello Councilmember Noecker,
Attached is the compliance plan the City of Saint Paul approved in September allowing the County to use RCTab. We met with the Minnesota Secretary of State's office this past summer and they informed us that their responsibility is to certify voting systems to meet State Law and that it's the city's responsibility to determine if the ranked voting system is acceptable, which the city did in September.

Cc'ing Tracy West, Ramsey County Auditor, for her awareness.

Let me know if you have further questions.
Take care,

David Triplett
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RAMSEY COUNTY

To: Shari Moore, City of Saint Paul, City Clerk.
From: David Triplett, Ramsey County, Deputy Auditor.
Date: September 4, 2025
Subject: Plan for Automating the Reallocation Process for City Elections.

This memo serves as notice to the City of Saint Paul, of our plan to automate the reallocation of votes, if needed, for the upcoming Mayoral election held on November 4, 2025. I am asking for the city to confirm this plan is permittable to implement ahead of the next city election.

The automatic reallocation of votes for city elections held in the City of Saint Paul is permitted under Chapter 31 of the city's code of ordinances, subject to strict compliance with testing, transparency, and technical capability requirements. Neither Minnesota Election Statutes nor the Minnesota Secretary of State's office provide any guidance on the administration of Ranked Choice Voting. Therefore, Chapter 31 is our only authority to follow.

Below are the legal conditions found within Chapter 31 that we believe are required to automate the reallocation of votes for city elections:

1. Ballot design supports ranking & error detection, *Sec. 31.03*
2. Capabilities of voting system, *Sec. 31.09(a)*
3. Compliance with reallocation logic, *Sec. 31.05(d)*
4. Meet pre-election system testing requirements, *Sec. 31.09(a)*
5. Preparations to fall back to manual process if testing fails, *Sec. 31.09(a)*
6. Transparent tabulation center, *Sec. 31.04*

There will be no costs associated with implementing this plan. During our testing, we found the automated reallocation for a citywide race takes between 5 to 15 minutes to generate an accurate, verifiable result that strictly follows Saint Paul's reallocation logic.

If we are unable to implement this plan, we will proceed with a hand-reallocation, if needed, beginning on Monday November 10, 2025. We anticipate it will take three days to complete the hand-reallocation and cost the city around $33,000.

Below is a description of how we've met and are compliant with the legal conditions found within Chapter 31 to proceed with an automated reallocation:

1. **Ballot design & format requirements (Sec. 31.03)**
    a) Ballot allows ranking of at least six (6) candidates (if ≥5 candidates are running).
    b) Ballot includes a write-in option.
    c) Ballot includes clear instructions on:
        1. How to rank candidates
        2. How to avoid overvotes or skipped rankings
        3. How to correct mistakes

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d) Ballot format supports electronic tabulation of all rankings, if feasible.
e) System can detect and notify of first-rank overvotes and all other rankings.
f) Ballot design and voter instructions are published ≥8 weeks before the election.

2. Capability of voting system (Sec. 31.09)

a) System is authorized for use by the county auditor under *Minn. Stat. § 206.58*.
    1. The tabulation and generation of the Cast Vote Record (CVR) are done on the Hart InterCivic 2.5.2 voting system.
        a) The automated reallocation will be done by analyzing the CVR using RCTab, open-source software that meets the federal VVSG 1.0 standards.
b) System supports the full reallocation logic described in *Sec. 31.05(d)*.
    1. RCTab is compliant with the process, described in #3 below.
c) Election Administrators and election judges will complete a capability test at least 10 days before the election. The date and time of this test will be published on the official election notice and on Ramsey County's public calendar.
    1. If test fails, system is not used for reallocation; manual process is required.

3. Compliance with reallocation logic (Sec. 31.05(d))

a) Precincts can report all first-rank totals on election night.
b) Chief election official computes threshold and determines if any candidate meets it.
c) If no winner, system can resume counting no later than Monday after election day.
d) The automated reallocation follows multi-round process:
    1. Batch elimination of candidates mathematically eliminated
    2. Reallocation of their votes to next highest continuing candidate
    3. Single candidate elimination (lowest total) in next rounds continue until:
        a) One candidate exceeds threshold, or
        b) Two candidates remain — higher total wins
e) Rules for vote interpretation are implemented, including:
    1. Overvotes, undervotes, skipped rankings
    2. Repeated rankings for the same candidate
    3. Exhausted ballots

4. Meet pre-election system testing requirements, Sec. 31.09(a)

a) We will publicly demonstrate the capability of the automated reallocation process at least 10 days before the election. This demonstration will include:
    1. A prepared set of ballots to test the logic and accuracy of the tabulation and generation of an electronic cast vote record. These test ballots will include:
        a) At least 5–6 candidates
        b) A mix of overvotes, undervotes, skipped rankings, and repeated rankings
        c) Ballots that will trigger:

- Batch elimination
- Single elimination rounds
- Ties
- Exhausted ballots

d) Includes write-in candidates
e) Includes ballots that should mathematically eliminate certain candidates

2. Testing Setup
   a) Load test ballots into the system using the same method as actual elections (e.g., scanning).
   b) Document test ballots and expected outcomes by round.
3. Testing Execution
   a) Record first-choice totals.
   b) Check if threshold is correctly calculated and applied.
   c) Confirm that:
      - Batch eliminations are accurate
      - Transfers are correct
      - Skipped rankings and exhausted ballots are properly handled
      - Tie-breaking by lot can be triggered and resolved
4. Verify:
   a) All reallocation logic follows Sec. 31.05(d)(1)–(5)
   b) Final results match expected winner
   c) Summary report reflects all rounds accurately
5. Error Handling Check
   a) Overvotes = ballot ignored for that ranking
   b) Undervotes = ballot moved to next valid ranking
   c) Skipped ranking = system does not misread intent
   d) Repeated rankings = only highest valid one counts
6. Certification & Documentation
   a) Results of the test are documented
   b) Signed certification that system passed all reallocation steps
   c) If any step fails, system is disqualified for automation under 31.09(a), and manual tabulation must be used

5. Preparations to fall back to manual process if testing fails, Sec. 31.09(a)

a) We are prepared to implement the manual reallocation process used for all previous city elections.

6. Transparent tabulation center, *Sec. 31.04*

a) Ranked Voting Tabulation Center is:
   1. Designated by the County Auditor
   2. Open to the public during counting

b) System generates:
   1. Precinct summary (first-choice totals)

2. Round-by-round tabulation log including:
    a) Transfers
    b) Eliminations
    c) Exhausted ballots
    d) Final election abstract

If this plan is permittable, we would like to coordinate with the city the timing and process for officially releasing the reallocation results. Please provide any feedback or guidance you may have on this plan by September 22, 2025.

Thank you for this consideration,

David Triplett
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RAMSEY COUNTY

City of Saint Paul

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File Number: RES 25-113

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File Name:	Resolution to Initiate the T District Follow-Up and Transit Corridor Zoning Study			**Final Action:**	11/12/2025

Title: Initiating the T District Follow-Up and Transit Corridor Zoning Study.

Notes: Item taken under suspension per CM Jost and CP Noecker.

Sponsors:	Jost	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	T District Corridor Study City Council Resolution - Inititation	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Spencer Miller-Johnson	**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	spencer.miller-johnson@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

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Initiating the T District Follow-Up and Transit Corridor Zoning Study.

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Resolution to Initiate the T District Follow-Up and Transit Corridor Zoning Study

..BODY

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Zoning Code, found in chapters 60 through 69 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, is established to implement the policies of the comprehensive plan and encourage a compatible mix of land uses, at densities that support transit, that reflect the scale, character and urban design of Saint Paul's existing traditional neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Section 61.801(b) of the Zoning Code authorizes the Saint Paul City Council to initiate amendments to the code; and

WHEREAS, upon the adoption of the Traditional Neighborhood (T) District Zoning Study in 2025, the Zoning Code was updated to refine the T Districts and prepare for their expanded use across the City; and

WHEREAS, during the T District Zoning Study the Planning Commission and public expressed interest in following the study with revisions to the zoning map as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Plan calls for encouraging transit-supportive density (LU-1) and for the use of zoning flexibility to respond to change (LU-7); and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit, in partnership with the City, is currently planning or have recently implemented multiple new Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, these BRT Corridors also align with existing mixed-use corridors that may benefit from zoning changes; and

WHEREAS, the City has implemented similar rezoning studies along other transit corridors; and

WHEREAS, these corridors, that have not been studied in recent years, should be considered and studied for rezoning in accordance with 2040 Comprehensive Plan goals; and

WHEREAS, studying these corridors will also provide the foundation for a future phase of the rezoning study encompassing additional mixed-use corridors and further expanding the use of T Districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council hereby initiates the T District Follow-Up and Transit Corridor Zoning Study to implement the 2040 Comprehensive Plan building upon the public testimony during the T District Zoning Study by evaluating the use of T Districts and other needed Zoning Map amendments along transit corridors within the city.

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File Number: RES 25-1780

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File Name:	Appointing Jacobson Lawyers Group as Special Counsel Representing the City in City of Saint Paul, et al., v. Christopher Wright, et al., filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia			**Final Action:**	11/12/2025

Title: Appointing Jacobson Lawyers Group, under the direction of Dan Jacobson, as special counsel representing the City in Saint Paul et al. v. Christopher Wright et al., filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	Administrative Code 3.02, RES25-1780 Financial Analysis	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Kelsey McElveen	**Hearing Date:**	
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Appointing Jacobson Lawyers Group, under the direction of Dan Jacobson, as special counsel representing the City in Saint Paul et al. v. Christopher Wright et al., filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3.02. - Powers and duties.

The city attorney shall represent the city in all causes in which city is interested and shall have full and complete charge of the legal business of the city. The city attorney shall be the legal advisor to the mayor, to the council and to all departments and agencies of the city except as may be otherwise provided by the Charter. The city attorney shall prosecute and defend actions and proceedings by and against the city and every department and agency thereof. In the furtherance of these general powers, the city attorney shall:

(1) Advise the mayor, the council and the heads of all departments and agencies on all matters relating to their official powers, duties and functions.

(2) Attend in person or by designee all council meetings and, at the request of the presiding officer, attend committee meetings of the council.

(3) Be responsible for the preparation of all ordinances and resolutions as requested by the mayor or the council. The city attorney shall advise the council as to the form and sufficiency of all ordinances prior to their adoption, and no ordinance shall be introduced until it shall either have been approved as to form by the city attorney or until the city attorney has filed with the city clerk a statement of reasons why the ordinance is insufficient.

(4) Review and approve all contracts, deeds, documents and instruments prior to the execution thereof by or on behalf of the city, its departments and agencies.

(5) Render legal opinions upon any question of law submitted to the mayor or the council, with respect to their official powers, duties and obligations.

(6) Enter into any agreement, compromises or settlement of any claim or litigation in which the city is involved. The city attorney may contract with outside consultants or specialists to assist in the collection of registered bills.

(7) Conduct and prosecute appeals from orders, decisions or judgments affecting any interest of the city as the city attorney may, in the exercise of discretion, determine to be necessary or desirable.

(8) Conduct prosecutions for crimes and offenses occurring in the City of Saint Paul and within the jurisdiction of the Ramsey County Municipal Court and appeals therefrom, including violations of city ordinances, complaints of any department under law and violations of rules and regulations duly promulgated and adopted by city departments and agencies.

(9) Prepare and approve all workers' compensation payrolls and investigate all cases in which workers' compensation is involved and be responsible for the filing of all documents and papers required by the Workers' Compensation Act of the State of Minnesota.

(10) Maintain appropriate records of all actions, suits, proceedings and matters which relate to the interests of the city, its departments or agencies and report thereon from time to time as required by the mayor and council.

(11) **Advise** the city clerk on all matters relating to the codification, publication and distribution of the legislative and administrative codes of the city as provided in Section 4.02 of the Administrative Code.

(12) Be responsible for representing the city in all causes, hearings, trials, and administrative or judicial review concerning rates, franchises, valuations, utility conducts, or other issues involving the city and the public utilities which affect it or are under its control, including, but not limited to, telephone, telegraph, radio, television, cable television, lighting, heating, water, sewer and transportation. In so doing, the city attorney may retain a rate expert or experts to ensure proper review, analysis, study and recommendations on all utility matters, which expert shall prepare for submission to the mayor and the council, upon request, such reports and recommendations as may assist them in resolving rate determinations and other utility matters.

(13) Have such other and different powers and duties as may be provided by charter or law.

(Ord. No. 17913, § 1, 3-12-92; C.F. No. 93-1095, § 1, 8-17-93; C.F. No. 00-601, § 2, 7-12-00)

City of Saint Paul Financial Analysis
Template Instructions

Purpose of the Fiscal Analysis Template:

- The purpose of this template is to standardize the information accompanying financial resolutions before the Mayor and City Council. This form will be required to be submitted as an attachment to a resolutions that contain budget changes, related to grants or donations, or otherwise impact the city's

- Resolutions without this information will not be approved by OFS, and will be returned to the drat

Fiscal Analysis Template Tab

- Fill out all of the information in Financial Analysis Template (green tab) of this file. Pop-up windo appear throughout the file to provide more details on what information is required.

- The top portion of the file, including the fiscal analysis, will need to be filled out for any finance r action, including:
  - Grants: applying for, accepting and budgeting
  - Donations: soliciting, accepting, and budgeting
  - Budget amendments (both resolutions and administrative orders)
  - Other action with a financial impact

- If the action includes either a CIB or Operating Budget Amendment, the detail accounting codes s must also be filled out.

- If you have further questions, please contact your budget analyst.

Budget Reference Tabs

- The Operating Budget Reference and CIB Budget Reference pages (blue tabs) are read-only tabs. contain guidance on what kind of mayoral and/or council action is required for budget adjustments i operating and CIB budgets, and include charter and administrative code citations for these actions.

- If you have questions about what is required to accomplish a particular finance related action, plea your budget analyst.

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City of Saint Paul Financial Analysis

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Charter Citation:	Administrative Code 3.02		

Fiscal Analysis

RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul does hereby appoint, upon request of the City Attorney and for the purpose of providing advice and counsel to the City of Saint Paul in pending litigation, Jacobson Lawyers Group, under the direction of Dan Jacobson, as special counsel representing the City in Saint Paul et al. v. Christopher Wright et al., filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation to be paid for the services of said special counsel shall be in accordance with Legal Services Agreement between Jacobson Lawyers Group and the City of Saint Paul.

Operating Budget Changes Procedures Guide

	In order to:	Resolution, A.O., or Other Documentation Required?	Resolution/AO Action	Charter/Code Citation	Template	Agenda Section
1.)	**Recognize additional/unanticipated revenues** (Ex. Outperforming revenues, outside donations, etc)	Budget Amendment Resolution and Public Hearing	- Mayor certifies that there are available for appropriation total revenues in excess of those estimated in the budget - Amend spending and financing to recognize new revenue in the appropriate company and activity	C.C. 10.07.1	Budget Amendment or Gifts and Donations	Public Hearing
2.)	**Accept a Grant**					
	a.) No Budget Previously Establish for the Grant	Award Letter and/or Grant Agreement Budget Amendment Resolution and Public Hearing	- Mayor certifies that there are available for appropriation total revenues in excess of those estimated in the budget - Amend spending and financing to recognize the grant in the appropriate company and activity	C.C. 10.07.1 Admin 41.03	Grants	Public Hearing
	b.) Previously Established Grant Budget	Award Letter and/or Grant Agreement Resolution Accepting the Grant Funds (No public hearing needed)	- Accept the awarded grant funds - Include in the resolution that the grant funds were anticipated in the current year's budget		Grants	Consent
3.)	**Transfer Appropriations <u>within Departments</u>:**					
	a.) Within the same Fund (Lawson Company)	A.O.	- Mayor may transfer any unencumbered appropriation balances within a department - Administrative order is prepared to execute the transfer	C.C. 10.07.4	Budget Amendment	Consent
	b.) Between Funds (Lawson Companies)	Budget Amendment Resolution	- Mayor recommends and council approves through resolution to transfer appropriations between companies - Amend spending and financing to recognize transfer	C.C. 10.07.4	Budget Amendment	Consent

Operating Budget Changes Procedures Guide

	In order to:	Resolution, A.O., or Other Documentation Required?	Resolution/AO Action	Charter/Code Citation	Template	Agenda Section
4.)	**Transfer Appropriations between Departments**					
	a.) Within the same Fund (Lawson Company)	Budget Amendment Resolution	- Mayor recommends and council approves through resolution to transfer appropriations between departments - Amend spending and financing to recognize transfer	C.C. 10.07.4	Budget Amendment	Consent
	b.) Between Funds (Lawson Companies)	Budget Amendment Resolution	- Mayor recommends and council approves through resolution to transfer appropriations between departments - Amend spending and financing to recognize transfer	C.C. 10.07.4	Budget Amendment	Consent
6.)	**Allow appropriations to lapse (non-capital improvement dollars)** For Lapse of appropriations - Capital improvements see City Charter 10.09. For guidance on budget change procedures for accomplished or abandoned projects, see the CIB Project and Budget Changes Procedures Guide, numbers 1, 2, and 6.	None	- No action required. -All non-encumbered appropriations will fall to fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. - All encumbered appropriations will be re-appropriated in the following fiscal year's budget for the same purposes	C.C. 10.08	N/A	N/A
7.)	**Enact Emergency Appropriation**	Emergency is defined as "a sudden or unforeseen situation affecting life, health, property, or the public peace or welfare that requires immediate council action", C.C. 6.06 Emergency Ordinances Budget Amendment Resolution	- Resolution to appropriate emergency funds is adopted by unanimous affirmative vote by the council	C.C. 10.07.2 C.C. 6.06	Budget Amendment	Consent
8.)	**Reduction of Appropriations**	Report by the mayor of the estimated amount of the deficit Recommendation by the mayor to the city council of steps to be taken	- Resolution or other actions deemed necessary by council to prevent or minimize any deficit	C.C. 10.07.3	Budget Amendment	Consent

CIB Project and Budget Changes Procedures Guide

	In order to:	Resolution and/or AO Required? CIB Approval?	Resolution/AO Action	Charter/Code Citation	Template	Agenda Section
1)	Close a completed project with excess balances	Administrative Order (Completed by OFS) Periodic Review by CIB Committee	- Amend project financing and spending - Transfer excess appropriation to contingency	Administrative Code 57.09 (2) City Charter 10.09 - Accomplished projects	Budget Amendment	Consent
2)	Close a completed project with no excess balances (but excess spending authority)	Administrative Order (Completed by OFS) Periodic Review by CIB Committee	- Amend project financing and spending	City Charter 10.09 - Accomplished projects	Budget Amendment	Consent
3)	Close a completed project with no excess balances and no excess spending authority	None	- Contact OFS with project budget codes to have the project inactivated in the finance system		N/A	N/A
4)	<u>Adding new spending to an existing project (without changing the scope of the project):</u>					
4a)	Financing source is new money	CIB Committee Review and Recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Compliance with the City Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing	- Amend spending and financing to recognize new revenue	Administrative Code 57.09 (1) City Charter 10.07.1	Budget Amendment or Grants or Gifts and Donations	Public Hearing
4b)	Financing source is contingency (less that $25,000)	All proposed uses of contingency must first be reviewed by OFS Transfers within a department require an Administrative Order (Completed by departments. Verified and approved by OFS) A.O.s require Periodic Review by CIB Committee Transfers between departments require a Resolution (Completed by departments. Verified and approved by OFS)	- Reduce amount in appropriate contingency fund - Amend project spending and financing to recognize use of contingency	Administrative Code 57.09 (3) a City Charter 10.07.4	Budget Amendment	Consent
4c)	Financing source is contingency (more that $25,000)	All proposed uses of contingency must first be reviewed by OFS CIB Committee Review and recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Public Hearing	- Reduce amount in contingency fund ("*unallocated reserve account*") - Amend project spending and financing to recognize use of contingency	Administrative Code 57.09 (3) b City Charter 10.07.4	Budget Amendment	Public Hearing

5)	Add a new project OR Expand the scope of an existing project:					
5a)	Financing source is new money	CIB Committee Review and Recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Compliance with the City Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing	- Amend spending and financing to recognize new revenue	Administrative Code 57.09 (1) City Charter 10.07.1	Budget Amendment or Grants or Gifts and Donations	Public Hearing
5b)	Financing source is contingency	All proposed uses of contingency must first be reviewed by OFS CIB Committee Review and recommendation Mayor recommends via resolution Public Hearing	- Transfer dollars from contingency to new project - Amend spending and financing to recognize new revenue	City Charter 10.07.4 Administrative Code 57.09 (1)	Budget Amendment	Public Hearing
6)	Declare a project abandoned	Council Resolution	- Identify project as abandoned - Transfer appropriation for the abandoned project to a separate contingency fund ("*unallocated reserve account*") - Re-appropriation of the funds needs CIB review, mayor recommendation, and council approval (see either of the "Add dollars to a project" scenarios above)	City Charter 10.09 Administrative Code 57.09 (4)	Budget Amendment	Consent
7)	Replace an approved project with a new project	1) Declare an approved project abandoned or completed with excess balances (see process above) 2) Add new project after capital improvement budget is adopted (see process above)	- Can accomplish both steps in one resolution		Budget Amendment	Consent or Public Hearing

Departments	Affected Budgets	General vs. Special Fund	Funding Source
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Multiple Departments			Transfer of Appropriations
City Attorney's Office	Both Operating and CIB Bu	General Fund	Grant
City Council	Operating Budget	Special Fund	Donation
Emergency Management	CIB Budget	Capital	Multiple
Financial Services		Multiple Funds	Other
Fire and Safety Services			
General Government Accounts			
HRA			
Human Resources			
HREEO			
Mayor's Office			
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Title: Amending Chapters 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, and 69 of the Legislative Code as recommended in the Traditional Neighborhood (T) District Zoning Study.

Notes: Anticipated schedule: 10/15 first reading, 11/5 public hearing, 11/12 third reading

Sponsors: Noecker

Enactment Date:

Attachments: PC Resolution, PC Approved Minutes 9-5-25, TDist_Packet_Final, Proposed Amendments Formatted, Jenn Pierson public comment, Luke Hanson public comment, TDistrict_ZoningStudy_CC Staff Report, Noah Schneider public comment, Katherine DuGarm public comment, Isaac Bries public comment, Chad Hermes public comment, Benjamin Werner public comment, Joe Baierl public comment, SEIU Healthcare public comment, Mark Thieroff public comment, Cody Fischer public comment, Anna Potter public comment, Daniel Herriges public comment, 11.5 public comments

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History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Council	10/15/2025	Laid Over to Second Reading	City Council	11/05/2025		Pass
	Action Text:	Laid over to November 5, 2025 for Second Reading					
	Notes:	*Spencer Miller-Johnson, City Planner, gave a staff report.*					
		Councilmember Jost moved to lay over for three weeks.					
1	City Council	11/05/2025	Amended and Laid Over for Final Adoption	City Council	11/12/2025		Pass
	Action Text:	Amended and laid over to November 12, 2025 for Final Adoption					
2	City Council	11/12/2025	Adopted				Pass
	Action Text:	Adopted					

Text of Legislative File Ord 25-59

Amending Chapters 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, and 69 of the Legislative Code as recommended in the Traditional Neighborhood (T) District Zoning Study.

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planning commission resolution
file number 39
date September 5, 2025

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2022, the Saint Paul Planning Commission initiated the Traditional Neighborhood (T) District Zoning Study (T District Study) to consider amendments to Zoning Code regulations pertaining to T Districts, drive through sales and services, and other connected regulations contained in the Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, the drive through sales and services component of the study was subsequently separated from the study to allow it to proceed through the review and adoption process on its own timeline; and

WHEREAS, initial outreach was conducted in Spring 2022, including notification sent to the early notification system, to seek ideas and input from district councils, business representatives, stakeholders, and developers and additional outreach and engagement was subsequently conducted in Spring 2025 to seek ideas and input on the proposed Zoning Code text amendments in the T District Study; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, on May 16, 2025 released a draft of the T District Zoning Study for formal public review and set a public hearing date of July 11, 2025; and

HEREAS, a public hearing notice was published in the Pioneer Press on July 1, 2025 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 462.357, Subd. 3 and sent to the early notification system list on May 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on T District Study Zoning Code text amendments was conducted by the Planning Commission on July 11, 2025, at which all persons present were allowed to testify; and

WHEREAS, the written record was left open until July 14, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, at the July 11, 2025, public hearing five people spoke and a total of 46 letters of comment were submitted during the comment period; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission referred the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee for consideration of the public testimony and possible revisions to the proposed recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee discussed the comments and proposed code amendments on August 27, 2025, and forwarded its recommendation to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered the public testimony and the recommendations of the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends to the Mayor and City Council adoption of the Zoning Code text amendments contained in the T District Study dated September 5, 2025.

moved by Holst

seconded by Houmas

in favor 12

against 0

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Minutes Friday, September 5, 2025

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Saint Paul was held Friday, September 5, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Center of City Hall, Room 40.

Commissioners Present:	Memms: Grill, Presley, Starling, Thomas Messrs: Holst, Hood, Houmas, Johnson Becker, Martinson, Ochoa, Ortega, Reilly
Commissioners Absent:	Memms: Messrs: Risberg, Syed, Taghioff
Also Present:	Yasmine Robinson, Planning Director; Karoline Finlay, Planning Secretary, Bill Dermody; Current Planning Manager, Kady Dadlez; Senior City Planner, Spencer Miller Johnson; Senior City Planner, YaYa Diatta; DSI Zoning Administrator

I. Approval of the minutes for the August 22, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner moved to approve the July 25, 2025 Planning Commission meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner . The motion passed on a voice vote.

II. Chair's Announcements

The chair reminded the commissioners that she will be out for the next two Planning Commission meetings.

III. Planning Director Announcements

Director Robinson updated the commission on staff changes in PED. Today is Director Newton's last day and her position will be filled by our current Deputy Director Melanie McMahon.

IV. Zoning Committee

Chair Grill gave the report for the committee. Commissioner Reilly stated that not all the properties in the area of the proposed rezoning of 1059 Maryland are zoned B2. There are several single-family homes in the immediate vicinity.

25-055-586 1059 Maryland Rezoning - Rezone from B2 community business to T2 traditional neighborhood 1059 Maryland, NW corner of Maryland Avenue and Earl Street, B2, District Council 5, Ward 6 *(Stefan Hankerson 651-266-6646)*

MOTION: Commissioner Ortega moved to lay the item over for two weeks for further clarification. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reilly. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

V. Comprehensive & Neighborhood Planning Committee

Commissioner Holst gave the report for the committee. Bill Dermody gave a presentation on the Congregate Living Zoning Study. Spencer Miller-Johnson gave a presentation on the T-District Zoning Study.

Congregate Living Zoning Study – Release draft code amendments for public review and set a public hearing date. *(Bill Dermody, 651-266-6617)*

MOTION: Commissioner Holst moved to release the zoning study for public review and comment and to set a public hearing date of October 17, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinson. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Traditional Neighborhood District (T) Zoning Study – Review public hearing testimony and provide recommendation to City Council. *(Spencer Miller-Johnson, 651-266-6093)*

MOTION: Commissioner Holst moved to forward the proposed amendments to the Mayor and City Council for adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Houmas. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

VI. Transportation Committee

Commissioner Houmas gave the report for the committee. Commissioner Houmas also offered a solicitation for interest in joining the Transportation Committee.

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Adjournment

9:40 a.m.

Recorded and prepared by:
Karoline Finlay, Planning Commission Secretary
Planning and Economic Development Department,
City of Saint Paul

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved_____
(Date)

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Yasmine Robinson
Planning Director

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Libby Starling,
Planning Commission Secretary

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Traditional Neighborhood (T) District Zoning Study

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee

DATE: September 5, 2025

SUMMARY

This zoning study provides background information and analysis on the Traditional Neighborhood (T) District standards and proposes amendments to them. One set of amendments focuses on the T Districts' intent statements, dimensional standards (including density bonus provisions for projects that provide affordable housing units) and design standards. A second set of amendments focuses on other chapters of the Zoning Code that relate to the T Districts.

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PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The T District Zoning Study was initiated in March 2022 to better align the four T Districts (T1-T4) with Comprehensive Plan goals and policies related to transit-supportive density, flexible building design, high-quality urban design, pedestrian-friendly streetscapes, and affordable housing. Given the city's 20 years of experience with the T Districts, this study is an opportunity to update the existing regulations to more effectively meet the goal of facilitating well-designed, mixed-use development wherever these districts are used in the city, especially along transit corridors.

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan supports new affordable housing and compact, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use development with flexibility to respond to changing conditions and opportunities (See Attachment 3 for relevant policies). The 2040 Comprehensive Plan's implementation chapter calls for systematically updating the Zoning Code. Minnesota Statutes Section 473.858 requires the zoning code to be brought into conformance with the comprehensive plan by the local governmental unit. The intent of the zoning study is to modernize and streamline T District regulations based on what has been learned about their effectiveness since adoption in 2004, including a focus on affordable housing. To that end, the study recommends zoning text amendments related to T Districts and other relevant sections of the Zoning Code.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

The T Districts were adopted in 2004 to provide for compact, higher density, pedestrian- and transit-oriented mixed-use development, and to foster high-quality urban design. In 2011, the City updated the T Districts in relation to the Central/Green Line Light Rail Corridor. The amendments included the addition of the T4 District accompanied by rezoning of Central Corridor properties to T2, T3, and T4. The T Districts are now widely used throughout Saint Paul, especially along transit corridors and at major nodes. T Districts are often used as the base zoning in new master plan areas. Table 1 below provides a high-level summary of the existing T Districts.

Table 1: T District Summary

Zone	T1	T2	T3	T4
Intent	Compact, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use areas of limited size; transition of land along major thoroughfares, between commercial or industrial districts and less intensive land uses	Compact, pedestrian-oriented commercial and residential development that supports transit usage with a variety of housing types; transitions to residential neighborhoods	Higher-density pedestrian- and transit-oriented mixed-use development with a variety of housing types and interconnected streets and open spaces	High-density, transit-supportive, pedestrian-friendly mixed-use development, particularly near transit stops along fixed rail transit
Building Types Allowed	1-family, 2-family, multifamily, nonresidential or mixed-use	1-family, 2-family, multifamily, nonresidential or mixed-use	1-family, 2-family, multifamily, nonresidential or mixed-use	Multifamily, nonresidential or mixed-use
Height (max.)	35 ft., with additional height allowed with additional stepback	35 ft. (45 ft. with CUP), with additional height allowed with additional stepback	45 ft. multifamily; 55 ft. mixed-use (90 ft. with CUP and additional stepback)	75 ft. (additional height may be approved with CUP and additional stepback)

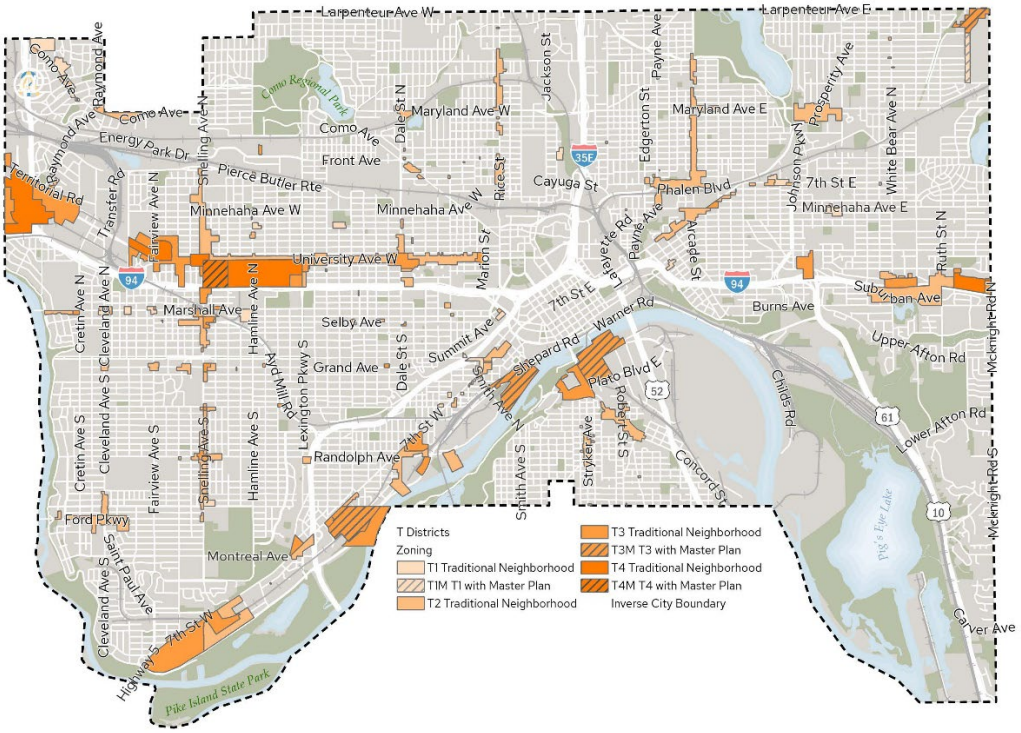
Since their adoption, planning staff have frequently utilized T Districts when rezoning properties. As of 2019, 5.7 percent of Saint Paul acreage was zoned T, representing a 53.2 percent increase in acreage zoned T1, a 10.9 percent increase in acreage zoned T2, and an 8.9 percent increase in acreage zoned T3 over a two-year span. Figure 1 on the following page illustrates the distribution of T Districts throughout the city. The T Districts are indicated in orange with darker orange representing higher intensity T Districts.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The zoning study seeks to modernize standards and streamline code language. The proposed amendments to the Zoning Code were suggested by city staff in the Departments of Planning and Economic Development (PED) and Safety and Inspections (DSI) as well as from input resulting from community outreach when the zoning study was initiated. Key highlights of the amendments are described below.

- **Clarified Purpose of T Districts** (Section 66.310). The zoning study recommends updates to the general and specific intent statements to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and reflect how the districts have been implemented and developed since their adoption in 2004.
- **Increased Development Flexibility at Nodes and Corridors** (Section 66.331). To promote development flexibility at neighborhood nodes and along transit corridors, numerous amendments are proposed to update the T District density and dimensional standards. Amendments relate to density/floor area ratio (FAR), lot size, building height, setbacks, and building placement, including increasing height maximums in T2 and T3 and changing front yard setback maximums and density minimums.
- **Additional Neighborhood-Scaled Uses Allowed** (Section 66.321). Additional flexibility for neighborhood-scaled land uses, such as cluster developments and general retail, is proposed to promote opportunities for diverse mixed uses.
- **Incentives for Affordable Housing** (Section 66.331). The footnotes of the Density and Dimensional Standards Table are proposed to include a density bonus for affordable housing.
- **Streamlined Objective Design Standards** (Section 66.343). Numerous amendments are proposed to modernize and streamline the T District design standards, making them easier to understand and administer.
- **Improved Code Language.** Overall, code language is proposed to be updated with the term "must" rather than "shall" as this is the industry standard. In other cases, "should" or "may" are also replaced by "must" for clarity of implementation.

Figure 1: Map of Traditional Neighborhood Districts



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

In spring 2022 at the beginning of the zoning study, staff reached out to district councils, community organizations, developers, and the Business Review Council to seek ideas and input on the zoning study. The amendments proposed in the study are informed by the input received during initial community outreach, a summary of which can be found in Attachment 4. In spring 2025, staff conducted two informational sessions with district council members and business association representatives and presented at two Business Review Council meetings. The revised proposed amendments are also informed by these follow-up community engagement events.

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing

On Friday, July 11, 2025, the Saint Paul Planning Commission held a public hearing on the T District Zoning Study. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press on July 1, 2025 and sent to the Early Notification System list on May 21, 2025. Five community members provided verbal testimony at the public hearing and 46 community members or organizations submitted written testimony during the public comment period open from May 16 through July 14, 2025. Of the written testimony, one was received from the Union Park District Council, one from the Saint Anthony Park Community Council, one from the Business Review Council, and one from Sustain Saint Paul. The other comments were provided by community members.

Analysis of Testimony

All but one testimonial supported the amendments. Many offered suggestions for recommended edits. Key themes and responses are summarized below.

1. ***Zoning Study Support***

   Summary. Most of the testimony was in support of the Zoning Study. Many comments expressed a desire for development and land use flexibility at nodes and along corridors. Testifiers were generally interested in increasing walkability and making it easier to walk to a mix of land uses within and adjacent to urban neighborhoods. Many comments also expressed support for density bonuses for affordable housing.

   Response. The proposed amendments aim to increase flexibility for pedestrian-oriented mixed-use development at nodes and along corridors. The proposed amendments also create a density bonus for additional FAR if providing affordable housing at 60 percent AMI. No changes to the public hearing draft are proposed.

2. ***Expand Geography of T Districts***

   Summary. Many comments expressed a desire for the City to proactively rezone properties along corridors to T Districts. Commenters stated that rezoning properties to T Districts would provide more pedestrian-oriented development and land use flexibility in areas of Saint Paul that are supported by transit and allow the City the potential to build its tax base and create community-driven economic development opportunities. Some commenters were also

interested in rezoning areas zoned for Business (B) Districts into T Districts, and rezoning parcels that formerly included commercial structures and are now zoned residential into T Districts.

Response. The approved scope of work for this Zoning Study does not include zoning map changes. Staff will prepare a follow-up study which will include recommendations for proactively rezoning properties to T Districts along key corridors. This will be initiated once City Council takes action on the T District Study to ensure the scope of the follow-up rezoning study is based on any final changes or modifications. Other rezoning objectives, like phasing out B Districts, may be considered as part of a future effort.

3. *Consolidate T1 into T2*

Summary. Many comments expressed interest in consolidating T1 into T2 to allow parcels currently zoned T1 to become T2. Commenters stated that this would benefit parcels zoned T1 by giving them more permitted land uses, despite having similar dimensional standards.

Response. T1 is a low-intensity, neighborhood-scale mixed-use zoning district that can provide new utility at smaller scales as drafted, particularly at corners of urban neighborhoods. Since its development, TI has had marginal utility due to its very limited commercial uses. Through the proposed amendments, T1 and T2 will have more meaningful differences, enabling them both to be more useful and better aligned with their intents. The added land use allowances in T1 (e.g., general retail, coffee shop, animal day care, etc.) will allow more neighborhood-serving uses within walking distance of neighborhoods, and the amended maximum height in T2 (45 feet) helps separate dimensional standards between the districts. This is particularly useful for allowing businesses like corner stores, coffee shops, delis, etc. at the smallest neighborhood scale. This is not a zoning tool that has previously existed and could have an impact at improving walkability in lower density neighborhoods away from commercial and mixed-use corridors. Consolidating T1 with T2 and removing T1 from the Zoning Code would eliminate a context-sensitive mixed-use district that could be a useful asset to the city, so staff recommends maintaining the separation between T1 and T2.

4. *Allow Small Restaurants and Bars in T1*

Summary. Some comments expressed a desire for more land use flexibility in T1, particularly allowing restaurants and bars as a permitted land use to create more business opportunities within urban neighborhoods.

Response. As proposed in the public hearing draft, T1 is a low-intensity, neighborhood-scale mixed-use zoning district that can provide benefits in smaller-scaled neighborhoods. Land uses added by the proposed amendments will enable more neighborhood-serving uses within walking distance of neighborhoods and create new business opportunities like corner stores, delis, coffee shops, etc., while still balancing the small-scale context envisioned by T1. By supporting smaller neighborhood-scaled businesses, T1 can have a wider application throughout the city in the future. During the drafting process of the T District Zoning Study, restaurants and bars were considered and rejected because of the noise and hours of operation associated with these uses. These uses were more appropriate along corridors, which are typically zoned T2-T4 and not at the smaller-scale of T1 where it is typically adjacent to

residential districts. Allowing restaurants and bars in T1 would reduce its viability as a low-intensity option for mixed-use development in smaller-scaled neighborhoods. No changes are proposed to the public hearing draft.

5. *Opposition to Applying Building Façade Continuity Design Standard in T1*

Summary. Some comments expressed concerns with the building façade continuity design standard applying to certain land uses in T1. Commenters felt it was not appropriate to require façade continuity for civic and institutional uses intended on large lots with large open spaces.

Response. The T District design standards are intended to ensure well-designed buildings with visual interest are built in areas zoned T. The proposed amendments include removing the T District design standards applicability table and subjecting all amended design standards to all new development in all T Districts. The building façade continuity design standard requires new buildings to provide a continuous façade along commercial and mixed-use streets. T1 is sometimes used for civic and institutional lots, making this design standard inappropriate for these contexts. The public hearing draft has been revised to reflect an exemption of this design standard for civic and institutional uses.

6. *Improve Organization of Intent Statements*

Summary. One set of comments recommended improvements to the organization of the T District intent statements so they have a more consistent flow.

Response. Revisions to the intent statements of the public hearing draft are proposed in Secs. 66.312 – 66.314 to better differentiate and describe the differences among the T Districts.

7. *Opposition to New Storage Facilities in T Districts*

Summary. Some comments were concerned with storage facilities being allowed in T Districts because the land use would not contribute to the vibrancy of nodes and transit corridors.

Response. Storage facility, mixed-use is proposed as a permitted land use in T3 and T4 as long as it does not exceed 15 percent of the floor area of a building, have storage units on the first floor or at skyway level, or have a primary entrance within the front third of the building. These standards help ensure that if a storage facility is included as part of a mixed-use project, it would be limited in size and would not negatively affect the pedestrian experience of the building. While storage facilities are not an active land use, a small-scale facility as part of a mixed-use project can provide important storage opportunities in urban contexts. Staff recommends maintaining the use as proposed.

8. *Further Simplify and Streamline Dimensional Standards and Footnotes*

Summary. One set of comments provided ideas for further simplifying the dimensional standards table and considerations for consolidating footnotes. The commenter noted that some dimensional standards can be altered based on footnotes and preferred a more straightforward approach to regulation. Comments also suggested replacing FAR standards with a requirement for shadow studies for projects over four stories or 50 feet, which are currently only required as part of a conditional use permit application. Comments stated that FAR was

difficult to understand and could lead to unpredictable built results. One commenter suggested a change to the way lot size is calculated.

Response. The proposed amendments simplify the dimensional standards by consolidating building types, FAR, heights, setbacks, etc. These improvements will make the dimensional standards table more straightforward and clear, as illustrated in the proposed clean amended table online. Other zoning district sections of the Saint Paul Zoning Code follow a similar organization, with dimensional standards tables followed by footnotes for alterations or exceptions to certain standards. While there are still opportunities to improve and simplify the T District table and footnotes to a greater extent, any additional change could be inconsistent with the organization of other zoning district sections. Staff recommends exploring opportunities for more streamlining that could benefit the Zoning Code overall in a separate future effort. Additionally, while FAR often needs a brief introduction, it serves an important purpose by standardizing the intensity and mass of buildings in mixed-use environments. Because the T Districts include minimum and maximum setback standards, the required FAR of a building will predictably be provided close to the street. Shadow studies are required on an as needed basis by the Planning Commission for projects applying for a conditional use permit for additional height. Requiring shadow studies for all new development over four stories or 50 feet would not provide a more streamlined, efficient process and would be unnecessary for many projects because of lot area, street buffers, or topography. Projects needing a CUP for height are precisely those that may have an impact to neighboring properties because of the additional height. Staff recommends maintaining FAR as the intensity standard in T Districts and continuing to only require shadow studies if needed as part of a CUP application. Lot size is calculated consistently throughout the city, so no changes are recommended to the public hearing draft to maintain consistency with other zoning districts.

9. *Remove Maximum Front Setback Standards*

Summary. One comment requested the removal of maximum front setback standards as they were perceived to be overly complex and unnecessary when the T Districts have requirements for parking to be placed to the side or behind buildings.

Response. Minimum and maximum setbacks create a setback range in which the building can be placed, which leads to predictable built results. Maximum front setback requirements are an important tool to ensure new development in walkable environments is built with a relationship to the street with easy access for pedestrians. The proposed setback ranges are somewhat flexible, striking the right balance between predictable built results and development flexibility given site-specific considerations. No changes to the public hearing draft are proposed.

10. *Consider Stricter AMI Requirement for Density Bonus*

Summary. One comment suggested lowering the AMI threshold because area median income is based on regional rental prices, which skew affordable rents to be less impactful in Saint Paul because the city generally has a lower average rent than other regional communities.

Response. In 2020, Saint Paul adopted an affordable housing density bonus in multifamily residential (RM) districts that closely mirrors the bonus currently proposed for T Districts. Since

its adoption, this RM provision has resulted in the creation of 19 affordable housing units, all of which were produced without the use of public subsidy. As with the existing RM affordable housing density bonus, the proposed affordable housing density bonus in T Districts is intended to facilitate the development of unsubsidized affordable housing units in new developments that would otherwise be entirely market rate. While the bonus can also support subsidized affordable housing by allowing greater density, it has not been utilized in that manner over the past five years in RM districts.

Public testimony suggested lowering the AMI threshold required to qualify for the bonus; however, doing so would substantially limit the proposed bonus's utility. Producing new units affordable to households below 60 percent AMI typically requires deep public subsidies, which the density bonus alone cannot support. As a result, it is highly unlikely that new housing developments targeting lower AMI levels would be financially viable without public funding. Lowering the AMI threshold below 60 percent AMI would therefore risk reducing the overall number of affordable units produced with the proposed text amendment, as it would eliminate the incentive to provide affordable units for unsubsidized housing developments that will otherwise be entirely market rate. For this reason, staff recommends maintaining the 60 percent AMI threshold for the affordable housing density bonus, consistent with the standards already in place in RM and H districts.

11. Interest in the Student Housing Overlay District

Summary. Many comments suggested changes to the Student Housing Overlay District.

Response. The T District Zoning Study does not relate to the Student Housing Overlay District. Changes to the Student Housing Overlay District may be considered in a future effort. No changes to the public hearing draft are proposed.

AMENDMENTS TO T DISTRICT STANDARDS

This section describes proposed amendments to T District land use, dimensional, and design standards. Each amendment's proposed action is listed, followed by background information. See Attachment 1 for redlines of proposed amendments.

Intent of Traditional Neighborhood Districts: Sec. 66.310

Sec. 66.311. - General intent, T traditional neighborhood districts.

Proposed Action: Replace "urban village" with "neighborhood node" and "transit corridor." Add reference to "civic and institutional." Replace references to "density" with "intensity."

Background: The term "urban village" is no longer commonly used in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, so references should be updated to "neighborhood node" and "transit corridor" to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. During initial zoning study outreach, a commenter noted that while the intent of T Districts references urban villages, which are localized and walkable, T Districts exist predominantly along corridors. "Civic and institutional" should be added to diversify the compatible mix of uses encouraged by the T Districts. "Intensity" is a more effective descriptor for the intent of

the T Districts than "density" because the term “density” can imply residential use, and the T Districts provide for a mix of uses.

Sec. 66.312. - Intent, T1 traditional neighborhood district.

Proposed Action: Reference the appropriateness of T1 zoning for traditional corner commercial buildings and civic and institutional uses. Add a descriptor to indicate T1 is a low-intensity traditional neighborhood district.

Background: T1 is not widely used throughout the city, and it tends to be isolated to individual lots or small groupings of lots. It is sometimes used for institutional lots (e.g., Luther Seminary, Concordia University), grade schools, churches, and libraries, as well as single family houses and service business uses.

Sec. 66.313. - Intent, T2 traditional neighborhood district.

Proposed Action: Add flexibility and a descriptor to indicate T2 is a medium-intensity traditional neighborhood district.

Background: T2 is widely used throughout the city, primarily along transit corridors, major thoroughfares, and neighborhood nodes, though there are some isolated parcels zoned T2. A majority of the isolated T2 districts are at corner locations and used for multifamily, institutional, or commercial buildings. Some flexibility in the T District intent statement is important to allow for the occasional use of T2 in areas beyond corridors or nodes. While the uses allowed in T2 and T3 districts are largely the same, the T2 district is distinguished from the T3 district by the height and intensity of allowed development.

Sec. 66.314. - Intent, T3 traditional neighborhood district.

Proposed Action: Add a descriptor to indicate T3 is a medium-intensity traditional neighborhood district. Delete reference to Sec. 66.314(a) to (d).

Background: The elements in Sec. 66.314(a) to (d) (i.e., mix of land uses, mix of housing types, system of streets, and system of open space) are more appropriate for large, master planned sites, and not reflective of how T3 has been used in practice.

Sec. 66.315. - Intent, T4 traditional neighborhood district.

Proposed Action: Add a descriptor to indicate T4 is a high-intensity traditional neighborhood district. Support development near transit corridors, in general.

Background: T4 is intended to support a variety of high intensity development types near transit, regardless of whether the mode is fixed rail, bus rapid transit, or regular route bus service, so the intent statement should reference “transit corridors” generally, instead of listing specific modes.

Traditional Neighborhood District Use Table: Sec. 66.321

Sec. 66.321. – Traditional neighborhood district use table.

Proposed Action: Remove “one-family dwelling” and “two-family dwelling” from being permitted in T3. Allow “cluster development” as a permitted/conditional use in all T Districts. Allow “general retail,” “tattoo shop,” and “health/sports club” as permitted uses in T1. Allow “animal day care” as a permitted use in T1 and T2. Allow “farmers market” without a possible conditional use permit in T1-

T4 (see below for more information). Remove “mail order house.” Allow “storage facility, mixed use” as a permitted use in T3 and T4.

Background: The intent of the T3 District calls for medium-intensity, pedestrian- and transit-oriented commercial, residential, civic, and institutional development, which is more compatible with medium and large-scale housing types than small, one-family and two-family dwellings (see below for more information). Cluster developments were clarified as an allowed land use and housing type during the 1-4 Unit Housing Study and adopted in the Zoning Code in 2023. The T Districts should also allow cluster developments if they meet certain use-specific standards (e.g., lot size, common open space, pedestrian path, etc.). T1 is intended to provide low-intensity, neighborhood-scale commercial, retail, and service uses in proximity to other uses, so “general retail,” “tattoo shop” and “health/sports club” should be allowed. Animal day care activity takes place within buildings and is a reasonable neighborhood-serving use in T1 and T2. “Mail order house” is an obsolete land use. Rental storage facilities should be allowed in T3 and T4 if located within a mixed-use building to match the allowances in B4 and B5.

Traditional Neighborhood District Density and Dimensional Standards: Sec. 66.331

Sec. 66.331. – Density and dimensional standards table.

Proposed Action: In T1 and T2 districts, combine “multifamily” and “nonresidential or mixed-use” into a single category labeled “All other.” In T3 and T4, combine building types into a single category labeled “All.” In T3, eliminate “1-family dwelling” and “2-family dwelling.” In T1 and T2 replace the range of units per acre for 1-family and 2-family dwelling uses with a minimum and maximum FAR requirement of 0.3-1.0. Use FAR as the intensity standard for all other uses and require a minimum FAR of 0.5 for T2 districts in light rail station areas. Allow building heights of 45 feet by right in T2 and 55 feet by right in T3. Reduce front yard setback minimums for 1 and 2 family dwellings from 15 feet to 10 feet in T1 and T2, and establish a 10-foot maximum front yard setback for the “All other” and “All” categories in T2, T3, and T4.

Background:

Building Type Consolidation. Having different T3 development standards by building type has been problematic in practice, leading to debate about what makes a building mixed-use. That is, how much space or percentage of space must be devoted to a commercial use to qualify as mixed-use and what are considered commercial uses? Do uses accessory to multifamily residential uses like fitness areas, virtual workspace areas, or common gathering areas/club rooms for recreation qualify as commercial space? Multifamily developers may opt for a mixed-use building, which allows a taller building height in T3 (i.e., 55 feet versus 45 feet for multifamily) without fully considering a commercial component and its occupiable space. Rather than differentiating building height by use, it is more useful to separate building types from land use terms, as multifamily and mixed-use buildings can often have very similar forms. It is more important to determine the building envelope and form and support the use(s) within the building envelope, if permitted by the zoning district.

FAR Consolidation and Replacement. The existing standards for density/intensity have been challenging to administer as small-scale housing types are required to use a density per acre standard, while larger scale building types follow a FAR standard. FAR, combined with the maximum setback standard, has proven to be an effective development standard to regulate massing and bulk of new construction, while still assuring the majority of the building will be placed near the public right-of-way. Given the smaller lot size of typical T1 and T2 lots (approximately 5,200 square feet), the minimum and maximum FAR standard will work effectively for smaller-scale 1 and 2 family dwellings while making intensity standards consistent among all T Districts.

Minimum Lot Width. The minimum lot width for 1 and 2 family uses in T1 and T2 is proposed to be revised to be consistent with the changes to minimum lot width for 1 and 2 family uses in the 1-4 Unit Housing Study. The minimum lot width for 1 and 2 family uses in T1 and T2 is proposed to align with the H2 district, with a minimum lot width of 25 feet.

Setback Maximum. The maximum setback is proposed to be 10 feet for all building types other than 1 and 2 family dwellings in T2 and all building types in T3 and T4. This is intended to provide predictability for pedestrian-oriented development built close to the sidewalk and street. There are exceptions if a lot abuts BC or residential zoning, for civic and institutional uses, and for outdoor gathering space, as described in footnote (i) below.

T2 Height Limit. The existing maximum building height for "multifamily" and "nonresidential or mixed-use" development in T2 is 35 feet, and up to 45 feet with a conditional use permit. The conditional use permit process involves a public hearing and can take several months, which can discourage otherwise desirable projects from being proposed. Anecdotally, developers assert that the cost of land, labor, and materials makes building a new development, especially if it has any structured parking, very difficult unless there are at least four stories. Mixed-use projects constructed in Saint Paul neighborhoods from 2015-2020 ranged in height from four to six stories. Planned or approved neighborhood mixed-use projects range in height from five to seven stories.[1] For this reason, a maximum building height of 45 feet is recommended for the proposed "All other" category in T2. By comparison, the maximum building height by right for multifamily is 40 feet in RM1 and 50 feet in RM2.

T3 Height Limit. Similar reasoning, as discussed above, applies to building heights in T3, where the existing maximum building height for multifamily is 45 feet and the maximum building height for mixed-use is 55 feet (and up to 90 feet with a conditional use permit for either type of development). If the "multifamily" and "nonresidential or mixed-use" building types are collapsed into a single category, a single maximum building height needs to be established; 55 feet is recommended (and up to 90 feet with a conditional use permit). This change allows an additional 10 feet of height by right, regardless of if the project includes a commercial component.

T3 Removal of One-Family and Two-Family. Given the intent of the T3 District, which calls for medium-intensity, pedestrian- and transit-oriented commercial, residential, civic, and institutional development, the one-family and two-family dwelling uses are no longer logical as a permitted land

[1] Retail Node and Mixed-Use Case Study, LOCi Consulting, March 9, 2021

use. Of the over 700 properties zoned T3 in the city, only a few dozen include an existing single-family dwelling, so this proposed change will create few nonconformities. Focusing on housing types with greater density in T3 better aligns with the future vision and goals of the city.

Sec. 66.331. – Density and dimensional standards table footnote (a)

Proposed Action: Change "shall be" to "is."

Background: Updating basic language in footnote (a) provides consistency with other amendments.

Sec. 66.331. – Density and dimensional standards table footnote (b)

Proposed Action: Remove footnote.

Background: Footnote (b) explains calculations for density regulations based on dwelling unit per acre. With the replacement of dwelling unit per acre with FAR, footnote (b) is no longer relevant. This also changes the order of the following footnotes.

Sec. 66.331. – Density and dimensional standards table footnote (c)

Proposed Action: Move FAR reference into table.

Background: Move the minimum 0.5 FAR requirement for light rail station areas into Table 66.331 where the intensity information is located. Since T3 and T4 already have a minimum FAR of 0.5, regardless of proximity to light rail station areas, the FAR minimum is moved to only T2 in the table.

Sec. 66.331. – Density and dimensional standards table footnote (d)

Proposed Action: Update language.

Background: Updating basic language in footnote (d) provides consistency with other amendments.

Sec. 66.331. - Density and dimensional standards table footnote (e)

Proposed Action: Allow structures up to 30 feet high along side and rear property lines adjoining RL-H2 districts at a common property line or alley. Add statement clarifying building heights in master planned areas.

Background: The maximum building height requirement of 25 feet along the side and rear property lines is intended to soften the impact of higher-density residential uses near lower density uses. However, this requirement should not apply to properties across the street from properties in RL-RT2 (now H2 as a result of the 1-4 Unit Housing Study) districts where right-of-way serves as a buffer between development and lower density residential districts. The requirement should apply at a common property line or an alley, not at a street. For example, the Liffey apartment building at the northeast corner of Snelling and Carroll Avenues fronts along Snelling with the side along Carroll. The side was required to be no more than 25 feet in height at the property line due to the RT1 residential zoning district across Carroll to the south. The developer received a variance of this requirement, allowing the building to be 45 feet in height along Carroll (see Figure 2).

The H districts now allow heights of 35–39 feet depending on district and roof type. The T districts should not be more restrictive than the H districts. The maximum allowable height at side and rear property lines should be increased to 30 feet so that buildings are allowed to have similar heights as H districts when accounting for required setbacks. For example, a side or rear setback requirement in a T district may be 6 feet, meaning the building could be 36 feet tall at the setback line.

Current zoning regulations require a conditional use permit for building heights that exceed maximum building heights, even when the building height is stated in, and consistent with, an approved T District master plan. Given that master plans involve comprehensive and detailed analysis of site conditions and opportunities, and undergo an extensive public review process, there is no need to require a conditional use permit for additional height if the height has been considered by the master plan.

Figure 2: Liffey Apartment Building at Snelling & Carroll Avenue

Sec. 66.331. - Density and dimensional standards table footnote (f)

Proposed Action: Remove footnote.

Background: A conditional use permit for additional height is no longer needed if 45 feet is the by right maximum building height permitted in T2 (with the amendment discussed above).

Sec. 66.331. - Density and dimensional standards table footnote (new)

Proposed Action: Establish a FAR density bonus for projects that include affordable dwelling units.

Background: The deleted footnote (f) above is replaced by this proposed density bonus amendment. A density bonus is proposed for T1-T3. Ninety-three percent of all T zoned parcels are zoned T1, T2, T3, or T3M, so the density bonus would apply to most land under T zoning. No density bonus is proposed for T4 because it has no maximum FAR, so a FAR bonus would not be an incentive. The proposed amendment is structured with nearly identical language to the density bonus for the RM and H1-H2 districts for consistent administration processes and alignment with the 4d program.

Sec. 66.331. – Density and dimensional standards table footnote (g)

Proposed Action: Allow development at light rail station areas between Lexington Parkway and Marion Street to have the same development potential as other light rail station areas along University Avenue. Add statement clarifying building heights in master planned areas.

Background: Development at light rail station areas should have the same development regardless of location. Similar to the discussion above, building heights stated in an adopted master plan should be allowed by right.

Sec. 66.331. – Density and dimensional standards table footnote (h)

Proposed Action: Add statement clarifying building heights in master planned areas.

Background: Like the discussions above, building heights stated in an adopted master plan should be allowed by right.

Sec. 66.331. – Density and dimensional standards table footnote (i)

Proposed Action: Clarify minimum and maximum setbacks if abutting BC or residential zoning. Clarify the amount of building façade that may exceed the maximum setback. Exempt civic and institutional buildings from the maximum setback requirement. Amend language in design standard

Sec. 66.343(6) and move it to Table 66.331 footnote (i) (now becoming footnote (h)). Clarify that both the minimum and maximum setback standards apply to the preservation program and design review guidelines.

Background: Instead of determining setbacks based on case-by-case measurements of adjoining property, which can be challenging for applicants and staff, the setback maximums can be increased up to 25 feet to relate to the surrounding context of mixed-use urban neighborhoods. New development should generally be required to be sited within the maximum setback, but there should be flexibility for up to 40 percent of the building façade to exceed the maximum setback to facilitate the development of courtyard buildings, cluster developments, and outdoor dining and gathering spaces. Civic and institutional buildings in T1 and T2 districts should be exempt from the maximum front yard setback requirement. T1 and T2 are widely used and generally appropriate for civic and institutional uses (e.g., churches, colleges, libraries, etc.), which typically have larger front setbacks and open space. The relocated design standard language relates to setback maximums on corner lots at transit platforms so is more appropriate in this footnote (more information on reorganized and revised design standards can be found below).

Sec. 66.331. – Density and dimensional standards table footnote (j)

Proposed Action: Update language.

Background: Updating basic language in footnote (j) provides consistency with other amendments.

Sec. 66.331. – Density and dimensional standards table footnote (k)

Proposed Action: Update language.

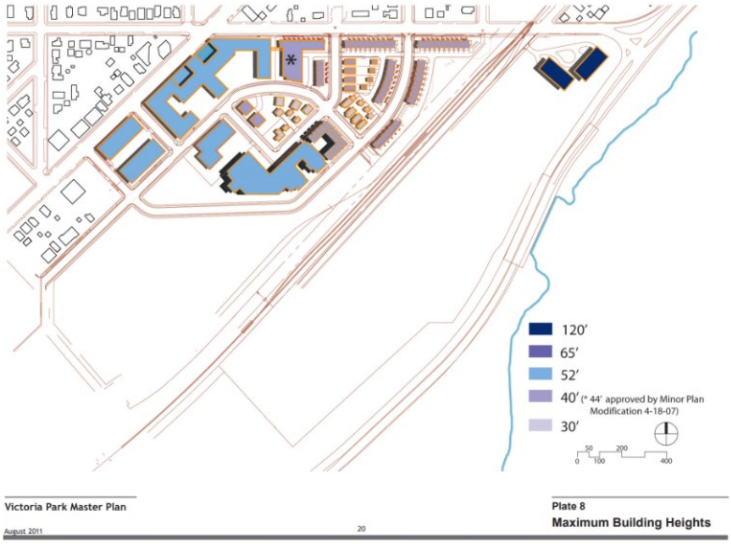
Background: Updating basic language in footnote (k) provides consistency with other amendments.

Sec. 66.331. – Density and dimensional standards table footnote (l)

Proposed Action: Remove footnote.

Background: A newly proposed provision in Sec. 66.331 footnote (g), discussed above, allows a height stated in an adopted master plan to exceed the height limit for the district in Table 66.331. Consequently, the building height limits for the master plans detailed in footnote (l) are no longer needed. Figure 3 provides an example of master plan building heights.

Figure 3: Victoria Park Master Plan Building Heights Example



Required Conditions in Traditional Neighborhood Districts: Sec. 66.340

Sec. 66.341. – Required Conditions in T1-T2 traditional neighborhood districts, and Sec. 66.342. - Parking requirements in T3–T4 traditional neighborhood districts.

Proposed Action: Move the parking design standard from Sec. 66.343 to the required conditions section since both Sec. 66.341 and 66.342 address parking placement. Remove conditional use permit requirement for conversion of commercial buildings in T1 and T2.

Background: The design standard for proximity of parking to a corner should be moved from design standards (Sec. 66.343) to consolidate and clarify all T district parking conditions in one location. The conditional use permit requirement for conversions of commercial buildings to more than 50 percent residential use in T1 and T2 has not proven to be useful in practice and can be deleted, especially since the remainder of subsection (c) ensures quality building form.

Traditional Neighborhood District Design Standards: Sec. 66.343

Sec. 66.343(a). – Traditional Neighborhood District Design Standards, Applicability.

Proposed Action: Amend the introduction to remove subjective language. Delete, move, and consolidate standards where appropriate.

Background: The T District design standards apply to development within T1-T4 districts. Sec. 66.343(a) discusses the applicability of the design standards. Table 66.343 lists the 23 categories of design standards and identifies which standards apply in each T District. Sec. 66.343(b) describes each of the design standards in detail. Some unclear introductory language suggests that DSI staff should decide whether there are circumstances unique to the property that call for a design standard to be varied (i.e., a site or proposal does not have to be consistent with design standards). This is a role more effectively handled by the Board of Zoning Appeals or Planning Commission using established findings to evaluate requests, rather than subjectively by staff. There is overlap between regulations in the T District design standards (Sec. 66.343) and the regulations in the building design standards (Sec. 63.110). Consolidated standards will be clearer and more efficient. With the consolidation and streamlining of design standards, it is now more logical for all amended design standards to apply to all T Districts, so there is no longer a need for a table that illustrates design standard applicability.

Sec. 66.343(b)(1). – Land Use Diversity.

Proposed Action: Remove design standard.

Background: This design standard applies to T3 and T4 districts. While land use diversity is desirable, land uses are more appropriately regulated in the land use table. This design standard is also difficult to administer because most zoning applications involve a single lot.

Sec. 66.343(b)(2). – Transitions to Lower-Density Neighborhoods.

Proposed Action: Remove design standard.

Background: This design standard applies to T2-T4 districts. This standard is difficult to administer because it is subjective and lacks specificity for what is and is not acceptable.

Sec. 66.343(b)(3). – Block Length.

Proposed Action: Move design standard to Chapter 69, Subdivision Regulations.

Background: This design standard applies to T2-T4 districts. The standard for block length is proposed to be moved from the T District design standards to the subdivision regulations in Chapter 69, where block length is regulated citywide. Discussion of the proposed amendment is located in the section of this memo related to Chapter 69.

Sec. 66.343(b)(4). – Compatible Rehabilitation and Reuse.

Proposed Action: Clarify characteristics of "traditional buildings."

Background: This design standard applies to all T Districts. DSI staff requested clarification on the purpose and intent of "traditional buildings."

Sec. 66.343(b)(5). – Use Established Building Façade Lines.

Proposed Action: Remove design standard.

Background: This design standard applies to T1-T3 districts. Front yard setbacks are regulated in Table 66.331 and footnote (i) and achieve the goal of having setbacks for new buildings relate to the setbacks of existing buildings on a block.

Sec. 66.343(b)(6). – Buildings Anchor the Corner.

Proposed Action: Remove design standard.

Background: This design standard applies to all T Districts. The building design standards (Sec. 63.110) already address the need for buildings on corner lots to "hold the corner." Additional proposed language in the amendments to Sec. 63.110 call for facades, frontages, and/or projections within 15 feet of the lot line along both streets to establish a relationship between the building and the sidewalks. The portion of the design standard dealing with corner lots at light rail station platforms is proposed to be moved and integrated into footnote (i) of Table 66.331.

Sec. 66.343(b)(7). – Front Yard Landscaping.

Proposed Action: Add a statement to increase safety in publicly accessible private spaces.

Background: This design standard applies to all T Districts. The amendment is proposed in an effort to better address strategies related to crime prevention through environmental design.

Sec. 66.343(b)(8). – Building Façade Continuity.

Proposed Action: Update language.

Background: The existing design standard applies to T2-T4 districts. With the removal of the applicability table, as discussed above, this design standard is proposed to apply to all T districts.

Sec. 66.343(b)(9). – Building Façade Articulation.

Proposed Action: Revise to better address frontages. Update the base requirement to 30 feet.

Background: This design standard applies to all T Districts. It should be refocused on pedestrian-oriented frontage elements on the base of buildings, aligning the dimension (30 feet) with other recent Zoning Code amendments (i.e., East Grand Avenue Overlay District). This standard works together with the building design standards (Sec. 63.110) and other T District standards that address elements related to the human scale (e.g., primary entrance features/frontages, transparency, etc.).

Sec. 66.343(b)(10). – Building Height – Treatment of 1-Story Buildings.

Proposed Action: Clarify regulations for one-story buildings vs. two-story buildings.

Background: This design standard applies to all T Districts. It should more effectively address one-story and two-story buildings and design elements.

Sec. 66.343(b)(11). – Definition of Residential Entries.

Proposed Action: Remove design standard.

Background: This design standard applies to all T Districts. The building design standards in Sec. 63.110 adequately address this standard.

Sec. 66.343(b)(12). – Entrance Location.

Proposed Action: Add "nonresidential" for clarity and add flexibility for entrances facing pedestrian-oriented courtyards.

Background: This design standard applies to all T Districts. The word "nonresidential" is inserted to make it clear that in multi-tenant buildings any ground floor nonresidential use with street frontage must have an entrance facing the street. Ground floor nonresidential uses in multi-tenant buildings should have an entrance facing the street for pedestrian access, but multifamily residential uses should not be required to do so, as it may not be appropriate for some housing types, like a courtyard building. This amendment also provides flexibility for a building entrance to face an outdoor pedestrian-oriented courtyard on a primary street frontage, not only a street.

Sec. 66.343(b)(13). – Door and Window Openings – Minimum and Character.

Proposed Action: Remove overly prescriptive standards and move standard related to glass opacity to the building design standards (Sec. 63.110(c)).

Background: This design standard applies to all T Districts. The requirement for windows to be designed with punched and recessed openings is removed because the design standard is too prescriptive and may not be appropriate for all buildings.

Sec. 66.343(b)(14). – Materials and Detailing.

Proposed Action: Clarify materials list and allow synthetic stucco as an acceptable material.

Background: This design standard applies to all T Districts. Synthetic stucco products have improved and issues with water retention have been addressed since the adoption of this standard, so this material is proposed to be removed from the list of buildings materials that are not allowed. Other amendments are proposed for consistency with Section 66.542.

Sec. 66.343(b)(15). – Screening of Equipment and Service Areas.

Proposed Action: Update language.

Background: The existing design standard applies to T2-T4 districts. With the removal of the applicability table, as discussed above, this design standard is proposed to apply to all T districts.

Sec. 66.343(b)(16). – Interconnected Street and Alley Network.

Proposed Action: Remove obsolete street type references.

Background: The existing design standard applies to T2-T4 districts. With the removal of the applicability table, as discussed above, this design standard is proposed to apply to all T districts. References to options other than the existing street and alley network are removed, except for cul-de-sac streets, which are still allowed but continue to be discouraged. An example of a cul-de-sac in

a T District is the stretch of Asbury Street west of Allianz Field, where MnDOT restricts access to Snelling Avenue. Chapter 69 of the Zoning Code, which relates to subdivision regulations, addresses street and alley standards, alignment, and widths. Sec. 69.501 calls for streets to connect or terminate at other streets to the extent possible and discourages cul-de-sac streets except where traffic safety or physical site constraints make them necessary.

Sec. 66.343(b)(17). – On-Street Parking.

Proposed Action: Remove design standard.

Background: This design standard applies to T2-T4 districts. It poses public right-of-way requirements rather than private development requirements and it is difficult to administer. The Street Design Manual should govern in this case, per Public Works.

Sec. 66.343(b)(18). – Parking Location and Entrance Design.

Proposed Action: Revise to only apply to structured parking. Add requirement for structured parking to be designed with level floors. Move surface parking provisions to Sec. 66.341 and 66.342, which address parking placement.

Background: This design standard is amended to apply only to structured parking in T Districts. Structured parking should be designed with level floors so it can be converted to other uses if parking is no longer needed, and the design is determined cost-effective. This requirement exists for the Highland Bridge and United Village master planned areas.

Sec. 66.343(b)(19). – Residential Garage Location.

Proposed Action: Revise the title to refer to one- or two-family garages. Address corner lots.

Background: This design standard applies to all T Districts. The title is amended to clarify applicable housing types. A statement is added to clarify that corner lots may be accessed from the side street.

Sec. 66.343(b)(20). – Parking Lot Lighting.

Proposed Action: Update language.

Background: The existing design standard applies to T2-T4 districts. With the removal of the applicability table, as discussed above, this design standard is proposed to apply to all T districts.

Sec. 66.343(b)(21). – Entrance Location for Transit Access.

Proposed Action: Clarify applicability for direct access to all modes of transit.

Background: This design standard applies to all T Districts. The standard should apply to all transit modes, such as light rail, bus, BRT, and streetcar, and should call for building entrances to provide direct access to transit stations.

Sec. 66.343(b)(22). – Street Trees.

Proposed Action: Remove unnecessary references and explanations.

Background: This design standard applies to all T Districts. The amendments provide streamlining.

Sec. 66.343(b)(23). – Sidewalks.

Proposed Action: Clarify sidewalk widths in certain T Districts.

Background: This design standard applies to all T Districts. The standard is amended to call for specific sidewalk widths in certain T Districts and provide a reference to the Street Design Manual for additional information on specific requirements.

Sec. 66.344. – Traditional Neighborhood District Planning Requirements.

Proposed Action: Replace reference to "precinct plan" with "district plan." Clarify expectations related to block-level analyses. Improve language consistency related to "modifications" vs. "amendments." Introduce provisions for administrative modifications of T District design standards in master planned areas.

Background: The term "precinct plan" is not typically used for plans related to T Districts, while "district" plan is a term used regularly. The portion of this section dealing with master plans references a block-level analysis that designates blocks or portions of blocks as "mixed residential," "mixed-use," "edge," and "transition." In practice, block-level analysis has been more general, referencing primary building types and land uses on each block but without these particular context labels. The language used for changes to master plans is revised from "modification" to "amendment" to be consistent with the language used in Sec. 66.951. New modifications of T District design standards in areas with an approved master plan could be approved administratively by the planning administrator to streamline the review process and facilitate efficient development of master planned areas. The changes would allow for additional design flexibility to respond to unforeseen design challenges and/or changing market conditions. The modifications would be required to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and approved master plan. This type of modification would not allow changes to public infrastructure.

Sec. 66.345. – Traditional Neighborhood District Master Plan Elements.

Proposed Action: Remove section.

Background: In practice, the provisions in Sec. 66.345 have not been used or applied to a T3M or T4M district. T District master plans are designed to fit the context and needs of a particular site. The generic standards in Sec. 66.345 have never been appropriate for this and are superfluous code language that should be deleted.

Amendments to Other Chapters of the Zoning Code Related to T Districts

This section describes proposed amendments to sections of the Zoning Code that are affected by text amendments to T Districts, including projections into yards, building design standards, uses, and subdivisions. Each amendment's proposed action is listed, followed by any relevant background information. See Attachment 1 for redlines of proposed amendments.

Construction of Language: Sec. 60.104

Proposed Action: Update construction of language terms.

Background: Planning staff is updating Code verbiage to conform to modern industry standards. Overall, the term "must" should be used rather than "shall." In other cases, "should" or "may" are also replaced by "must" for clarity of implementation.

Projections into Yards: Sec. 63.106

Proposed Action: Clarify balcony projections and lot coverage applicability.

Background: For privacy purposes, balconies should not be allowed to project closer than two feet from a property line. The 1-4 Unit Housing Study included an amendment to allow balconies on the second floor and above to project into a required yard along a street or an alley. While the amendment did not state whether balconies should be subject to lot area requirements, the intent was for balconies to be exempt since they are above the first story.

Building Design Standards: Sec. 63.110

Proposed Action: Consolidate design standards. Clarify pedestrian-oriented standards for primary entrances. Require nonresidential buildings to allow views into and out of the building interior. Clarify primary entrance vs. setback requirements, including requirements for holding the corner.

Background: There is overlap between T District design standards (Sec. 66.343) and the building design standards (Sec. 63.110). Consolidating the T District and building design standards is proposed for clarity and efficiency in the code. This is also discussed in the section of the memo related to T District design standards.

Primary entrances must be located within the front third of the structure for easy pedestrian access, but it is acceptable for them to be located off a courtyard. Primary entrances should have frontage elements that relate to the human scale. Connections to the abutting sidewalk and driveways should be made with limited instances where pedestrians would need to cross drives or other vehicle movements. Windows in nonresidential buildings should allow views into and out of the building interior to increase walkability and safety. Using "pedestrian-oriented commercial districts" as the determinant for setback applicability is subjective and confusing. Setback standards are established in the dimensional standards table, so the standards in this section are clearer if focused on primary entrances on blocks with existing development. For development sites on corners, buildings should be required to hold the corner and establish a relationship between the building and the sidewalk.

Land Use Definition and Development Standards: Chapter 65

Sec. 65.130. – Cluster development.

Proposed Action: Add land use standards for T Districts**.**

Background: Cluster developments are a neighborhood-scale multi-unit housing type appropriate in T districts. The use is being proposed to be added to the use table in Sec. 66.321 and therefore requires an amendment in the use standards to acknowledge the T District dimensional standards that differ from the RL-H2 dimensional standards (e.g., FAR vs. lot area per unit).

Sec. 65.412. - General retail.

Proposed Action: Update "general retail" to better accommodate neighborhood-scale uses.

Background: Including "leathergoods" in the general retail land use category helps clarify that this specific use is permissible where general retail is allowed. To better accommodate neighborhood-scale retail uses in T1 contexts, a maximum threshold of 5,000 square feet is proposed.

Sec. 65.515. Farmers market.

Proposed Action: Update land use standard to remove conditional use permit applicability.

Background: Farmers markets are a temporary use that support small-scale, local entrepreneurs. The T Districts should be the most flexible and accessible zoning districts to accommodate this use in the city. This amendment removes the possible conditional use permit requirement (see above) and allows farmers markets with more than five vendors in T Districts by right.

Sec. 65.613. - Coffee shop, tea house.

Proposed Action: Increase size of coffee shops allowed in T1. Delete reference to accessory cabaret.

Background: Saint Paul has precedent for many neighborhood-scale coffee shops over 800 square feet that would be appropriate in T1 areas. Increasing the threshold to 1,500 square feet allows more flexibility for coffee shops and tea houses in small-scale urban neighborhoods.

Sec. 65.614. – Restaurant, Sec. 65.780. – Limited production and processing, and Sec. 65.782. – Printing and publishing.

Proposed Action: Clarify applicability of standards for a conditional use permit.

Background: These uses are identified as P/C (permitted/conditional) for T2-T4 districts in the use table (Sec. 66.321). The conditions for the uses require a conditional use permit in T2 and T3 for projects of more than 15,000 square feet; the language is silent on the standards and conditions in T4. The amendment is recommended to consistently regulate the uses with other similar uses, like larger general retail, craft brewery, and agriculture uses. T4 districts are not necessarily intended for larger uses, but the development height and intensity are larger and more flexible. The development pattern sought in T Districts in general is equally desirable in T4 as it is in T2 and T3 districts.

Sec. 65.785. – Storage facility, rental.

Proposed Action: Rework storage facility uses to be more appropriate for mixed-use developments.

Background: The Zoning Code was amended several years ago to allow rental storage facility as a permitted use in B4 and B5 (it was previously just an industrial use) because a self-storage business was proposed in the Custom House downtown, which all parties agreed was logical. It was recognized that urban living, including people who may be downsizing, creates demand for self-storage and that it is inefficient to relegate storage to only industrial areas. It was also agreed that the negative impacts could be controlled by limiting the size of storage facilities in mixed-use buildings and ensuring active ground floor areas are maintained. This can also apply to the more intense T Districts, as over time there may be demand for limited storage uses as part of a mixed-use development in appropriate sites along dense transit corridors.

Residential District Dimensional Standards: Sec. 66.231

Proposed Amendment: Update language related to income restrictions for consistency.

Background: The proposed amendment to the RM affordable housing density bonus is intended to clarify what is required for income restrictions on affordable units and make the language consistent with the existing H1/H2 density bonus and the proposed T District density bonus.

Multiple-Family Design Standards: Sec. 66.241

Proposed Action: Update cross-references.

Background: Since some of the T Districts standards apply to RM districts, the cross-references in this section need to be amended to be consistent with the amendments in the T Districts.

Business District Use Table: Sec. 66.421

Proposed Action: Update use table for consistency.

Background: Remove "mail order house" as it is an obsolete land use. The Zoning Code was amended several years ago to allow rental storage facility as a permitted use in B4 and B5. The land use is being modified to better acknowledge mixed-use development. See discussion above related to the T Districts for more information.

EG East Grand Avenue Overlay District: Sec. 67.600

Proposed Action: Remove reference to T "2" design standards.

Background: The East Grand Avenue Overlay District was amended in August 2024. The amendments maintained a reference to T2 design standards, subjecting all new development within the overlay boundary to the list of design standards applicable to T2. Given the removal of the T District design standard applicability table, as discussed above, it is no longer necessary or relevant to indicate a specific set of zoning district design standards that must be followed.

Subdivision Regulations: Blocks: Sec. 69.507

Proposed Action: Consolidate block length standards in this section.

Background: For efficiency, the T District design standard related to block length is proposed to be moved from the design standards section in Chapter 66 to the subdivision regulations in Chapter 69, where block length is regulated. The existing maximum block length in 69.507 for residential areas is 1000 feet. The proposed amendments to Sec. 69.507 changes this to a range with a maximum of 660 feet to better align with the length of existing blocks in the city.

Subdivision Regulations: Street Trees: Sec. 69.600

Proposed Action: Update standards to align with City Forestry practices.

Background: City Forestry staff prepared proposed language to provide more flexibility for allowable tree species and remove ash trees from being allowed.

CNPC RECOMMENDATION

The Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee recommends that the Planning Commission provide a recommendation of approval to the City Council on the Traditional Neighborhood District Zoning Study.

PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW SCHEDULE

Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee Review – April 2025

Planning Commission Release for Public Review and Set Public Hearing – April 2025

Outreach and engagement with community district councils, development community, and the Business Review Council during public review period prior to the Planning Commission public hearing – May 2025

Planning Commission Public Hearing – Summer 2025

Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee Review of Public Hearing Testimony and Recommendation – Summer 2025

Planning Commission Action on Committee Recommendation – Summer 2025

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Amendments
2. Planning Commission Resolution Initiating the T District Zoning Study
3. 2040 Comprehensive Plan Policies
4. Community Outreach Summary
5. Planning Commission Public Hearing Testimony

ARTICLE III. 66.300. TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICTS

Division 1. 66.310. Intent

Sec. 66.311. General intent, T traditional neighborhood districts.

~~TN t~~Traditional neighborhood districts are intended to foster ~~the development and growth of~~ compact, pedestrian-oriented ~~urban villages~~ development in neighborhood nodes, along transit corridors, and at large redevelopment sites. All four (4) districts are intended to encourage a compatible mix of commercial, ~~and~~ residential, civic, and institutional uses within buildings, sites and blocks; new development in proximity to major transit streets and corridors; and additional choices in housing.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Sec. 66.312. Intent, T1 low-intensity traditional neighborhood district.

The T1 traditional neighborhood district ~~is intended to~~ provides for neighborhood-scale compact, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use areas ~~of limited size,~~ with a variety of residential, office, ~~and~~ service, civic, and institutional uses ~~that primarily serve neighborhood needs~~. It is also intended for corner commercial buildings in residential areas and to serve as a transitional use of land along major thoroughfares~~,~~ and between commercial or industrial districts and residential districts ~~or other less intensive land uses~~.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Sec. 66.313. Intent, T2 medium-intensity traditional neighborhood district.

The T2 traditional neighborhood district ~~is designed for use in existing or potential pedestrian and transit nodes. Its intent is to foster and support~~ provides for medium-intensity compact, pedestrian-oriented commercial, ~~and~~ residential, civic, and institutional development that~~, in turn, can~~ supports ~~and increase~~ transit usage. It is intended primarily for neighborhood nodes and along existing or planned transit corridors. It encourages~~, but does not require,~~ pedestrian-oriented development with a variety of uses and housing types, ~~with~~and appropriate ~~careful attention to the amount and placement of parking and~~ transitions to adjacent residential neighborhoods.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Sec. 66.314. Intent, T3 medium-intensity traditional neighborhood district.

The T3 traditional neighborhood district provides for medium-intensity~~higher-density pedestrian- and transit-oriented~~ residential and commercial mixed-use development in higher intensity neighborhood nodes and transit corridors. It ~~is designed for~~ encourages transit-oriented development with a variety of land uses and higher density housing types to accommodate households of varying sizes, ages, and incomes. ~~development or redevelopment of land on sites large enough to support:~~

~~(a) A mix of uses, including residential, commercial, civic and open space uses in close proximity to one another;~~

~~(b) A mix of housing styles, types and sizes to accommodate households of varying sizes, ages and incomes;~~

~~(c) A system of interconnected streets and paths that offer multiple routes for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists, and are connected to existing and future streets;~~

~~(d) A system of open space resources and amenities; and incorporation of environmental features into the design of the neighborhood.~~

~~The T3 district is also intended for smaller sites in an existing mixed-use neighborhood center where some of the above elements already exist, or in an area identified in the comprehensive plan as a potential "urban village" site. The above elements may be found within the T3 district or adjacent to it; the intent is that all would be present within a reasonable walking distance.~~

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Sec. 66.315. Intent, T4 high-intensity traditional neighborhood district.

The T4 traditional neighborhood district provides for high-intensity-density, transit-supportive, pedestrian-friendly mixed-use development. It is particularly intended for use near transit stops along fixed rail transit (including commuter rail, light rail and trolley) corridors, existing and planned transit corridors where a greatermore frequent transit service and reliance on transit makes high-density intensity mixed-use development possible and desirable.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Division 2. 66.320. Principal Uses in Traditional Neighborhood Districts

Sec. 66.321. Traditional neighborhood district use table.

Table 66.321, traditional neighborhood district uses, lists all permitted and conditional uses in the T1—T4 traditional neighborhood districts, and notes applicable development standards and conditions.

Table 66.321. Traditional Neighborhood District Uses

Use	T1	T2	T3	T4	Definition (d) Standards (s)
Residential Uses					
Dwellings					
One-family dwelling	P	P	P		(d), (s)
Two-family dwelling	P	P	P		(d)
Cluster development	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Multiple-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	(d)
Housing for the elderly	P	P	P	P	(d)
Mixed Commercial—Residential Uses					
Home occupation	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Live-work unit	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Mixed residential and commercial use	P	P	P	P	
Congregate Living					
Adult care home	P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Community residential facility, licensed correctional	C	C	C	C	(d), (s)
Dormitory	P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Emergency housing facility	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Foster home	P	P	P	P	(d)
Fraternity, sorority	P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Roominghouse	C	C	C	C	(d), (s)
Shelter for battered persons	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Sober house	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Supportive housing facility	P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Civic and Institutional Uses					
Club, noncommercial		P	P	P	(d)
College, university, seminary, or similar institution of higher learning	P	P	P	P	(d)
Community center	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Day care	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Homeless services facility	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Museum	P/C	P	P	P	(s)
Public library	P	P	P	P	

Public and private park, playground	P	P	P	P	
Religious institution	P	P	P	P	(d)
School, primary & secondary	P	P	P	P	
Trade school, arts school, dance school, etc.	P	P	P	P	
Public Services and Utilities					
Antenna, cellular telephone	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Municipal building or use	P	P	P	P	(s)
Solar energy generation facility, community	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Utility or public service building	C	C	C	C	(d), (s)
Commercial Uses					
Office, Retail, and Service Uses					
General office, studio	P	P	P	P	(d)
General retail	P	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Service business, general	P	P	P	P	(d)
Service business with showroom or workshop		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Animal boarding			P		(d), (s)
Animal day care	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Artist's studio	P	P	P	P	(d)
Business sales and services		P	P		(d)
Drive-through sales and services, principal and accessory		C			(s)
Dry cleaning, commercial laundry		P	P	P	(s)
Farmers market	P~~/C~~	P~~/C~~	P~~/C~~	P~~/C~~	(d), (s)
Garden center, outdoor		P	P	P	(d), (s)
Hospital		C	C	C	(d)
Mortuary, funeral home		P	P	P	
Outdoor uses, commercial		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Tattoo shop	P	P	P	P	
Tobacco products shop		P/C	P	P	(d), (s)
Veterinary clinic		P	P	P	(d), (s)
Food and Beverages					
Bar		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Brew on premises store		P	P	P	(d), (s)
Coffee shop, tea house	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Restaurant		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Restaurant, fast food		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Commercial Recreation, Entertainment and Lodging					
Bed and breakfast residence	P	P	P	P	(d)
Hotel		P	P	P	(d)
Short term rental dwelling unit	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Health/sports club	P	P	P	P	(d)
Indoor recreation		C	C	C	(d), (s)
Outdoor sports/entertainment				P	(s)
Reception hall/rental hall		C	C	C	
Theater, assembly hall		P/C	P/C	P/C	(s)
Automobile Services					
Auto body shop				C	(d), (s)
Auto convenience market		C	C		(d), (s)
Auto service station		C	C		(d), (s)
Parking Facilities					

Parking facility, commercial		C	C	C	(d), (s)
Transportation					
Bus or railroad passenger station			C	C	
Railroad right-of-way	C	C	C	C	(s)
Limited Production and Processing					
Agriculture	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Brewery, craft		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Distillery, craft		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Limited production and processing		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
~~Mail order house~~		~~P~~	~~P~~	~~P~~	
Printing and publishing		P/C	P/C	P/C	(s)
Storage facility, mixed-use			P	P	(d), (s)
Winery, craft		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Accessory Uses					
Accessory use	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Dwelling unit, accessory	P	P	P		(d), (s)
Micro-unit dwellings accessory to a religious institution	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)

P - Permitted use C - Conditional use requiring a conditional use permit

Notes to table 66.321, principal uses in traditional neighborhood districts:

(d) Definition for the use in Chapter 65, Land Use Definitions and Development Standards.

(s) Standards and conditions for the use in Chapter 65, Land Use Definitions and Development Standards.

(C.F. No. 08-640, § 4, 7-9-08; Ord No. 11-26, § 2, 3-23-11; Ord No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord No. 12-26, § 1, 5-23-12; Ord 13-44, § 2, 8-28-13; Ord 13-51, § 5, 11-13-13; Ord 13-57, § 3, 12-4-13; Ord 15-5, § 3, 2-5-15; Ord 16-5, § 1, 4-13-16; Ord 16-25, § 1, 8-17-16; Ord 16-13, § 5, 9-14-16; Ord 17-1, § 3, 1-25-17; Ord 17-38, § 4, 10-25-17; Ord 19-10, § 1, 6-26-19; Ord 19-72, § 2, 1-8-20; Ord 22-3, § 1, 1-19-22; Ord 21-33, § 1, 11-10-21; Ord 23-43, § 7, 10-18-23; Ord 23-57, § 3, 12-13-23)

Division 3. 66.330. Traditional Neighborhood District Density and Dimensional Standards

Sec. 66.331. - Density and dimensional standards table.

Table 66.331, traditional neighborhood district dimensional standards, sets forth density and dimensional standards that are specific to traditional neighborhood districts. These standards are in addition to the provisions of chapter 63, regulations of general applicability. Where an existing building does not conform to the following requirements, the building may be expanded without fully meeting the requirements as long as the expansion does not increase the nonconformity.

Table 66.331. Traditional Neighborhood District Dimensional Standards

Building Type by Zoning District	~~Density~~Intensity	Lot Area~~Size~~ Min.~~imum~~ (per principal unit)	Lot Width Min.	Building Height (feet)		Yard Setbacks (feet)		
	Min.—Max.(a)	~~Area~~ (sq. ft.)(a)	~~Width~~ (feet)	Min.	Max.	Front Min.—Max.	Side Min.	Rear Min.
T1								

1- & 2-family dwelling	~~6—12 units/acre (b)~~ 0.3-1.0 FAR (e)	~~3500~~1000 ~~(b)~~	~~30~~ 25	none	35 (~~ed~~)	10~~5~~—25 (~~ih~~)	(~~kj~~)	15
~~2-family /townhouse~~	~~8—20 units/acre (b)~~	~~2000 (b)~~	~~20~~	~~none~~	~~35 (e)~~	~~10—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~15~~
~~Multifamily~~ All other	~~10—25 units/acre (b)~~ 0.3-1.0 FAR (e)	~~1700 (b)~~ n/a	n/a	none	35 (~~ed~~)	~~1~~0—25 (~~ih~~)	(~~kj~~)	(~~kj~~)
~~Nonresidential or mixed use~~	~~0.3—1.0 FAR~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~none~~	~~35 (e)~~	~~0—25~~	~~(k)~~	~~(k)~~
T2								
1- & 2-family dwelling	~~6—12 units/acre (b)~~ 0.3-1.0 FAR (e)	~~3500~~1000 ~~(b)~~	~~30~~ 25	none	35 (~~ed~~)	10~~5~~—25 (~~ih~~)	(~~kj~~)	15
~~2-family /townhouse~~	~~8—20 units/acre (b)~~	~~2000~~1000 ~~(b)~~	~~20~~ 25	~~none~~	~~35 (e)~~	~~10—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~15~~
~~Multifamily~~	~~FAR as for mixed use~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~none~~	~~35 (e), (f)~~	~~10—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~(k)~~
~~Nonresidential or mixed use~~ All other	0.3—2.0 FAR with surface parking, 0.3—3.0 FAR with structured or no parking, and 0.5 min. FAR in light rail station areas (~~cb~~), (e)	n/a	n/a	none	4~~3~~5 (~~ed~~)~~,~~ ~~(f)~~	0—10 (~~j~~h), (i)	(~~kj~~)	(~~kj~~)
T3								
~~1-family dwelling~~	~~8—12 units/acre (b)~~	~~3500 (b)~~	~~30~~	~~25~~	~~35 (e)~~	~~15—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~15~~
~~2-family /townhouse~~	~~10—20 units/acre (b)~~	~~2000 (b)~~	~~20~~	~~25~~	~~35 (e)~~	~~10—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~15~~
~~Multifamily~~	~~0.5—3.0 FAR(d)~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~25~~	~~45 (e), (g), (l)~~	~~10—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~(k)~~
~~Nonresidential or mixed use~~ All	0.5—3.0 FAR (~~dc~~), (e)	n/a	n/a	25	55 (~~ed~~), (~~gf~~)~~,~~ ~~(l)~~	0—10 (~~j~~h), (i)	(~~kj~~)	(~~kj~~)
T4								
~~Multifamily~~	~~0.5 min. FAR (d)~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~25~~	~~75 (e), (h)~~	~~10—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~(k)~~
~~Nonresidential or mixed use~~ All	0.5 min. FAR (~~dc~~)	n/a	n/a	25	75 (~~ed~~), (~~hg~~)	0—10 (~~j~~h), (i)	(~~kj~~)	(~~kj~~)

Min. - Minimum Max. - Maximum FAR - Floor Area Ratio n/a - not applicable

Notes to table 66.331, traditional neighborhood district dimensional standards:

(a) In calculating the area of a lot that adjoins a dedicated public alley, for the purpose of applying minimum lot area and maximum density requirements, one-half the width of such alley adjoining the lot ~~shall be~~is considered part of the lot. The minimum FAR applies to new buildings. The minimum FAR does not apply to the creation or reconfiguration of lots, or to removal of buildings. For a new building on a zoning lot where an existing building will remain, or where the new building and its associated parking and landscaping will cover only part of the site and leave the rest of the site open for an additional building, minimum FAR may be calculated based on the area of the site covered by the new building and its associated parking and landscaping. Public gathering areas, landscaped areas at least twenty (20) feet wide preserved for future development between the public right-of-way and parking, and land dedicated to the city as public right-of-way may be approved by the planning administrator as counting toward meeting the minimum FAR.

~~(b) Units per acre is calculated based on net acreage. Density based on units per acre must be calculated for parcels of an acre or more in size. For smaller parcels, the maximum number of units may be calculated based upon minimum lot size per unit.~~

~~In calculating the area of a lot for the purpose of applying lot area and density requirements, the lot area figure may be increased by six hundred (600) square feet for each parking space (up to one (1) parking space per unit) within a multiple-family structure or a structured parking facility. The maximum number of units possible on a lot using this lot area bonus can be calculated using the formula: Maximum units allowed = Lot Area ÷ (minimum lot area per unit - 600).~~

(~~c~~b) Floor area ratio (FAR) ~~shall~~must be prorated upon the percentage of parking that is provided as structured parking. ~~A minimum FAR of 0.5 is required in light rail station areas.~~ Thirty (30) percent of the floor area of structured parking within, above, or below the principal structure may be counted toward meeting the minimum FAR.

(~~d~~c) 1.0-3.0 FAR in light rail station areas for lots more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet in area, with no maximum FAR in T4. The floor area of structured parking above or below space used for principal uses, up to an amount equal to the floor area of the principal uses, may be counted toward meeting the minimum FAR. For lots more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet partly in a light rail station area, minimum FAR ~~shall~~must be prorated upon the percentage of the lot in a light rail station area.

(~~e~~d) ~~Except in the river corridor overlay district, h~~Height of structures may exceed the maximum if set back from side and rear setback lines a distance equal to additional height. Structures ~~shall~~must be no more than ~~twenty-five (25)~~ thirty (30) feet high along side and rear property lines ~~abutting~~adjoining RL-H2~~RT2~~ residential districts at a common property line or alley; structures may exceed this ~~twenty-five (25)~~ thirty (30) foot height limit if stepped back from side and rear property lines a distance equal to the additional height. Additional building height is permitted when stated in an adopted T District master plan.

(~~f~~e) ~~A maximum height of forty-five (45) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit.~~ In T1 - T3, the FAR maximum may be increased by 0.5 if at least ten (10) percent of new dwelling units are leased at a rate at or below the sixty (60) percent of the area median income (AMI) rent limits as defined by the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Program rent and income limits published by Minnesota Housing, and are affordable to households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years. The FAR maximum may be increased by an additional 0.5 (total of 1.0 increase) if at least twenty (20) percent of new dwelling units are leased at a rate at or below the sixty (60) percent of the area median income (AMI) rent limits as defined by the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Program rent and income limits published by Minnesota Housing, and are affordable to households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years. Each unit required to be affordable must be occupied by a household earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the new building (or building expansion or conversion), demonstration of the commitment to affordable housing in accordance with this footnote must be provided as a deed restriction or other contractual agreement with the city, or a city housing and redevelopment authority financing agreement or other similar financing agreement. Upon occupancy of the units, documentation of the households' income qualifications is required.

(~~g~~f) ~~Except in the river corridor overlay district and within light rail station areas between Lexington Parkway and Marion Street, a~~A maximum height of ninety (90) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit. Structures ~~shall~~must be stepped back one (1) foot from all setback lines for every two and one-half (2½) feet of height over seventy-five (75) feet. A shadow study may be required for a conditional use permit application to help determine the impact of the additional height. Additional building height is permitted when stated in an adopted T District master plan.

(~~h~~g) Additional height may be permitted with a conditional use permit. Structures ~~shall~~must be stepped back one (1) foot from all setback lines for every two and one-half (2½) feet of height over seventy-five (75) feet. A shadow study may be required for a conditional use permit application to help determine the impact of the additional height. Additional building height is permitted when stated in an adopted T District master plan.

(~~i~~h) ~~Where at least fifty (50) percent of the front footage of any block is built up with principal residential buildings and the front yard setbacks of existing buildings with front yards that adjoin the front yard of the lot are all greater or all less than the district standard setback requirement, the minimum front yard setback for new buildings shall be the same as the adjoining front yard setback that is closest to the district standard setback requirement, except where only one existing front yard adjoins the front yard of the lot the minimum front yard setback for new buildings shall be the midpoint between the district standard setback requirement and the adjoining front yard setback. The property owner is responsible for reporting the relevant adjacent existing front setback to the zoning administrator on a registered land survey.~~ The minimum front yard setback ~~shall~~must not exceed the maximum front yard setback requirement. If an interior lot is abutting BC or residential zoning, it may have setbacks up to twenty-five (25) feet to relate to the existing established building façade line. ~~Sixty (60) percent of the front facade must fall within the maximum setback~~. Up to forty (40) percent of the building façade on any lot may exceed the maximum setback to create outdoor seating, gathering areas, or courtyards. Civic and institutional buildings in T1 and T2 districts are exempt from the maximum front yard setback requirement. On corner lots at transitway platforms, no portion of a structure is allowed in the triangular area of the lot included within fifteen (15) feet of the corner along each lot line. For local heritage preservation sites, the minimum and maximum setback standards may be modified to comply with the preservation program and design review guidelines.

(~~j~~i) For properties fronting on University Avenue between Marion and Emerald Streets a minimum four (4) foot front yard setback is required. The four (4) foot setback ~~shall~~must be either landscaped or paved. If paved (preferred), the property owner may provide a permanent easement to the City to provide additional sidewalk space. An additional six (6) feet may be added to provide an outdoor activity zone, pedestrian seating or amenities, resulting in a building setback of ten (10) feet. For local heritage preservation sites, the standard may be modified to comply with the preservation program and design review guidelines.

(~~k~~j) No side or rear yards are required along the interior lot lines except as otherwise specified in the building code; provided, that if walls of structures facing such interior lot lines contain windows or other openings, yards of not less than six (6) feet ~~shall~~must be provided. Side and rear yards of at least six (6) feet ~~shall be~~are required when a nonresidential use adjoins a side yard of a residential property. These setback requirements from interior lot lines shall be waived when an easement agreement is recorded as to the affected properties. Proof of such recorded easement shall be provided at the time of application for a building permit. The recording of the easement agreement shall be interpreted to mean that the following intents and purposes of these setback requirements are met: adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property; sufficient space for maintenance of the building from the same lot; and prevention of damage to adjoining property by fire or runoff from roofs. The setback ~~shall~~must be a minimum of thirteen (13) feet from the centerline of an adjoining alley.

~~(l) For the T3M Upper Landing area bounded by Chestnut Street, Spring Street, Smith Avenue and the Mississippi River, a maximum height of sixty-five (65) feet may be permitted without a conditional use permit, and a maximum height of one hundred (100) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit, provided that such developments, to the extent reasonably possible, follow the design guidelines of the~~

~~"Sustainable Decisions Guide for City Facilities" or other sustainable development guidelines. For the T3M Victoria Park area generally bounded by W. 7th Street, Otto Avenue, Shepard Road and Montreal Way, a maximum height of seventy-five (75) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit. For the T3M West Side Flats area generally bounded by Wabasha Street, Plato Boulevard, Robert Street, and the Mississippi River, the maximum permitted building heights shall be as shown on Figure 5.4 of the *West Side Flats Master Plan and Development Guidelines* adopted by the city council on June 10, 2015; for the parcels on the northeast and northwest corners of Robert Street and Plato Boulevard, a maximum height of seventy-five (75) feet may be permitted without a conditional use permit, and a maximum height of ninety (90) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit. A shadow study and/or view analysis shall accompany the conditional use permit application to help determine the impact of the additional height.~~

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord 14-12, § 2, 6-4-14; Ord 15-5, § 3, 2-5-15; Ord 15-20, § 2, 6-10-15; Ord. 21-27, § 1, 8-18-21; Ord 22-1, § 3, 1-19-22)

Division 4. 66.340. Required Conditions

Sec. 66.341. Required conditions in T1—T2 traditional neighborhood districts.

(a) *Placement of parking.* Surface parking must not be located within thirty (30) feet of a corner and ~~may~~must be located:

(1) To the rear of the principal building or within the rear yard of the parcel~~.~~;

(2) In an interior side yard if rear parking is impractical or insufficient, provided that surface parking areas and entrance drives occupy no more than fifty (50) percent of the total lot frontage~~.~~ and that ~~S~~surface parking areas in light rail station areas ~~shall~~ occupy no more than sixty (60) feet of the lot frontage~~.~~; or

(3) On a separate lot, in compliance with section 63.303.

~~(4)~~ If a variance of this parking placement requirement is necessary to allow parking in front of a building because of special needs and site constraints, there ~~should~~must be a ~~good~~ pedestrian connection between the sidewalk and building entrance, and the area ~~should~~must be well landscaped.

(b) In the T1 district, all activities except for off-street parking and loading ~~shall~~must take place within completely enclosed buildings, with the exception of outdoor seating areas for coffee shops or similar uses.

(c) ~~Storefronts or ground floors originally designed for commercial use shall not be converted to more than fifty (50) percent residential use without a conditional use permit.~~ In conversion from commercial to residential use, the elements of traditional storefront design, where present, ~~shall~~must be retained. These include door and window openings, display windows, intermediate cornice lines, sign bands, awnings, arcades, and primary entrances facing the public street.

(d) In mixed-use buildings, nonresidential uses ~~shall~~must be located on the first floor or lower floors of the building. Residential units in mixed-use buildings may be located on any floor, but not directly beneath a nonresidential use.

(C.F. No. 10-403, § 6, 6-16-10; Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord 14-12, § 3, 6-4-14; Ord. 21-27, § 1, 8-18-21)

Sec. 66.342. Parking requirements in T3—T4 traditional neighborhood districts.

(a) *Placement of parking.* Surface parking must not be located within thirty (30) feet of a corner and ~~may~~must be located:

(1) To the rear of the principal building or within the rear yard area of the parcel~~.~~;

(2) In an interior side yard if rear parking is impractical or insufficient~~.~~, provided that ~~S~~surface parking areas and entrance drives accessory to a principal building or use ~~may~~ occupy no more than sixty (60) feet of the total lot frontage~~.~~: or

(3) On a separate lot, in compliance with section 63.3034, provided that surface parking is not permitted as the principal use of a lot unless it is shared among multiple businesses or uses.

~~(4)~~If a variance of this parking placement requirement is necessary to allow parking in front of a building because of special needs and site constraints, there ~~should~~must be a ~~good~~ pedestrian connection between the sidewalk and building entrance, and the area ~~should~~must be well landscaped.

(C.F. No. 10-403, § 6, 6-16-10; Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord. 21-27, § 1, 8-18-21)

Sec. 66.343. Traditional neighborhood district design standards.

(a) *Applicability.* Thi~~s~~e section ~~traditional neighborhood district design standards under paragraph (b) below apply~~applies to development within T1—T4 traditional neighborhood districts~~., as indicated in table 66.343, applicability of traditional neighborhood district design standards. Site plans and other development proposals within traditional neighborhood districts shall be consistent with the applicable design standards unless the applicant can demonstrate that there are circumstances unique to the property that make compliance impractical or unreasonable.~~ In cases where more specific design standards or guidelines have been developed as part of city council-approved master plans, small area plans, or other city-approved plans for specific sites, those ~~shall~~ take precedence. ~~All s~~Standards in section 63.110, ~~general~~ building design standards, ~~are~~ also appl~~yicable to development within T1—T4 traditional neighborhood districts~~.

~~Table 66.343. Applicability of Traditional Neighborhood District Design Standards~~

~~Guidelines~~	~~T1~~	~~T2~~	~~T3~~	~~T4~~
~~1. Land use diversity~~			~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~2. Transitions to lower-density neighborhoods~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~3. Block length~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~4. Compatible rehabilitation and reuse~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~5. Use established building facade line~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	
~~6. Buildings anchor the corner~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~7. Front yard landscaping~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~8. Building facade continuity~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~9. Building facade articulation - base, middle and top~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~10. Building height - treatment of 1-story buildings~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~11. Definition of residential entries~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~12. Entrance location~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~13. Door and window openings - minimum and character~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~14. Materials and detailing~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~15. Screening of equipment and service areas~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~16. Interconnected street and alley network~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~17. On-street parking~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~18. Parking location and entrance design~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~19. Residential garage location~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~20. Parking lot lighting~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~21. Entrance location for transit access~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~

~~22. Street trees~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~23. Sidewalks~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~

(b) *Traditional neighborhood district design standards.*

~~(1) *Land use diversity.* In general, it is desirable for each block to include some diversity in housing type, building type, and mix of land uses. In T3M districts any two (2) abutting block faces shall include more than one (1) land use or building type.~~

~~(2) *Transitions to lower-density neighborhoods.* Transitions in density or intensity shall be managed through careful attention to building height, scale, massing and solar exposure.~~

~~(3) *Block length.* Block faces in mixed use areas shall typically not exceed four hundred (400) feet. Block faces in residential areas shall typically follow the pattern of neighboring blocks, but shall not exceed six hundred sixty (660) feet, the length of the standard Saint Paul block. This standard may be modified to ensure compliance with the city's adopted comprehensive plan and development or project plans for sub-areas of the city.~~

(~~4~~1) *Compatible rehabilitation and reuse.* Remodeling, additions or other alterations to existing traditional buildings ~~shall~~must be done in a manner that is compatible with the original scale, massing, detailing, glazing and materials of the original building. Original materials ~~shall~~must be retained and preserved to the extent possible. Traditional buildings are typically sited close to the property line along the street and feature architectural and design elements that relate to the human scale.

~~(5) *Use established building facade lines.* New buildings shall relate to the established building facade line on the block where they are located. On most nonresidential or mixed use blocks, this is the inside edge of the sidewalk. For corner buildings, each facade that fronts a public street shall maintain the established building facade line. Portions of the facade may be set back a greater distance to emphasize entries or create outdoor seating and gathering areas.~~

~~(6) *Buildings anchor the corner.* New buildings on corner lots shall be oriented to the corner and both public streets. On corner lots at light rail transit station platforms, no portion of a structure shall be permitted in the triangular area of the lot included within fifteen (15) feet of the corner along each lot line.~~

(~~7~~2) *Front yard landscaping.* Front yard areas located between the principal building and the street ~~shall~~must be landscaped, except on University Avenue where the first four (4) feet may be paved similar to the public sidewalk. Other hard surfaced front yard areas should include amenities such as benches, tables, and planters. The amenities must be placed in a manner that does not create blind corners or areas of concealment.

(~~8~~3) *Building facade continuity.* New buildings along commercial and mixed-use streets ~~shall~~must provide a continuous facade along the street. Where breaks occur, the street edge ~~shall~~must be continued through the use of fencing, low walls, ~~and/or~~ landscaping and/or similar treatments. Civic and institutional uses are exempt.

(~~9~~4) ~~*Building facade articulation*~~*Frontage elements.* The ~~bottom~~base ~~twenty-five (25)~~thirty (30) feet of building~~s~~ sides facing abutting public streets ~~shall~~must include elements that relate to the human scale at grade. ~~These should~~Elements include doors, ~~and~~ windows, ~~texture,~~ projections, awnings, ~~and~~ canopies, ~~ornament~~porches, stoops, etc.

(~~10~~5) *Building roofline design* ~~*height - treatment of 1-story buildings.* New buildings of two (2) or more stories are encouraged.~~ One-story buildings ~~shall~~must be designed to convey an impression of greater height in relation to the street with design elements such as~~. This can be achieved through the use of~~ pitched roofs with dormers or gables facing the street, ~~a higher~~ tall parapets, and/or the use of an intermediate cornice line to separate the ground floor and the

roof ~~upper level~~. Buildings of two (2) or more stories must include a cornice, parapet, or roof overhang in the area between the top floor and highest point of the building.

~~(11) *Definition of residential entries.* Porches, steps, pent roofs, roof overhangs, hooded front doors or similar architectural elements shall be used to define all primary residential entrances.~~

(~~12~~6) *Entrance location.* There ~~shall~~must be a primary pedestrian building entrance on all arterial or collector streets. At a corner location where both streets are arterial or collector streets, this standard may be satisfied with a single entrance at the corner. In multi-tenant buildings, any ground floor nonresidential use with street frontage ~~shall~~must have an entrance facing the street or outdoor pedestrian-oriented courtyard on a primary street frontage.

(~~13~~7) *Door and window openings ~~- minimum and character~~.*

a. For new commercial and civic buildings, windows and doors or openings ~~shall~~must comprise at least fifty (50) percent of the length and at least thirty (30) percent of the area of the ground floor along arterial and collector street facades.

~~b. Windows shall be designed with punched and recessed openings, in order to create a strong rhythm of light and shadow.~~

~~c. Glass on windows and doors shall be clear or slightly tinted, and allow views into and out of the interior.~~

~~d~~b. Window shape, size and patterns ~~shall~~must emphasize the intended organization of the facade and the definition of the building.

(~~14~~8) *Building ~~M~~materials ~~and detailing~~.*

~~a.~~ Residential buildings of more than six (6) units and nonresidential or mixed-use buildings ~~shall~~must be built with ~~constructed of~~ high-quality materials such as brick, stone, textured cast stone, tinted masonry units, concrete, fiber cement siding, glass or metal. The following materials are ~~generally~~ not ~~acceptable~~allowed:

- Unadorned plain or painted concrete block;
- ~~Tilt-up concrete panels~~Corrugated metal, unless used as a limited architectural element rather than for entire walls;
- ~~Synthetic stucco products;~~
- Reflective glass; and
- Vinyl, fiberglass, asphalt or fiberboard siding.

~~b. All building facades visible from a public street or walkway shall employ materials and design features similar to those of the front facade.~~

(~~15~~9) *Screening of equipment and service areas.* If an outdoor storage, service or loading area is visible from adjacent residential uses or a public street or walkway, it ~~shall~~must be screened by a decorative fence, wall or screen of plant material at least six (6) feet in height. Fences and walls ~~shall~~must be decorative and architecturally compatible with the primary structure.

(~~16~~10) *Interconnected street and alley network.* The existing street and alley network ~~shall~~must be preserved and extended as part of any new development. ~~If the street network has been interrupted, it shall be restored whenever possible.~~ Cul-de-sac streets are discouraged~~; crescent-shaped or courtyard street arrangements may be used when street connections are impractical~~.

~~(17) *On-street parking.* Streets shall generally have parking on both sides to buffer pedestrians, calm traffic and supplement off-street parking unless the space is needed to accommodate traffic volume, emergency vehicles, transit or deliveries. Parking bump-ins are permitted in special~~

~~cases (such as adjacent to large development sites) in conjunction with a redevelopment project that has at least three-hundred (300) feet of street frontage.~~

(1~~8~~) *Structured ~~P~~parking location and entrance design.*

a. ~~Off-street parking shall be provided within a principal structure, underground, or to the rear of buildings to the greatest extent possible. Limited side yard parking may be appropriate.~~ Entrance drives and garage doors for underground or structured parking may face the street, except adjacent to light rail transit platforms, ~~but~~and ~~shall~~must be designed for pedestrian convenience and safety.

b. ~~Surface parking shall not be located within thirty (30) feet of a corner. Buildings shall be located to emphasize and "anchor" the corner whenever possible.~~ Vehicular entrances to structured parking must be from a side street, when available, to minimize vehicle-pedestrian conflicts, except where it is determined in the review of a site plan that side street access would create or aggravate an unsafe condition or is impractical, unreasonable, or harmful to public safety.

c. Vehicular entrances to structured parking ~~shall~~must be minimized to the extent feasible so ~~that~~ they do not dominate the street frontage ~~of the building~~. Possible design techniques include recessing the entry; extending portions of the structure over the entry; using screening and landscaping to soften the appearance of the entry; using the smallest curb cut and driveway possible; and subordinating the vehicular entrance to the pedestrian entrance in terms of size, prominence in the streetscape location, and design emphasis.

d. New above-grade parking structures fronting on arterial and collector streets ~~shall~~must be lined with active commercial/retail uses at street level with direct access to the sidewalk.

e. Upper levels of ~~new~~ parking structures ~~shall~~must be designed with exterior wall treatments~~, detailing, fenestration and materials that~~ and screening to reduce the view of vehicles ~~and relate to existing adjacent buildings~~.

f. Structured parking must be designed with level parking floors and adequate floor-to-ceiling clearance height to allow the space to be converted to finished floor area if parking is no longer needed in the future and such design is determined cost-effective.

(1~~9~~) ~~*Residential*~~ *One- or two-family garage location.* Attached ~~residential~~ garages ~~shall~~must be recessed at least ten (10) feet behind the front facade of the building. Detached ~~residential~~ garages ~~shall~~must be located in the side or rear yard, recessed at least twenty-five (25) feet behind the front facade of the building. When an alley is present, garages ~~shall~~must be located in the rear yard and accessed through the alley. Individual ~~residential~~ unit garage entrances ~~shall~~must be off alleys or interior courtyards. On corner lots, access to parking may be from the side street.

(~~20~~13) *Parking lot lighting.* Pedestrian-scale lighting ~~shall~~must be provided within parking ~~areas~~facilities. Light standards ~~shall~~must be no more than twenty-five (25) feet in height in parking lots and sixteen (16) feet in height along interior sidewalks and walkways, and have a downcast glow.

(~~2~~14) *Entrance location for transit access.* ~~New and existing retail, office and multifamily housing shall coordinate with the transit agency in locating bus stops and related improvements.~~ A primary ~~B~~building entrance~~s~~ ~~shall~~must be located to provide ~~easy~~direct access to transit stations, including light rail, bus, ~~stops~~ bus rapid transit, and ~~shelters~~ streetcar.

(~~22~~15) *Street trees.* Street trees and other landscape improvements must be planted in compliance with ~~in the street right-of-way, as prescribed by the city forester and~~ section 69.600 ~~of the subdivision regulations, and other landscape improvements shall be provided along all streets at regular intervals to help define the street edge, buffer pedestrians from vehicles, and~~

~~provide shade~~. Trees ~~shall~~must be located in a planting strip at least five (5) feet wide between the curb and sidewalk, or in a planter or planting structure of a design acceptable to the city.

(~~23~~16) *Sidewalks.* ~~Streets shall be designed with sidewalks on both sides except where they abut a park or other open space.~~ In T1-T3, ~~S~~sidewalk width ~~shall~~must be at least five (5) feet; in T4, sidewalk width must be at least ~~and~~ six (6) feet, or more in areas of high pedestrian activity. The T4 district is defined as an area of high pedestrian activity. See the Street Design Manual for additional information.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Sec. 66.344. - Traditional neighborhood district planning requirements.

(a) *Previous plans.* Any pre-existing city-approved plans, such as small area plans, station area plans, ~~precinct~~ district plans or master plans, prepared for the site or the surrounding area ~~shall~~must be incorporated as appropriate in preparing any development plan for a T3 or T4 traditional neighborhood district site. It is understood that these plans may occasionally be amended as conditions change. The intent of such plans ~~shall~~must be realized to the extent possible in any subsequent development plans. For a T3 or T4 development site that, together with adjoining T3 or T4 parcels of land held by the same owner, is fifteen (15) acres or more in area, prior to issuance of building permits for new buildings on the site, a conceptual site plan ~~shall~~must be provided showing how the land under single ownership will be developed in conformance with any pre-existing city-approved plans.

(b) *Master plan.* For a contiguous area of at least fifteen (15) acres in traditional neighborhood districts, a master plan may be provided for review and recommendation by the planning commission and approval by city council resolution. The master plan may be already in existence, or it may be prepared by city staff or by the applicant or developer. A traditional neighborhood area for which a master plan has been adopted by the city council ~~shall~~must be designated as a T1M, T2M, T3M, and/or T4M district. The master plan may include additional regulations or provide specified relief from zoning regulations if the plan as a whole results in improved implementation of the comprehensive plan and of the zoning code's intent. The master plan may include the following information.

(1) Location maps of suitable scale showing the boundaries and dimensions of the site within the context of the community and adjacent parcels, including:

a. Locations of any streets; railroads; significant natural, geographic or topographic features; and other major features within five hundred (500) feet of the site; and

b. Existing parks, open space, major institutions, and concentrations of commercial use within one-half mile of the site.

(2) A site inventory and analysis to identify site resources and constraints, including floodplain, wetlands, poorly drained soils, soils with bedrock near surface, utility easements, slopes greater than twelve (12) percent, and areas of possible soil contamination.

(3) Plan graphics, including but not limited to the following:

a. Topographic contours at five-foot intervals.

b. Layout of blocks.

c. Circulation system, indicating existing and proposed streets or rights-of-way, transit stops, bike routes, sidewalks and other walkways.

d. Street classification system, designating streets by function within the site.

e. Block-level analysis, ~~designating blocks or portions of blocks as "mixed residential," "mixed use," "edge," "transition," or other (see section 66.345 Traditional neighborhood district master plan elements) and~~ identifying primary building types and land uses on each block. Blocks may be designated for a range of traditional neighborhood elements

and building types. Undesignated blocks would allow the full range of uses and building types.

f. Open space plan, including areas to be set aside as public or private open space and their preliminary design treatment.

g. Preliminary landscape plan, indicating street trees and landscape treatment of streets and public spaces.

(4) Plan graphics may include examples of building elevations for each building type; an indication of building scale, height, massing, parking location and relationship to the street; visual analysis of impact on critical views and vistas; and examples of streetscape and other public improvements, including light fixtures, screening walls and fences, benches and other street furniture.

(5) A preliminary stormwater plan, identifying any wetlands or floodplain, and preliminary locations of structures and methods to be used in managing stormwater and surface water on the site. Integration of stormwater treatment into the landscape and site design is encouraged, as is the use of natural methods such as ponds, wetlands or swales.

(6) Phasing plan, where applicable, including the phasing of open space and street improvements.

(7) Utilities plan, indicating existing conditions and proposed changes, as appropriate.

(c) *Changes to master plan.* Once approved, a master plan may be amended~~modified~~ as follows:

(1) *Minor amendment~~modification~~.* Minor amendments~~modifications~~ to an approved master plan may be requested by the property owner or developer. The planning administrator may approve minor amendments~~modifications~~, including changes of less than ten (10) percent in land area designated in a specific category provided such changes are consistent with the intent of the master plan.

(2) *Major amendment~~modification~~.* Major amendments~~modifications~~ to an approved master plan may be initiated by the city council, the planning commission, or any person having an ownership or leasehold interest (contingent included) in property that is the subject of the proposed amendment~~modification~~. Major amendments~~modifications~~ include changes of ten (10) percent or more in land area designated in a specific category; creation of a new public street or removal of a public street segment; removal of a park or open space area; or addition or removal of an entire block. Major amendments~~modifications may be approved as an amendment~~ to the master plan are approved by city council resolution following planning commission review, public hearing and recommendation.

(d) *Modification of traditional neighborhood design standards in master planned areas.* The planning administrator may approve modifications of the traditional neighborhood design standards in Sec. 66.343(b) for master planned areas, when the modification does not include any changes to locations of public infrastructure, such as public streets, parks, sewers, and utilities, or changes to land uses of the master plan approved by city council. The planning administrator must find that:

(1) The modification is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

(2) The modification is consistent with intended design character or necessary to achieve a specific design goal of the master plan approved by city council.

(3) The modification provides for additional design flexibility necessary due to unforeseen changes to market conditions.

(4) The modification is requested at least two years after the approval of the applicable master plan.

(5) The modification allows for adequate and safe ingress and egress.

Applications for modifications denied by the planning administrator may be filed for variance as provided in Sec. 61.600 or master plan amendments as provided in Sec. 66.344(c) above.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord 15-5, § 3, 2-5-15; Ord 22-25, § 1, 6-1-22)

Editor's note(s)—Former § 66.345, renumbered and amended by Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, adopted April 20, 2011.

~~Sec. 66.345. Traditional neighborhood district master plan elements.~~

~~This section applies to T3M and T4M districts for which a master plan designates blocks or portions of blocks as "mixed residential," "mixed use," "open space," "edge," or "transition area." A T3M traditional neighborhood district of fifteen (15) or more acres in area should include, at a minimum, a mixed residential area and the specified minimum percentage of open space within one-quarter (¼) mile of a mixed-use neighborhood center. These elements may be found within the T3M district or adjacent to it; the intent is that they would be present within a reasonable walking distance. A mixed use area and/or an edge/transition area may also be required, depending on the criteria listed below.~~

~~(a) *Mixed use area.* The mixed use area consists of service and retail commercial uses, workplaces, civic uses, housing, and public open space. It contains the broadest variety of land uses, and is intended to function as a center of activity for residents of the entire T3 district and, potentially, surrounding areas.~~

~~(1) All residential lots within a T3M or T4M traditional neighborhood district should be located within approximately one-half mile of an existing or proposed mixed use area. The mixed use areas may be existing adjacent mixed use areas such as neighborhood commercial nodes.~~

~~(2) A mixed use area shall be composed of at least two of the following land use categories, as categorized in table 66.321, principal uses in traditional neighborhood districts:~~

~~a. commercial uses, such as general retail, restaurants, offices, services and accommodations~~

~~b. residential uses, not including one-family or two-family dwellings~~

~~c. civic and institutional uses such as school, place of worship, community meeting facility, library, and transit station~~

~~(3) A new mixed use area shall also include centrally located public open space, in the form of a square, park or plaza.~~

~~(b) *Mixed residential area.* A mixed residential area consists of a variety of housing types and limited office and service uses. It may be located anywhere within the district and is intended to be linked to surrounding areas by interconnected streets, paths and open spaces.~~

~~(1) A minimum of fifty (50) percent of all dwelling units in a mixed residential area shall consist of multifamily units, units in mixed-use buildings, and/or attached single-family units such as townhouses and live-work units.~~

~~(2) If over fifty (50) units are proposed in a site plan or master plan, at least two housing types shall be included from the following categories:~~

~~a. One- and two-family dwellings~~

~~b. Attached units such as townhouses and live-work units~~

~~c. other multifamily dwellings~~

~~(3) For infill development, the required mix of residential uses may be satisfied by existing adjacent residential uses within a two-block radius.~~

~~(4) Up to twenty (20) percent of total floor area may consist of office and limited service uses as part of live-work units or integrated into residential structures.~~

(5) All residential lots shall be located within one-half (½) mile of existing or planned public or common open space.

(c) *Edge or transition area.* An edge area may be required as a lower-density transitional zone responding to adjacent uses. The required mix of housing types specified in the previous sections shall not apply in transition areas. Densities and uses will depend on adjacent conditions.

(d) *Open space areas.* For a T3M district of fifteen (15) or more acres in area, a minimum of twenty (20) percent of a district's gross acreage, exclusive of street or alley right-of-way, shall be defined in the master plan as open space, which may include undevelopable areas such as steep slopes and wetlands, and stormwater basins.

(1) A minimum of fifty (50) percent of the required open space shall be accessible to and usable by the public, such as a central square or plaza, neighborhood parks, greenways, trail corridors, or extensions of existing parks on the periphery (as specified in comprehensive or small area plans, or in the master plan process).

(2) Existing parks or open space adjacent to the area may satisfy the open space requirement; a fee-in-lieu of park dedication may be required for enhancements to such adjacent existing parks or open space.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Editor's note(s)—Former § 66.344, renumbered and amended by Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, adopted April 20, 2011.

ARTICLE I. - 60.100. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

Sec. 60.104. Construction of language.

The following rules of construction apply to the text of this code:

(a) The particular shall control the general.

(b) In case of any difference of meaning or implication between the text of this code and any caption or illustration, the text shall control. Illustrations in this zoning code are provided for purposes of describing, clarifying or providing examples; such illustrations are not to scale and do not replace, limit or expand the meaning of the text.

(c) The words "shall" and "must" are~~is~~ mandatory, and the word "may" is permissive.

(d) Words used in the present tense include the future; words used in the singular number include the plural, and the plural the singular, unless the context clearly indicates the contrary.

(e) The phrase "used for" includes "arranged for," "designed for," "intended for," "maintained for," or "occupied for."

(f) The word "person" includes an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an incorporated association or any other similar entity.

(g) Unless the context clearly indicates the contrary, where a regulation involves two (2) or more items, conditions, provisions, or events connected by the conjunction "and," "or," "either…or," the conjunction shall be interpreted as follows:

(1) "And" indicates that all the connected items, conditions, provisions or events shall apply.

(2) "Or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions or events may apply singly or in any combination.

(3) "Either…or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions or events shall apply singly but not in combination.

(h) "Abut" means having a common boundary or relationship at a common property line, street or alley.

(i) "Adjacent" means located nearby, with or without contact.

(j) "Adjoin" means having a common boundary or relationship at a common property line.

(k) "Contiguous" means abutting.

(l) A "—" shall mean "through" when used between zoning district abbreviations within a land use category, e.g., "RT1—RM2" residential districts shall mean RT1, RT2, RM1, and RM2 residential districts.

(Ord 15-32, § 1, 7-22-15)

ARTICLE I. - 63.100. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Sec. 63.106. Projections into yards.

(a) Attached vestibules, enclosed entrances and greenhouses may project up to twenty (20) square feet into a required front or rear yard and are subject to lot coverage requirements.

(b) Ramps for the handicapped may project into required yards and are not subject to lot coverage requirements.

(c) Chimneys and fireplaces may project up to one (1) foot into a required yard and are subject to lot coverage requirements.

(d) Except as otherwise provided for in section 63.501(b), overhangs, decorative details and bay windows may project into a required yard sixteen (16) inches plus two (2) inches for each foot of width of the required side yard and are not subject to lot coverage requirements.

(e) Air conditioning condensers may be permitted in required side and rear yards and nonrequired front yards and are not subject to lot coverage requirements.

(f) Attached uncovered balconies located on the second story and above may project up to five (5) feet into a required yard along a street or an alley and not closer than two (2) feet from a property line. Attached uncovered balconies are not subject to lot coverage requirements.

(Ord 23-43, § 4, 10-18-23)

Sec. 63.110. Building design standards.

(a) A primary entrance of principal structures must:

(1) Be located within the front third of the structure unless a pedestrian-oriented courtyard is provided in that area that leads directly to a primary entrance;

(2) ~~b~~Be delineated with elements such as porches, roof overhangs, pent roofs, hooded front doors, recessed entries, landscaping, or similar design features that relate to the human scale; and

(3) ~~h~~Have a direct pedestrian connection to the sidewalk along the abutting street. The connection must not require pedestrians to cross drives or other vehicular movements unless the structure is for an industrial use or its closest wall is located more than three hundred (300) feet from the sidewalk.

(b) One-family, two-family, and multiple-family dwellings with up to six (6) units are also subject to the following standards:

(1) A primary entrance must either~~: 1)~~ face an improved abutting street~~;~~ or ~~2)~~ be located off of a front porch, foyer, courtyard, or similar architectural feature, and set back at least eight (8) feet from the side lot line.

(2) Remodeling, additions or other alterations to the front façade of existing buildings must be done in a manner that is compatible with the original scale, massing, detailing and materials of the original building.

(3) Front yard areas located between the principal building and the street must be landscaped.

(c) For principal buildings, ~~except industrial, production, processing, storage, public service and utility buildings,~~ above grade window and door openings must comprise at least fifteen (15) percent of the total area of exterior walls facing a public street or sidewalk. In addition, for new principal residential buildings, above grade window and door openings must comprise at least ten (10) percent of the total area of all exterior walls. For principal residential building additions of more than one hundred twenty (120) square feet in floor area, above grade window and door openings must comprise at least ten (10) percent of the wall area, or above grade window and door openings must comprise at least ten (10) percent of the total area of all exterior walls of the building. Windows in garage doors ~~must~~ count as openings; otherwise, the area of garage doors ~~themselves~~ do not count as openings. For residential buildings, windows must be clear or translucent. For nonresidential buildings, windows ~~may~~must be clear, translucent, or tinted and allow views into and out of the building interior on the first floor~~opaque~~. Industrial, production, processing, storage, public service, and utility buildings are exempt from these requirements.

(d) ~~In pedestrian-oriented commercial districts characterized by storefront commercial buildings built up to the public sidewalk, new principal structures must have a maximum setback of fifteen (15) feet from a commercial front lot line.~~ Where at least fifty (50) percent of the frontage of any block or corner is built up with existing buildings within fifteen (15) feet of the public sidewalk, a primary entrance must face the primary abutting public street, and ~~At intersections~~on corner lots, buildings must "hold the corner," that is, have ~~street~~ facades, frontages, and/or projections within fifteen (15) feet of the lot line along both streets to establish a relationship between the building and the public sidewalk.~~, or the site plan must have~~

~~vertical structural elements that "hold the corner." A primary entrance must face a primary abutting public street.~~

(e) Building materials and architectural treatments used on sides of buildings facing an abutting public street ~~should~~must be similar to those used on principal facades.

(f) The visual impact of rooftop equipment must be reduced through such means as location, screening, or integration into the roof design. Screening must be of durable, permanent materials that are compatible with the primary building materials. Exterior mechanical equipment such as ductwork must not be located on primary building facades.

(g) For property with local heritage preservation site or district designation, compliance with applicable historic guidelines is sufficient to meet the requirements of this section.

(C.F. No. 09-1286, § 3, 12-23-09; Ord. No. 11-101, § 1, 10-26-11; Ord 15-33, § 2, 7-22-15; Ord 23-43, § 4, 10-18-23)

ARTICLE II. - 65.100. RESIDENTIAL USES

Sec. 65.130. Cluster development.

The arrangement of multiple one-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, and/or multiple-family dwellings of no more than four (4) units, sharing a common open space on a single zoning lot.

Standards and conditions:

(a) *Lot size.* The parcel must have a minimum size of nine thousand six hundred (9,600) square feet and a maximum size of a one-half (½) acre, but parcels of record prior to August 1, 2023, that are larger than one-half (½) acre are permitted. Individual lots within a cluster development may have less than the required lot area for provided such reductions are compensated for by an equivalent amount of property owned in common elsewhere in the cluster development. Lot area ~~shall~~does not include areas designated as public or private streets.

(b) *Zoning district standards.* ~~Buildings must conform to the dimensional standards for minimum lot area per unit, minimum lot width, height, and setbacks for the zoning district.~~ Required yards within a cluster development may be reduced or eliminated provided required yards are maintained along the periphery of the cluster development. ~~In the RL-H2 districts, the maximum number of principal units per lot does not apply to cluster developments.~~

(1) *RL-H2 Lots.* Buildings must conform to the dimensional standards for minimum lot area per unit, minimum lot width, height, and setbacks for the zoning district. ~~Required yards within a cluster development may be reduced or eliminated provided required yards are maintained along the periphery of the cluster development. In the RL-H2 districts,~~ tThe maximum number of principal units per lot does not apply to cluster developments.

(2) *T Lots.* Buildings must conform to the dimensional standards for minimum and maximum floor area ratio (FAR), minimum lot width, height, and setbacks for the zoning district.

(c) *Lot coverage.* In the RL residential district, the total lot coverage of all buildings must not exceed forty-five (45) percent of the zoning lot. In the H1 residential district, the total lot coverage of all buildings must not exceed fifty (50) percent of the zoning lot. In the H2 residential district, total lot coverage of all buildings must not exceed fifty-five (55) percent of the zoning lot.

(d) *Accessory buildings.* No more than one (1) accessory dwelling unit is permitted per one-family dwelling in the cluster development. The accessory dwelling unit must meet standards (b)—(e) in section 65.913. The accessory unit does not count towards the minimum lot size per unit standard. Accessory buildings must conform to the standards in section 63.501, except (e).

(e) *Principal buildings.* Principal buildings must meet the following standards:

(1) Each principal building must either have an entrance that abuts the common open space or must be directly connected to it by a pedestrian path.

(2) Principal buildings within twenty (20) feet of a street property line may have their entrances facing the street and can connect to the common open space by the sidewalk in public rights-of-way that connects to the pedestrian path.

(3) Principal buildings not facing the common open space or the street must have their main entrances facing a pedestrian path that is directly connected to the common open space.

(4) The building design standards in section 63.110.

(f) *Common open space.* The cluster development must have a common open space for use by all residents. Common open spaces must meet the following standards:

(1) The common open space must be a single, contiguous area.

(2) The common open space must contain a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) square feet per principal unit within the cluster development. Accessory dwelling units are not subject to this requirement.

(3) The common open space must be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet wide at its narrowest dimension.

(4) The common open space must contain landscaping, lawn area, community garden, paved courtyard area, recreational amenities, or a mix of any of these, and may also include stormwater management infrastructure. Impervious elements of the common open space must not exceed seventy-five (75) percent of the total common area. Driveways and parking areas do not count as common open space.

(g) *Pedestrian path.* An accessible, hard-surfaced pedestrian path that is a minimum of four (4) feet wide must be provided that connects an entrance of each dwelling to the following:

(1) The common open space;

(2) Parking areas, if applicable;

(3) Sidewalks in public rights-of-way abutting the site or rights-of-way if there are no sidewalks; and

(4) A community building, if applicable.

(h) *Community building.* A cluster development may include one community building, for the shared use of residents, that provides space for accessory uses such as a community meeting room, exercise room, day care, laundry facilities, noncommercial community kitchen, or eating area.

(i) *Off-street parking.* Off-street parking facilities for the cluster development must conform to the standards in section 63.300.

(j) Individual lots, buildings, street and parking areas must be designed and situated to minimize alteration of the natural features and topography.

(k) *Conditional use permit.* A minimum lot area per unit that is lower than that required by the zoning district may be permitted with a conditional use permit, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Applications must include site plans, including landscaping and elevations and other information the planning commission may request.

(2) The floor area of individual dwelling units must be limited to no more than six hundred (600) square feet.

(3) The development must not contain any accessory dwelling unit.

(Ord 23-43, § 6, 10-18-23)

ARTICLE V. - 65.400. COMMERCIAL USES

Sec. 65.412. General retail.

General retail sales include the retail sale of products to the general public, sometimes with provision of related services, and produce minimal off-site impacts. General retail sales include but are not limited to the following:

(a) Antiques and collectibles store;

(b) Art gallery;

(c) Bakery;

(d) Bicycle sales and repair;

(e) Book store, music store;

(f) Butcher shop;

(g) Catering;

(h) Clothing and accessories;

(i) Deli;

(j) Drugstore, pharmacy;

(k) Electronics sales and repair;

(l) Florist;

(m) Food and related goods sales;

(n) Jewelry store;

(o) Hardware store;

(p) Leather goods, craft and sales, not tanning;

(~~p~~q) Liquor store;

(~~q~~r) Lower-potency hemp edible retail;

(~~r~~s) News stand, magazine sales;

(~~s~~t) Office supplies, stationery store;

(~~t~~u) Pet store;

(~~u~~v) Photographic equipment, film developing;

~~(v) Stationery store;~~

(w) Picture framing; and

(x) Video store.

Standards and conditions in T1 traditional neighborhood districts:

Retail uses must be less than five thousand (5,000) square feet in floor area.

Standards and conditions in T2-T4 traditional neighborhood districts:

~~In traditional neighborhood districts, a~~A conditional use permit is required for new construction covering more than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of land to ensure size and design compatibility with the particular location.

(Ord 18-1, § 1, 1-24-18; Ord 24-21, § 1, 9-18-24)

Sec. 65.515. Farmers market.

An outdoor market at a fixed location consisting principally of farmers and gardeners for the purpose of selling the products of their farm, garden, greenhouse, apiary, or forest directly to the public.

Standards and conditions:

(a) In residential districts, a farmers market shall be located on a zoning lot at least one (1) acre in area.

(b) Approval of a site plan showing the number and location of vendors at the site, with contact information for a designated market director responsible for coordinating the market vendors and activities, and for providing the zoning administrator with updated contact information if it changes.

Standards and conditions for farmers markets with more than five (5) vendors in residential, business, or industrial districts:

(c) A conditional use permit is required.

(d) The use shall be limited to no more than three (3) days per week.

(e) Foods, manufactured goods, wares and merchandise may be sold if approved by the planning commission.

Standards and conditions for farmers markets with five (5) or fewer vendors:

(f) Sales shall be limited to no more than two (2) days per week between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

(Ord 13-51, § 2, 11-13-13)

Sec. 65.613. Coffee shop, tea house.

An establishment engaged principally in the sale of coffee, tea, and other nonalcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises or for carryout, which may also include the sale of a limited number of food items as allowed under a limited food menu license.

Standards and conditions in the T1 traditional neighborhood and B1 business districts:

A conditional use permit is required for a coffee shop or tea house of more than ~~eight hundred (800)~~ fifteen hundred (1,500) square feet in ~~gross~~ floor area ~~or for an accessory cabaret~~. Drive through uses (primary and accessory) are prohibited.

Standards and conditions in T2—T4 traditional neighborhood districts:

See section 65.614, restaurant.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord. No. 12-26, § 1, 5-23-12; Ord 18-1, § 1, 1-24-18)

Note(s)—Former § 65.612. See editor's note, § 65.111.

Sec. 65.614. Restaurant.

A public eating place which serves a substantial portion of its food for consumption at tables or counters located on the premises. This term ~~shall~~ includes a deli with seating for more than twelve (12) customers.

Standards and conditions:

(a) In ~~T2—T3~~ traditional neighborhood districts, a conditional use permit is required for establishments of more than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet in floor area to ensure size and design compatibility with the particular location.

(b) Outdoor restaurants ~~shall be~~are accessory to an indoor restaurant or a farmers market.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord. No. 12-26, § 1, 5-23-12; Ord 15-5, § 2, 2-5-15; Ord 18-1, § 1, 1-24-18)

Sec. 65.780. Limited production and processing.

These uses produce minimal off-site impacts due to their limited nature and scale, are compatible with office, retail and service uses, and may include wholesale and off-premises sales. Limited production and processing includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Apparel and other finished products made from fabrics;

(2) Blueprinting;

(3) Computers and accessories, including circuit boards and software;

(4) Electronic components, assemblies, and accessories;

(5) Film, video and audio production;

(6) Food and beverage products, except no live slaughter, grain milling, cereal, vegetable oil or vinegar processing;

(7) Jewelry, watches and clocks;

(8) Milk, ice cream, and confections;

(9) Musical instruments;

(10) Novelty items, pens, pencils, and buttons;

(11) Precision dental, medical and optical goods;

(12) Signs, including electric and neon signs and advertising displays;

(13) Toys;

(14) Wood crafting and carving; and

(15) Wood furniture and upholstery.

Standards and conditions:

(a) In ~~T2—T3~~ traditional neighborhood districts, a conditional use permit is required for new construction covering more than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet of land to ensure size and design compatibility with the particular location.

(b) All such uses are intended to be compatible with adjacent commercial and service uses. Odors, noise, vibration, glare and other potential side effects of manufacturing processes ~~shall~~must not be discernable beyond the property line.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord 13-57, § 2, 12-4-13; Ord 15-5, § 2, 2-5-15)

Editor's note(s)—Former § 65.773. See editor's note, §§ 65.772, 65.773. Former § 65.780 was renumbered as § 65.787.

Sec. 65.782. Printing and publishing.

Standards and conditions:

In ~~T2—T3~~ traditional neighborhood districts and B2 business districts, a conditional use permit is required for new construction covering more than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet of land to ensure size and design compatibility with the particular location.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord 13-57, § 2, 12-4-13; Ord 15-5, § 2, 2-5-15)

Editor's note(s)—Former § 65.776. See editor's note, § 65.781.

Sec. 65.785 Storage facility, ~~rental~~ mixed-use.

Rental storage within a mixed-use building that does not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the floor area of the building and does not have rental storage units located on the first floor or at a skyway level.

Standards and conditions ~~in B4—B5 business districts~~:

~~The facility shall be located within a mixed-use building, shall not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the gross floor area of the building, and shall not be located on the first floor (except for access) or skyway level.~~

(a) The storage facility's primary entrance, loading areas, and freight elevators must not be located within the front third of the building, and may not be shared with other uses.

(b) The floor to ceiling height within the mixed-use storage facility must be a minimum of nine (9) feet.

(Ord 15-5, § 2, 2-5-15)

ARTICLE II. - 66.200. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Division 3. - 66.230. Residential District Density and Dimensional Standards

Sec. 66.231. Density and dimensional standards table.

Table 66.231, residential district dimensional standards, sets forth density and dimensional standards that are specific to residential districts. These standards are in addition to the provisions of chapter 63, regulations of general applicability.

Table 66.231. Residential District Dimensional Standards

Zoning District	Lot Area Minimum (per principal unit)	Lot Width Minimum	Maximum Number of Principal Units Per Lot (f)	Building Height Maximum	Yard Setbacks Minimum (feet)			Maximum lot coverage for all buildings
	(sq. feet) (f)	(feet)		(feet)	Front	Side	Rear	(percent of the lot) (f)
RL large lot (l)	9,000 (a)	60	2	35	30 (d)	10 (e)	10	40%
H1 residential (l)	1,500 (a)	30	4 (b)	35	10 (d)	5 (e)	10	45%
H2 residential (l)	1,000 (a)	25	5 (b)	39 (c)	10 (d)	5 (e)	10	50%

Zoning District	Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	Building Height Maximum	Yard Setbacks Minimum (feet)		
	Maximum (g)	(Feet)	Front	Side	Rear
RM1 multiple-family (l)	0.6 FAR with surface parking 1.0 FAR with structured parking	40 (h)	10 (d)	9 (e), (k)	9
RM2 multiple-family	1.5 FAR with surface parking 2.25 FAR with structured parking	50 (i), (k)	10 (d)	9 (e), (j)	9 (j)

RM3 multiple-family	1.5 FAR with surface parking 3.5 FAR with structured parking	no maximum	10 (d)	9 (e), (j)	9 (j)

Notes to table 66.231, residential district dimensional standards:

(a) If a two-family or multiple-family dwelling is developed on parcels where only the land immediately beneath each dwelling unit constitutes an individually described lot and all other land required for yards, other open space, parking, and other necessary land as required by this Code constitutes "common" properties, jointly owned by the owners of the described lots beneath each dwelling unit, the minimum size lot per unit is applied to the entire parcel.

(b) Up to two (2) additional dwelling units for the H1 residential district or one (1) additional dwelling unit for the H2 residential district and an additional five (5) percent lot coverage are permitted on the zoning lot through any combination of the following methods. These additional units are not subject to the minimum lot size per unit standard.

(1) *Affordable rental units.* Two (2) additional dwelling units in H1 and one (1) additional dwelling unit in H2 is permitted if twenty (20) percent of the total number of principal units on the zoning lot are leased at a rate at or below the sixty (60) percent of the area median income (AMI) rent limits as defined by the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Program published by Minnesota Housing and are affordable to and occupied by households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years. Each affordable unit must have at least the same floor area as another principal dwelling unit on the zoning lot. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the new building (or building expansion or conversion), demonstration of the commitment to affordable housing in accordance with this footnote must be provided as a deed restriction or other contractual agreement with the city, or a city housing and redevelopment authority financing agreement or other similar financing agreement. Upon occupancy of the units, documentation of the households' income qualifications is required.

Number of total principal units on the zoning lot with a density bonus	Number of units required to be affordable at 60% of AMI on the zoning lot
2	1
3	1
4	1
5	2
6	2

(2) *Affordable owner-occupied units.* One (1) additional dwelling unit is permitted for each principal dwelling unit on the zoning lot that is sold at a price affordable to a household earning up to eighty (80) percent of the area median income as defined by the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Act Affordability limits for ownership housing. The affordable dwelling unit must have at least the same floor area as another principal dwelling unit on the zoning lot. Prior to issuance of a building permit, demonstration of the commitment to affordable housing in accordance with this footnote must be provided as documentation of the fair market sales price via an appraisal based on full plans and specifications. Upon sale of the affordable unit to the end buyer, documentation of the household's income qualifications is required, and may include but not be limited to base pay or variable pay, income from business or self-employment, income from financial assets, government transfer payments, and insurance or benefit payments.

(3) *Three-bedroom units.* One (1) additional dwelling unit is permitted for each principal dwelling unit on the zoning lot containing three (3) or more bedrooms.

(4) *Conversions of or additions to an existing residential structure.* One (1) additional dwelling unit is permitted if at least fifty (50) percent of the floor area of an existing principal residential structure on the zoning lot is retained.

(c) In the H2 district, the maximum height for buildings with flat or shed roofs is thirty-six (36) feet.

(d) Where at least fifty (50) percent of the front footage of any block is built up with principal buildings and at least one (1) of the front yard setbacks of the existing principal buildings with front yards that adjoin the front yard of the lot is greater than fifteen (15) feet in the H1-RM3 districts or less than thirty (30) feet in the RL district, the following standards apply:

(1) Where there are two (2) existing front yards that adjoin the front yard of the lot, the minimum front yard setback is the midpoint between the district standard setback requirement and the larger of the two (2) adjoining front yard setbacks in the H1-RM3 districts or the midpoint between the district standard setback requirement and the smaller of the two (2) adjoining front yard setbacks in the RL district.

(2) Where only one (1) existing front yard adjoins the front yard of the lot, the minimum front yard setback is the midpoint between the district standard setback requirement and the adjoining front yard setback.

The property owner is responsible for reporting the relevant adjoining front setbacks to the zoning administrator on a certificate of survey.

(e) Side yards are required only for dwelling units on the ends of townhouse structures. The side yard setback requirement from interior lot lines may be reduced or waived when an easement or common wall agreement, certified by the city building official for conformance with the state building code, is recorded on the deeds of the adjoining parcels.

In RM1 and RM2 districts, the minimum side yard setback for a one-family dwelling, two-family dwelling, and multiple-family dwellings of thirty-five (35) feet in height or less on lots of sixty (60) feet width or narrower is five (5) feet.

(f) See section 65.130(a) for additional lot size requirements for cluster developments.

The maximum number of principal units per lot does not apply to cluster developments.

See section 65.130(c) for maximum lot coverage for all buildings for cluster developments.

(g) Floor area ratio (FAR) is prorated upon the percentage of parking that is provided as structured parking. The FAR maximum may be increased by 0.5 if at least ten (10) percent of the dwelling units on the zoning lot are leased at a rate at or below the sixty (60) percent of the area median income (AMI) rent limits as defined by the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Program rent and income limits published by Minnesota Housing, and are affordable to households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years. ~~affordable at sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at ten (10) years.~~ The FAR maximum may be increased by an additional 0.5 (total of 1.0 increase) if at least twenty (20) percent of the dwelling units on the zoning lot are leased at a rate at or below the sixty (60) percent of the area median income (AMI) rent limits as defined by the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Program rent and income limits published by Minnesota Housing, and are affordable to households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years. ~~affordable at sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years.~~ Units required to be affordable must be occupied by households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the new building (or building expansion), demonstration of the commitment to affordable housing in accordance with this footnote must be provided as: a deed restriction or other contractual agreement with the city, or a city housing and redevelopment authority financing agreement or other similar financing agreement. Upon occupancy of the units, documentation of households' income qualifications is required.

(h) On lots more than sixty (60) feet wide and on corner lots, a maximum height of forty-five (45) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit.

(i) If at least half of provided parking is structured parking, a maximum building height of seventy-five (75) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit. A shadow study may be required for a conditional use permit application to help determine the impact of the additional height.

(j) For portions of a building over fifty (50) feet in height, the minimum side and rear yard setbacks are twenty-five (25) feet or nine (9) feet plus one-half the building height over fifty (50) feet, whichever is less.

(k) For property along Grand Avenue between Fairview Avenue and Cretin Avenue, between lines defined by the parallel alleys immediately north and south of Grand Avenue, building height is limited to four (4) stories and forty (40) feet.

(l) In the RL-RM1 districts, permitted and conditional principal uses other than residential uses must meet the dimensional standards for the RM2 district.

(Ord 13-36, § 2, 6-26-13; Ord 15-33, § 3, 7-22-15; Ord 20-28, § 1, 9-9-20; Ord 20-30, § 1, 9-23-20; Ord. 21-27, § 1, 8-18-21; Ord 22-1, § 3, 1-19-22; Ord 23-43, § 7, 10-18-23)

Division 4. - 66.240. Required Conditions

Sec. 66.241. Multiple-family design standards.

The design standards in section 66.343(b)~~(2), (3),~~ (~~2~~7), (~~4~~9), (~~11~~), (~~8~~14), (~~9~~15), (10~~16~~), ~~(19),~~ (13~~20~~), (14~~21~~), (15~~22~~), and (16~~23~~) ~~shall~~ apply to ~~multiple-family dwellings~~residential buildings of more than six (6) units, along with the provisions in section 66.343(a).

(Ord 20-28, § 1, 9-9-20; Ord 22-1, § 3, 1-19-22)

Editor's note(s)—Ord 22-1, § 3, adopted January 19, 2022, repealed § 66.241, which pertained to required conditions; number of main (principal) buildings and renumbered §§ 66.242 and 66.243 as §§ 66.241 and 66.242.

ARTICLE IV. - 66.400. BUSINESS DISTRICTS

Division 3. - 66.430. Business District Density and Dimensional Standards

Sec. 66.421. Business district use table.

Table 66.421 business district uses, lists all permitted and conditional uses in the OS—B5 business districts, and notes applicable development standards and conditions.

Table 66.421. Business District Uses

Use	OS	B1	BC	B2	B3	B4	B5	Definition (d) Standards (s)
Residential Uses								
Dwellings								
One-family dwelling			P					(d)
Two-family dwelling			P					(d)
Multiple-family dwelling	P		P			P	P	(d)
Housing for the elderly	P		P			P	P	(d)
Mixed Commercial-Residential Uses								
Home occupation	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Live-work unit			P					(d), (s)
Mixed residential and commercial use	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)

Congregate Living								
Adult care home	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Community residential facility, licensed correctional			C	C	C	C	C	(d), (s)
Dormitory			P/C			P	P	(d), (s)
Emergency housing facility	P	P	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Foster home	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Fraternity, sorority			P/C					(d), (s)
Overnight shelter						C	C	(d), (s)
Roominghouse			C			P	P	(d), (s)
Shelter for battered persons	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Sober house	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Supportive housing facility	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Civic and Institutional Uses								
Club, noncommercial				P	P	P	P	(d)
College, university, seminary, or similar institution of higher learning	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Community center	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Day care	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Homeless services facility		P/C	P/C	P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Museum						P	P	
Public library	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Public and private park, playground	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Religious institution	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d)
School, primary & secondary	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Trade school, arts school, dance school, etc.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Public Services and Utilities								
Antenna, cellular telephone	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Electric transformer or gas regulator substation		C	C	C	P	P	P	(s)
Municipal building or use	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(s)
Public utility heating or cooling plant						P		
Solar energy generation facility, community	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Utility or public service building	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Commercial Uses								
Office, Retail, and Service Uses								
General office, studio	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
General retail		P	P	P	P	P	P	(d)
Service business, general	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d)
Service business with showroom or workshop			P	P	P	P	P	(d)
Alternative financial establishment					C	P	P	(d), (s)
Animal day care					P	P	P	(d), (s)
Artist's studio	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d)
Business sales and services					P	P	P	(d)
Cannabis retail		P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Drive-through sales and services, primary and accessory	C	C		C	P	P	P	(s)
Dry cleaning, commercial laundry		P	P	P	P	P	P	(s)
Farmers market	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)

Garden center, outdoor			C	C	P			(d), (s)
Greenhouse					C			(d), (s)
Hospital					P	P	P	(d)
Mortuary, funeral home					P	P	P	
Outdoor uses, commercial				P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Outdoor uses, commercial sales of consumer fireworks					C			(d), (s)
Package delivery service					P	P	P	(d)
Pawn shop					C	P	P	(d), (s)
Small engine repair, automotive bench work					P	P	P	
Tattoo shop			P	P	P	P	P	
Tobacco products shop			P/C	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Veterinary clinic				P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Food and Beverages								
Bar				P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Brew on premises store				P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Coffee kiosk				P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Coffee shop, tea house		P/C		P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Restaurant				P	P	P	P	(d)
Restaurant, fast-food				P/C	P/C	P	P	(d), (s)
Commercial Recreation, Entertainment and Lodging								
Bed and breakfast residence		P	P	P	P			(d), (s)
Bingo hall, auction hall				C	P	P	P	
Hotel					P	P	P	(d)
Motel					P	P	P	(d)
Short term rental dwelling unit	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Health/sports club				P	P	P	P	(d)
Indoor recreation				C	P	P	P	(d)
Outdoor sports/entertainment							P	
Reception hall/rental hall				P	P	P	P	
Steam room/bathhouse facility			P	P	P	P	P	(d)
Theater, assembly hall				P	P	P	P	
Adult Entertainment								
Adult use					C	C	C	(d), (s)
Automobile Services								
Auto convenience market				C	C		P	(d), (s)
Auto service station				C	C		P	(d), (s)
Auto specialty store				C	C		P	(d), (s)
Auto repair station					C		P	(d), (s)
Auto sales, indoor					P	P	P	
Auto sales and rental, outdoor					C			(d), (s)
Car wash, detailing					C			(s)
Parking Facilities								
Parking facility, commercial						P	P	(d), (s)
Transportation								
Bus or railroad passenger station					P	P	P	
Helistop					C	C	C	(d), (s)
Railroad right-of-way	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	(s)
Limited Production, Processing and Storage								

Agriculture	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Brewery, craft				P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Distillery, craft				P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Finishing shop					P		P	(d), (s)
Limited production and processing					P		P	(d), (s)
~~Mail order house~~			~~P~~	~~P~~	~~P~~	~~P~~	~~P~~	
Plastic products							P	(d)
Printing and publishing				P/C	P	P	P	(s)
Recycling collection center					P			(d), (s)
Recycling drop-off station			P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Storage facility, ~~rental~~ mixed-use						P	P	(d), (s)
Toiletries and cosmetic manufacturing							P	
Warehousing and storage							P	(s)
Wholesale establishment					P	P	P	(d), (s)
Winery, craft				P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Accessory Uses								
Accessory use	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Dwelling unit, accessory			P					(d), (s)
Micro-unit dwellings accessory to a religious institution	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)

P - Permitted use C - Conditional use requiring a conditional use permit

Notes to table 66.421, principal uses in business districts:

(d) Definition for the use in Chapter 65, Land Use Definitions and Development Standards.

(s) Standards and conditions for the use in Chapter 65, Land Use Definitions and Development Standards.

(C.F. No. 05-441, § 4, 8-24-05; C.F. No. 07-633, § 2, 8-15-07; C.F. No. 07-1148, § 2, 1-9-08; C.F. No. 08-640, § 5, 7-9-08; Ord No. 10-33, § 2, 10-27-10; Ord No. 11-26, § 2, 3-23-11; Ord No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord No. 12-26, § 1, 5-23-12; Ord 13-51, § 6, 11-13-13; Ord 13-57, § 3, 12-4-13; Ord 15-5, § 3, 2-5-15; Ord 16-5, § 1, 4-13-16; Ord 17-1, § 4, 1-25-17; Ord 17-38, § 5, 10-25-17; Ord 19-10, § 1, 6-26-19; Ord 19-60, § 1(Att. A), 10-9-19; Ord 19-72, § 2, 1-8-20; Ord 22-3, § 1, 1-19-22; Ord 21-33, § 1, 11-10-21; Ord 23-43, § 7, 10-18-23; Ord 23-57, § 3, 12-13-23; Ord 24-21, § 1, 9-18-24)

ARTICLE VI. 67.600. EG EAST GRAND AVENUE OVERLAY DISTRICT

Sec. 67.601. Establishment; intent.

The EG East Grand Avenue Overlay District is established as shown on the official zoning map accompanying this code to provide design standards for development in the east Grand Avenue area.

Sec. 67.602. Standards and regulations.

(a) Design standards. The T~~2~~ District standards in sections 66.341(a) and 66.343 apply.

(b) Building and frontage regulations.

(1) Stepbacks. All portions of a building above a height of forty (40) feet must be stepped back from the minimum front, side street, or rear setback lines a distance equal to the additional height up to ten (10) feet.

(2) Established building line. The maximum front and side street setbacks is ten (10) feet. If an interior lot is on or abutting BC or residential zoning, it may have setbacks up to twenty-five (25) feet to relate to the existing established building façade line. Up to forty (40) percent of the building façade on any lot may exceed this maximum setback to create outdoor seating or gathering areas.

(3) Frontage elements. The base thirty (30) feet of building sides facing abutting public streets must include elements that relate to the human scale at grade. Elements include doors, windows, projections, awnings, canopies, porches, stoops, etc.

ARTICLE V. - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND DESIGN STANDARDS

Sec. 69.507. Blocks.

(a) *Block width.* Blocks ~~shall~~must have sufficient width to provide for two (2) tiers of lots of appropriate depths. Exceptions to this prescribed block width ~~shall~~may be permitted in blocks adjacent to major streets, railroads or topographic barriers.

(b) *Block length.* ~~The lengths, widths and shapes of blocks shall be as are appropriate for the locality and the type of development contemplated, but b~~Block lengths ~~in residential areas shall~~must generally be between ~~not exceed one thousand (1000)~~ three hundred thirty (330) and six hundred sixty (~~10~~660) feet, depending on the surrounding development context. This may be modified by the city council to ensure compliance with the comprehensive plan and development or project plans for sub-areas of the city.

(c) *Crosswalks.* Pedestrianways or crosswalks, not less than eight (8) feet wide, may be required by the city council through the center of blocks ~~more than eight hundred (800) feet long~~ where deemed essential to provide circulation or access to schools, playgrounds, shopping centers, transportation or other community facilities.

(d) *Industrial blocks.* Blocks designed for industrial uses ~~shall~~must be of such length and width as may be determined suitable by the ~~planning commission~~city council for prospective use.

(C.F. No. 03-1028, § 1, 4-7-04)

ARTICLE VI. - IMPROVEMENTS

Sec. 69.600. Required improvements.

(a) *Generally.* In instances where the subdivider owns all the property being served by the following listed improvements, and he petitions the city to construct the same, the subdivider will be charged the full cost of the improvement notwithstanding limitations contained in the city's assessment policy. In the event other properties, not owned by the subdivider, are served by the improvements, and if the city is petitioned to construct the same, the apportionment of costs, if required, will be determined by the City of Saint Paul. Prior to approval of the final plat by the city council, the subdivider must either have installed and dedicated to the city, or guaranteed to install in a manner set forth in section 69.500 et seq., and which meets the standards of the director of public works, the following improvements on the site. Exceptions to these requirements are allowed in the RL residential district; the nature of these exceptions are noted below.

(b) *Water facilities.* Except in the RL residential district, public water service to be installed by the city. Such service must consist of adequate water facilities, including fire hydrants and laterals to the property line. In the RL residential district, where new private wells or central water systems are permitted and existing private systems are not required to connect to a public water main, public water service need not be provided.

(c) *Sewer facilities.* Except in the RL residential district, public sanitary sewer service to be installed by the city. Such service must consist of adequate sanitary sewer facilities, including installation of laterals to the

public right-of-way line. In the RL residential district, where new individual sewage treatment systems are permitted and existing systems are not required to connect to a public sewer system, public sewer facilities need not be provided.

(d) *Storm sewer.* Storm sewer facilities not connected with street construction, to be installed by the city. The subdivider may install or may petition the city to install those storm sewer facilities that are connected with street construction (i.e., catch basins, leads to storm sewers).

(e) *Streets.* Except in the RL residential district, paved public streets, including curb and gutter, for those streets proposed in an approved subdivision. The subdivider may install the improvements~~,~~ or ~~he~~ may petition the city to install such improvements. In the RL residential district, new streets may be unpaved and existing unpaved streets ~~is~~are not ~~be~~ required to be paved.

(f) *Monuments.* Durable iron monuments ~~shall~~must be set at all angle and curve points on the outside boundary lines of the plat, at all block and lot corners, and at all intermediate points on the block and lot lines indicating changes of direction in the lines, prior to the final recording of the plat.

(1) A statement or note on the final plat ~~shall~~must identify the type, size of monument set and the license number of the responsible land surveyor. Monuments set should be of durable iron, no less than one-half inch in diameter and fourteen (14) inches in length.

(2) The plat ~~shall~~must identify the type and size of monuments found and also identify by whom set if known or marked by a license number.

(g) *Street trees.* Street trees having a trunk diameter of not less than two (2) inches measured two (2) feet above grade, ~~shall~~must be installed by the subdivider along all streets at intervals no greater than forty (40) feet and at least one (1) per lot, along with other landscape improvements, to help define the street edge, buffer pedestrians from vehicles, and provide shade. Existing trees which meet the standards of this section may be used to satisfy these requirements. ~~Only honey locust, hard maple, green ash, ginkgo or other long-lived shade tree approved by the city forester shall be planted.~~ Only tree species approved by the city forester can be planted, and must be planted through a Forestry Tree Work Permit Application. Trees must meet the quality and condition standards set forth in *American Standard for Nursery Stock* (ANSI Z60.1-2014).

(h) *Street names and signs.* Street signs at all intersections within or abutting the subdivision to be installed by the city. Street names ~~shall be~~are subject to the approval of the city council.

(i) *Street lights.* Street lights meeting city standards and specifications ~~shall~~must be installed by the subdivider at all interior street intersections within an approved subdivision. Such lights ~~shall~~must also be installed on all interior streets within the subdivision at points designated by the director of public works and ~~shall~~must be no more than two hundred (200) feet apart.

(j) *Topsoil sodding and seeding.* Redistribution of topsoil on the lot and boulevard, to be done by the subdivider. The subdivider ~~shall~~must seed or sod the disturbed boulevard areas.

(k) *Sidewalks.* Public sidewalks along both sides of collector and arterial streets and in such other locations required by the city council. The subdivider may install such improvements or petition the city to install such improvements.

(Ord. No. 17890, § 6, 11-21-91; C.F. No. 93-1718, § 118, 12-14-93; C.F. No. 03-1028, § 1, 4-7-04; Ord 23-43, § 8, 10-18-23)

city of saint paul
planning commission resolution
file number 22-18
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WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Zoning Code, found in chapters 60 through 69 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, is established to promote and to protect the public health, safety, morals, aesthetics, economic viability and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Section 61.801(a) of the Saint Paul Zoning Code calls for periodic review of said code to reflect current city policies and bring the code up to date; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul has established zoning regulations related to Traditional Neighborhood (T) Districts in Zoning Code Chapter 66; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Plan's implementation chapter calls for analyzing and considering revisions to the Zoning Code, including dimensional standards, and staff has identified a variety of general text amendments that should be researched and considered based on use of the T Districts since they were adopted in 2004; and

WHEREAS, drive through sales and services are conditionally permitted in the T2 District and in some business districts, and the use can affect walkability and livability and should be reviewed to ensure where the use is permitted reflects the intent of T Districts consistent with 2040 Comprehensive Plan goals and policies (e.g., LU-9: Promote high-quality urban design that supports pedestrian friendliness and a healthy environment, and enhances the public realm; LU-10: Activate streetscapes with active first-floor uses, street trees, public art, outdoor commercial uses and other uses that contribute to a vibrant street life); and

WHEREAS, affordable housing is a critical need in Saint Paul and the T Districts have the potential to include affordable housing incentives and/or requirements similar to the existing RM residential multifamily density bonus incentives consistent with 2040 Comprehensive Plan goals and policies (e.g., H-31: Support the development of new affordable housing units throughout the city; H-37: Encourage the development of affordable housing in areas well-served by transit and/or in proximity to employment centers);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, under the provisions of Section 61.801(b) of the Legislative Code, that the Planning Commission initiates the Traditional Neighborhood (T) Districts Zoning Study to consider amendments to Zoning Code regulations pertaining to T Districts, drive through sales and services, and other connected regulations contained in the Zoning Code.

moved by Holst
seconded by Presley
in favor Unanimous
against

Attachment 3: 2040 Comprehensive Plan Policies

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan supports new affordable housing and compact, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use development with flexibility to respond to changing conditions and opportunities. See below for key policies related to this zoning study.

- LU-1. Encourage transit-supportive density and direct the majority of growth to areas with the highest existing or planned transit capacity.
- LU-6. Foster equitable and sustainable economic growth by:
    - Facilitating business creation, attraction, retention and expansion;
    - Supporting family-sustaining jobs and enhancing workers' skills to excel at those jobs;
    - Growing Saint Paul's tax base in order to maintain and expand City services, amenities and infrastructure;
    - Supporting business, real estate and financial models that keep more money locally, such as locally-owned businesses, local-prioritized employment, employee-owned businesses and commercial land trusts;
- LU-7. Use land use and zoning flexibility to respond to social, economic, technological, market and environmental changes, conditions and opportunities.
- LU-9. Promote high-quality urban design that supports pedestrian friendliness and a healthy environment, and enhances the public realm.
- LU-10. Activate streetscapes with active first-floor uses, street trees, public art, outdoor commercial uses and other uses that contribute to a vibrant street life.
- LU-24. Prioritize public and private investments in infrastructure that:…
  2. maintain and improve the public realm to encourage street-level pedestrian activity; …
- LU-28. Support pedestrian-friendly streetscapes and visual interest through commercial building design.
- LU-30. Focus growth at Neighborhood Nodes using the following principles:
    - Increase density toward the center of the node and transition in scale to surrounding land uses;
    - Prioritize pedestrian-friendly urban design and infrastructure that emphasizes pedestrian safety;
- LU-35. Provide for multifamily housing along arterial and collector streets, and in employment centers to facilitate walking and leverage the use of public transportation.
- H-31. Support the development of new affordable housing units throughout the city.
- H-37. Encourage the development of affordable housing in areas well-served by transit and/or in proximity to employment centers.
- H-47. Encourage high-quality urban design for residential development that is sensitive to context, but also allows for innovation and consideration of market needs.
- T-21. Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by 40% by 2040 by improving transportation options beyond single-occupant vehicles.
- T-22. Shift mode share towards walking, biking, public transit, carpooling, ridesharing and carsharing in order to reduce the need for car ownership.

Attachment 4: Community Outreach Summary

During the initial outreach period in spring of 2022, planning staff sent a request to district councils, community organizations, and developers seeking ideas and input to guide the work on the zoning study. The request was also sent to subscribers of the early notification system (ENS) list. The requests were sent in April 2022 and ideas and input were requested by mid-May.

Staff received email responses from Districts 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, a member of Sustain St. Paul, and Sustain St. Paul. The ideas and input received during the initial outreach are provided in the table below.

Source of Ideas and Input	Ideas and Input
District 2	T zoning will encourage investment and development not only at Hillcrest but also along the long suffering White Bear Avenue. **Increasing the diversity of housing choices** as well as the **emphasis on pedestrian friendly developmen**t, will revive White Bear Avenue and the businesses that border it. **Fully support adding more T zoning** districts in the neighborhood especially along White Bear Avenue as part of the small area planning there (they understand the study will not rezone property).
District 10	Do not anticipate much feedback since there is very little T zoning in the neighborhood.
District 11	What is the **goal** for these districts? "Traditional" and "neighborhood" and their descriptions imply that new development should fit into the scale and design of existing neighborhoods. Yet the T designations cover a broad range of neighborhood types, all the way from T1 with its very low density single-family neighborhoods to T4 zoning that can fit in on University. This is **such a wide range that it might make sense to ditch the "traditional neighborhood"** name and scope entirely and be clearer about what, where, and why. **Since only T1 and T2 are really "traditional" neighborhood types; suggest the T3 and T4 be re-envisioned.** The **T designations reference urban villages**, but these are localized and walkable. Highland Park has an urban village, for instance. But **several locations where the T zoning designations are applied are really corridors, not villages**, and they should be treated as such. Has the city considered area plans for these corridors? What about strategic use of form-based codes? How does the traditional neighborhood update **dovetail with the housing types the city is considering**? Does it still make sense to include single-family development by right? What about parking? **Are the T1-4 designations responsive to economic trends that serve neighborhoods**? What can we do to make T1-T4 designations attractive and economically viable for developers? **Mixed-use development is great, but sometimes nostalgia for main street sizing wins over current market realities.**

	Check out Highland Park and see what made it through the pandemic and what didn't. **Take a look at newer mixed-use development along University - which spaces have a tenant and which are still sitting empty?**
District 12	Can staff attend a meeting to answer questions?
District 13	Questions about timeline for study and for providing comment.
District 14	Can staff attend a meeting to answer questions?
District 15	The T districts are beneficial to the city in developing defining features of city neighborhoods, like the village in Highland Park. **We should consider increasing the maximum height allowances for T1 and T2 to match T3, to allow increased density in the neighborhoods to promote housing development, promote transit usage** (e.g., more people in transit corridors makes it **easier to argue for increased transit**), and more **energy-efficient building structures to alleviate climate change concerns**.
Luke Hanson - Sustain St. Paul	As I look through the Zoning Code's section on Traditional Neighborhood districts, I have found myself looking back at the Land Use Definitions under Chapter 65 and comparing them to the table of Principal Uses in the TN Districts (Chapter 66, Section 321). Through this process, I've noticed (and been bothered by) the fact that the definitions of "General Retail" and "Service Business" in chapter 65 list some of the other Principal Uses which are specified on the table at 66.321: • The Chapter 65 definition of "General Retail" lists the following uses which also appear on the table at 66.321: Art gallery, catering, deli, food and related goods sales, liquor store/ • The Chapter 65 definition of "Service Business" lists the following uses which also appear on the table at 66.321: Bank/credit union, dry-cleaning/commercial laundry, Food shelf, Laundromat, Mail/Package delivery, medical/dental clinic or laboratory, post office, small appliance repair Is it within the scope of your TN study to make changes to the Definitions under Chapter 65? (I suppose that since these definitions are referenced in other Zoning Code districts, such as the B zones and C zones, maybe this is beyond your scope.) If it is within your scope, I would suggest cleaning these up in some way. A second question / idea: I think the zoning districts B1, B2, BC, and B3 should be discontinued, and the places currently zoned in those categories could be rezoned to TN districts. Has the Planning Commission or your department ever considered this? If not, I would like to suggest this idea for future study, what would be the best way to do that?
Sustain St. Paul	Would like to see the vast majority of parcels along Saint Paul's arterial and collector streets rezoned as Traditional Neighborhood in the near future. **1. Our primary recommendation is to eliminate or severely limit the auto-related uses which are currently permitted in Traditional Neighborhood districts.** • **"**Drive-through sales and services, primary and accessory" is currently allowed with a CUP in T2; it should be prohibited in all TN districts. • "Gas stations," "auto convenience markets," "auto body shops," and "auto service stations" should not be allowed in T1 or T2, and perhaps not T3.

	• Most "Fast food restaurants" in Minnesota are distinguished by their drive-through facilities. We have no problem with allowing fast food in certain TN districts, provided that they do not include drive-throughs. **2. Some of the listings on the Permitted Uses table such as "General Retail," "Service Business," and "Business Sales and Services" are vague, and possibly redundant. If it is within the scope of this study, such listings should be clarified or eliminated.** • The Chapter 65 definition of "General Retail" lists the following uses which also appear on the table at 66.321: Art gallery, catering, deli, food and related goods sales, liquor store • The Chapter 65 definition of "Service Business" lists the following uses which also appear on the table at 66.321: Bank/credit union, dry-cleaning/commercial laundry, Food shelf, Laundromat, Mail/Package delivery, medical/dental clinic or laboratory, post office, small appliance repair **3. Consider allowing more types of commercial uses in T1 and T2, requiring a Conditional Use Permit as necessary.** Some uses you might consider are fraternal lodges, museums, catering, restaurants (carry-out, deli, outdoor), business sales and services, general retail, food and related goods sale. **4. We suggest a few minor tweaks to the dimensional standards of TN districts:** • Increase the permitted height of mixed-use buildings in T1 and T2 to 40 feet (from 35 feet). This would facilitate slightly taller ground-level ceilings, which are desirable for restaurants and other commercial spaces. • Reduce the minimum front setback for one-family dwellings in T1 to 10 feet (the current requirement is at least 15 feet). • Strike the second part of Note (e), italicized here for emphasis: "Except in river corridor overlay district, height of structures may exceed the maximum if set back from side and rear setback lines a distance equal to additional height. *Structures shall be no more than twenty-five feet high alongside and rear property lines abutting RL-RT2 residential districts; structures may exceed this twenty-five foot height limit if stepped back from side and rear property lines a distance equal to the additional height.*" We believe these step-back requirements are unnecessary. **5. Consider requiring that the above-ground portions of enclosed parking structures be constructed in a manner that would enable their conversion to residential use in the future.** For example, each level of parking would need to be adequate to become a residential space, and the floors would need to be level and not steeply sloped. **6. Add requirements and/or incentives for including bicycle parking facilities in TN buildings, especially those that include structured car parking.** **7. We strongly support the inclusion of affordable housing incentives in TN districts.** We trust that your study of market conditions will help to determine the best way to design such incentives: for example, bonuses for building height or Floor-Area Ratio, units-per-acre, etc.

The request for ideas and input was sent to all district councils *and* the following community organizations and developers.

Midway Chamber of Commerce	Rice-Larpenteur Alliance
East Side Area Business Association	Highland Business Association
Payne Arcade Business Association	Sustain St. Paul
East Side Neighborhood Development Company	The Alliance Twin Cities
Minnesota Black Chamber of Commerce	North East Neighborhood
Latino Chamber of Commerce Minnesota	Development Corporation
Minnesota Hmong Chamber of Commerce	Midway Economic Community
Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce	Exeter Group
Asian Economic Development Association	Wellington
African Economic Development Solutions	Alatus
Hmong American Partnership	PAK Properties
Lao Family Community of Minnesota	Reuter Walton
Somali Action Alliance of Minnesota	Ryan Companies
White Bear Avenue Business Association	Sherman Associates
Business Review Council	
Grand Avenue Business Association	
Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers	

The following is a summary of the ideas and input received.

1. What is the goal for the districts? "Traditional" and "Neighborhood" and their descriptions imply that new development should fit into the scale and design of existing neighborhoods. Yet the T1-T4 continuum is such a wide range of neighborhood types and densities that it might make sense to ditch the "traditional neighborhood" name and scope entirely and be clearer about what the T districts are, where they are, and why. Since only T1 and T2 are really "traditional" neighborhood types, suggest the T3 and T4 districts be re-envisioned.
2. The T designations reference urban villages, but these are localized and walkable. Highland Park has an urban village, for instance. But several locations where the T zoning designations are applied are really corridors, not villages, and they should be treated as such. Has the city considered area plans for these corridors? What about strategic use of form-based codes?
3. How does the traditional neighborhood update dovetail with the housing types the city is considering? Does it still make sense to include single-family development by right? What about parking?
4. Are the T1-4 designations responsive to economic trends that serve neighborhoods? What can we do to make T1-T4 designations attractive and economically viable for developers? Mixed-use development is great, but sometimes nostalgia for main street sizing wins over current market realities. Check out Highland Park and see what made it through the pandemic and what didn't. Take a look at newer mixed-use development along University - which spaces have a tenant and which are still sitting empty?
5. Consider increasing the maximum height allowances for T1 and T2 to match T3, to allow increased density in the neighborhoods to promote housing development, promote transit usage, and more energy-efficient building structures. More people in transit corridors makes it easier to argue for increased transit and energy efficient buildings help to alleviate climate change concerns.
6. Eliminate or severely limit auto-related uses in T districts (prohibit drive-through sales and service, gas stations, auto convenience markets, auto body shops, auto service stations, fast food with drive-throughs).
7. Clean up the permitted use table to remove redundant references.
8. Consider allowing more types of commercial uses in T1 and T2, requiring conditional use permits as necessary.
9. Increase the permitted height of mixed-use buildings in T1 and T2 to 40 feet (from 35) to allow slightly taller ground level ceilings
10. Reduce the minimum front setback for one-family dwellings in T1 to 10 feet.
11. Remove step back requirements from Sec. 66.331(e), they are unnecessary.
12. Consider requiring above ground portions of parking structures be constructed in a manner that would enable their conversion to residential use in the future.
13. Add requirements and/or incentives for including bicycle parking facilities in Traditional Neighborhood buildings.
14. Support the inclusion of affordable housing incentives in TN districts.

To: Spencer Miller-Johnson
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Re: T District Zoning Study – Union Park District Council recommendations

Mr. Miller-Johnson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input regarding the City's proposed revisions to the T Districts zoning code. And thank you and your colleagues for your excellent support materials and presentations, and for your detailed response to our request for additional information.

We appreciate you team's willingness to think beyond the established norms in order to improve clarity, consistency, timeliness, and administrative burden. We enthusiastically embrace these goals, and offer the following comments to better achieve those goals.

Sincerely,

Sarah Dvorak
Union Park District Council President

Content:

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UPDC Vision for T District Zoning (Zoning At Neighborhood Nodes and Along Transit Corridors):

These are some of the structures that we consider to be optimal land use along transit corridors / structures that we used as a frame of reference for our recommendations for T District dimensional standards:

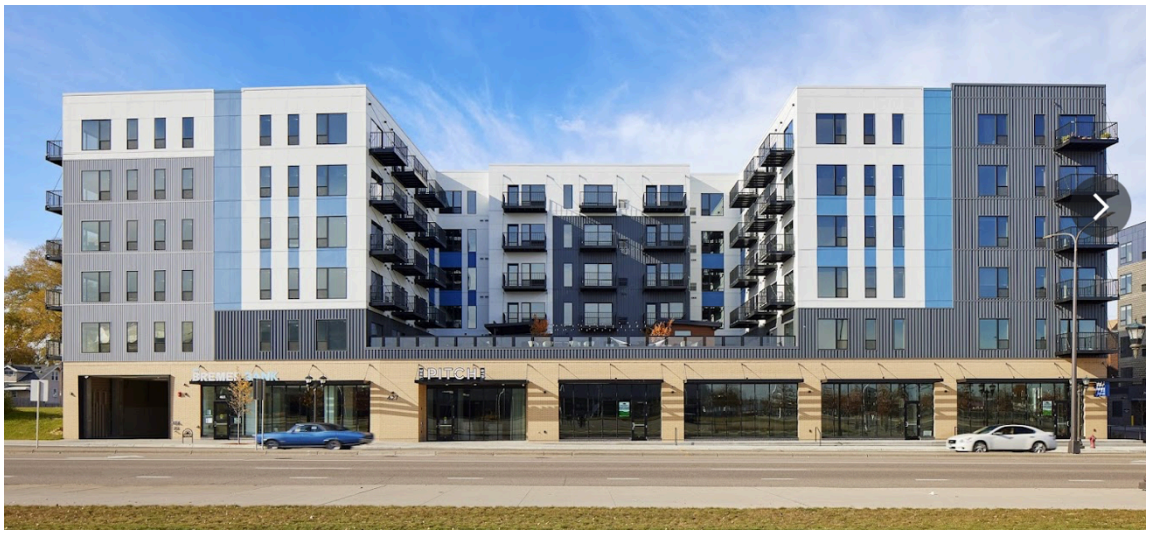
T2 (4 stories): The Finn Apartments (725 Cleveland Avenue South, Saint Paul)

Per Spencer Miller-Johnson, CNU-A, Senior City Planner:

Zoned T2, which means that currently the height limit would be 35 feet. If the building were to be set back further from the street, it could go higher.

The building constructed is 45 feet. The developer likely received an approved conditional use permit for height, which includes a public hearing and Planning Commission review/decision.

T3 (6 stories): The Pitch Apartments (427 Snelling Avenue North, Saint Paul)



Per Spencer Miller-Johnson, CNU-A, Senior City Planner:

Zoned T3, which means that currently the height limit would be 55 feet for a mixed-use building. If the building were to be set back further from the street, it could go higher.

The building constructed is 75 feet. I do see that it received an approved conditional use permit for height in 2019.

MAJOR CONCERN – T DISTRICT USES (OPPOSE THE ADDITION OF STORAGE FACILITIY)
Table 66.321

We firmly oppose the development of new storage facilities in neighborhood nodes and along transit corridors – therefore, we firmly oppose the addition of storage facilities to the approved uses in T Districts.

MAJOR CONCERN – DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS TABLE (CLARITY)
(pages 4-8)

We enthusiastically support the goal to "streamline the T District design standards, making them easier to understand and administer." However, we believe that the proposed design standards need considerably more streamlining. Our recommendations:

- Formula:
  form envelope met (setbacks + height criteria) + solar access preserved = approval
- Clear criteria by right rather than through the conditional use permit process, so that determinations are predictable and timely (and relatively time efficient to process), rather than discretionary, inconsistent, and slow (and relatively time-consuming to process).
  "Maximum" means maximum / Footnotes for clarification only, not for adjustments / bonuses
  Corollary: Because bonuses in footnotes mean that "Maximum" doesn't mean maximum, bonuses in footnotes would be eliminated.
  [You could have one table for dimensional standards without a density bonus and another table for dimensional standards with a density bonus – see examples below.]
- Replace FAR with building height (minimum and maximum), number of stories, and yard setbacks. (You don't want really want short wide buildings and you really don't want tall narrow buildings.)[1]

Rather than this:

Building Type by Zoning District	~~Density~~Intensity	Lot ~~Area~~Size Min.~~imum~~ (per principal unit)	Lot Width Min.	Building Height (feet)		Yard Setbacks (feet)		
	Min.—Max.(a)	~~Area~~ (sq. ft.)(a)	~~Width~~ (feet)	Min.	Max.	Front Min.—Max.	Side Min.	Rear Min.

Consider this:

Traditional Neighborhood & Transit Corridor Dimensional Standards							
Zoning District	Lot Area (sq ft) Min	Lot Width (feet) Min	Yard Setbacks (feet)			Building Ht (feet) Min-Max	Stories Min-Max
			Front Min-Max	Side Min-Max	Rear Min-Max		
T1							1-2
T2							2-4
T3							3-6
T4							4-?

Or these (<u>both</u> tables would be included in the zoning code):

Traditional Neighborhood & Transit Corridor Dimensional Standards WITHOUT Density Bonus							
Zoning District	Lot Area (sq ft) Min	Lot Width (feet) Min	Yard Setbacks (feet)			Building Ht (feet) Min-Max	Stories Min-Max
			Front Min-Max	Side Min-Max	Rear Min-Max		
T1							1-2
T2							2-3
T3							3-5
T4							4-?

Traditional Neighborhood & Transit Corridor Dimensional Standards WITH Density Bonus							
Zoning District	Lot Area (sq ft) Min	Lot Width (feet) Min	Yard Setbacks (feet)			Building Ht (feet) Min-Max	Stories Min-Max
			Front Min-Max	Side Min-Max	Rear Min-Max		
T1							1-2
T2							2-4
T3							3-6
T4							4-?

[1]Though Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is beneficial in downtown districts, we object to its use in neighborhood nodes and transit corridors for the following reasons:

- FAR is a barrier to discussion with most people. It often has to be explained, and often requires diagrams to explain it (with varying levels of success). And, despite best attempts to explain it, FAR often inhibits the sharing of insights. Rather than inviting conversation, FAR tends to intimidate.
- FAR is a barrier to visualization for most people.
- The flexibility that FAR offers is not the flexibility that we ought to offer in neighborhood nodes and along transit corridors. Structures in neighborhood nodes and along transit corridors should snug up close to the sidewalk. With FAR, a tall narrow building is interchangeable with a short wide building. However, in neighborhood nodes and along transit corridors, neither is optimal use of the lot.
- FAR does not control solar access / shadowing.

  On an east-west street, a 2 story C-shaped building that occupies ½ of the lot (FAR 1.0) casts the same shadow as a 2 story building that occupies 100% of the lot (FAR 2.0).
  On a north-south street, a 3 story L-shaped building that occupies 1/3 of the lot (FAR 1.0) casts the same shadow as a 3 story building that occupies 100% of the lot (FAR 3.0).

FAR was designed to limit human occupancy [by limiting square footage] in order to limit pedestrian, private vehicle, and transit traffic impact. It is an important tool for congested downtowns, allowing developers flexibility without exacerbating congestion. However, St. Paul's downtown is zoned B4 and B5 (not T). In nodes and along transit corridors, a wide short building is not interchangeable with a narrow tall building – and neither are particularly desirable.

> Note: Our views about FAR have been shaped in large part by the June 1958 American Society of Planning Officials article. We acknowledge that the article is old, but it is the most comprehensive discussion that we found, and appears to be the basis for the recent articles that we found.
> https://www.planning.org/pas/reports/report111.htm

MAJOR CONCERN – DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS TABLE (HEIGHT - MAXIMUM)
(pages 4-8)

City's proposal (maximum):

T1 35 feet + footnote:
~~e~~d (may exceed the maximum if set back from side and rear setback lines a distance equal to additional height)

T2 35-45 feet + footnote:
~~e~~d (may exceed the maximum if set back from side and rear setback lines a distance equal to additional height)

T3 55 feet + footnotes:
~~e~~d (may exceed the maximum if set back from side and rear setback lines a distance equal to additional height),
g~~f~~ (maximum height of ninety (90) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit. Structures shallmust be stepped back one (1) foot from all setback lines for every two and one-half (2½) feet of height over seventy-five (75) feet. A shadow study may be required for a conditional use permit application to help determine the impact of the additional height.)

T4 75 feet footnotes:
~~e~~d (may exceed the maximum if set back from side and rear setback lines a distance equal to additional height),

h~~g (~~Additional height may be permitted with a conditional use permit. Structures shallmust be stepped back one (1) foot from all setback lines for every two and one-half (2½) feet of height over seventy-five (75) feet. A shadow study may be required for a conditional use permit application to help determine the impact of the additional height.

(ed) Except in the river corridor overlay district, hHeight of structures may exceed the maximum if set back from side and rear setback lines a distance equal to additional height. Structures shallmust be no more than twenty-five (25) thirty (30) feet high along side and rear property lines abuttingadjoining RL-H2RT2 residential districts at a common property line or alley; structures may exceed this twenty-five (25) thirty (30) foot height limit if stepped back from side and rear property lines a distance equal to the additional height. Additional building height is permitted when stated in an adopted T District master plan.

(fe) A maximum height of forty-five (45) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit. In T1 -T3, the FAR maximum may be increased by 0.5 if at least ten (10) percent of new dwelling units are leased at a rate at or below the sixty (60) percent of the area median income (AMI) rent limits as
defined by the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Program rent and income limits published by Minnesota Housing, and are affordable to households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years. The FAR maximum may be increased by an additional 0.5 (total of 1.0 increase) if at least twenty (20) percent of new dwelling units are leased at a rate at or below the sixty (60) percent of the area median income (AMI) rent limits as defined by the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Program rent and income limits published by Minnesota Housing, and are affordable to households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years. Each unit required to be affordable must be occupied by a household earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the new building (or building expansion or conversion), demonstration of the commitment to affordable housing in accordance with this footnote must be provided as a deed restriction or other contractual agreement with the city, or a city housing and redevelopment authority financing agreement or other similar financing agreement. Upon occupancy of the units, documentation of the households' income qualifications is required.

(gf) Except in the river corridor overlay district and within light rail station areas between Lexington Parkway and Marion Street, aA maximum height of ninety (90) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit. Structures shallmust be stepped back one (1) foot from all setback lines for every two and one-half (2½) feet of height over seventy-five (75) feet. A shadow study may be required for a conditional use permit application to help determine the impact of the additional height. Additional building height is permitted when stated in an adopted T District master plan.

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UPDC Proposal:

In this table, "Minimum"/"Min" means minimum (including all possible bonuses and adjustments), and "Maximum"/"Max" means maximum (including all possible bonuses and adjustments).

(Which is to say, minimum means that this is where the conversation ends rather than where it begins, and maximum means that this is where the conversation ends rather than where it begins.)

Traditional Neighborhood & Transit Corridor Dimensional Standards (for areas not regulated by a master plan)							
Zoning District	Lot Area (sq ft) Min	Lot Width (feet) Min	Yard Setbacks (feet)			Building Ht (feet) Min-Max	Stories Min-Max
			Front Min-Max	Side Min-Max	Rear Min-Max		
T1						20-25	1-2
T2						25-50	2-4
T3						37.5-75	3-6
T4						50-?	4-?

Note #1: Each of the areas regulated by a master plan should have their own dimensional standards table.

Note #2: Based on their approach to dimensional standards tables, it is our guess that City Planners are cited frequently for speeding, because they believe that the posted speed limit is not the end of the conversation with the Highway Patrol but just the beginning.

MAJOR CONCERN – SOLAR ACCESS PROTECTION

Require shadow studies above 4 stories / 50 feet, with clear objective criteria for approval.
(Currently, for T3 and T4 "A shadow study may be required for a conditional use permit application to help determine the impact of the additional height.")

Develop specific criteria for minimum acceptable solar access, preferably based on:

- the shadows that would be cast on December 21 (the longest shadows), and
- a minimum number of hours of sunlight for every section of the property
  [Note: On December 21 (the shortest day of the year), there are 8 hours and 46 minutes of daylight.]
  [Perhaps a reasonable minimum would be 4 hours and 30 minutes of sunlight on December 21.]

MAJOR CONCERN – DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS TABLE (HEIGHT - MINIMUM)
(pages 4-8)
City's proposal (minimum):
T1 none
T2 none

Note: On pages 10-11, the zoning code states:
(105) *Building roofline design height - treatment of 1-story buildings*. New buildings of two (2) or more stories are encouraged. One-story buildings shallmust be designed to convey an impression of greater height in relation to the street with design elements such as. This can be achieved through the use of pitched roofs with dormers or gables facing the street, a higher tall parapets, and/or the use of an intermediate cornice line to separate the ground floor and the roof upper level.

T3 25 feet
T4 25 feet

UPDC Proposal:
In this table, "Minimum"/"Min" means minimum (including all possible adjustments), and "Maximum"/"Max" means maximum (including all possible adjustments).
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Though we did not intend to overly simplify our recommendations regarding building height, after contemplating buildings that we consider to be optimal land us in neighborhood nodes and along transit corridors, we ended up with:

District	Stories (Minimum)	Stories (Maximum)
T1	1	2
T2	2	4
T3	3	6
T4	4	?

MAJOR CONCERN – DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS TABLE (CALCULATING LOT SIZE)
Section 66.331 Footnote (a)
(a) In calculating the area of a lot that adjoins a dedicated public alley, for the purpose of applying minimum lot area and maximum density requirements, one-half the width of such alley adjoining the lot shall beis considered part of the lot.

The alley is not an area of any lot that could be developed – therefore, we oppose the use of any portion of the alley for the calculation of lot size, for any and all purposes.

MAJOR CONCERN (WITHOUT A PROPOSED SOLUTION) –
ASSURING VISUAL INTEREST AND VARIETY

Recent experience with the H District construction has raised our awareness of the importance of visual interest and variety. We don't have an answer for how to assure this, but we hope that City Planners and Planning Commission members will set aside time to consider incentives and requirements to maintain and improve our visual vitality.

MODERATE CONCERN – THE NAME ("TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD")

Feedback submitted during the T District Zoning Study included the suggestion to "be clearer about what the T districts are, where they are, and why." (T District Zoning Study page 4-5)
"be clearer about what the T districts are, where they are, and why."

Examples of zoning district names that we believe clearly imply their primary use:

R Residential
RM Residential Multifamily
B Business
I Industrial

Examples of zoning district names that we believe do not clearly imply their primary use:

T Traditional Neighborhood	[mixed use along transit corridors]
H Historic	[residential]

The updated descriptions of the T districts state that they are designed primarily for use in neighborhood nodes and along transit corridors. We believe that the name "Traditional Neighborhood & Transit Corridor" or the name "Transit Corridor" align better with the primary use than the current name "Traditional Neighborhood".

MODERATE CONCERN – NEW EDITING ERROR
(page 10 of 32)

(105) *Building roofline design height - treatment of 1-story buildings*. New buildings of two (2) or more stories are encouraged. One-story buildings shallmust be designed to convey an impression of greater height in relation to the street with design elements such as. This can be achieved through the use of pitched roofs with dormers or gables facing the street, a higher tall parapets, and/or the use of an intermediate cornice line to separate the ground floor and the
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"such as" – such as what???

MODERATE CONCERN – OLD EDITING ERROR
(page 18 of 32)

Rather than this:
Sec. 63.110. Building drequired yard sixteen (16) inches plus two (2) inches for each foot of width of the required side yard and are not subject to lot coverage requirements.
(e) Air conditioning condensers may be permitted in required side and rear yards and nonrequired front yards and are not subject to lot coverage requirements.
(f) Attached uncovered balconies located on the second story and above may project up to five (5) feet into a required yard alon**esign standards.**

Consider this:
Sec. 63.110. Building design standards.

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MINOR CONCERN – INTENT (DESCRIPTION OF THE T DISTRICTS)
(pages 1-2)

Division 1. 66.310. Intent
Please consider using a consistent format for each T zone description:

- "intended to", followed by
- "requires", followed by
- "encourages, but does not require", followed by
- "designed primarily for"

Sec. 66.312. Intent, T1 low density transit corridor district.

The T1 traditional neighborhood district is intended to foster and support compact, pedestrian-oriented commercial, residential, civic, and institutional development of limited size that, in turn, supports and increases transit usage. It encourages, but does not require, a variety of uses and housing types, with attention to the amount and placement of parking and transitions to adjacent residential neighborhoods. The T1 traditional neighborhood district is designed primarily for corner commercial buildings in residential areas and to serve as a transitional use of land along major thoroughfares, and between commercial or industrial districts and residential districts or other less intensive land uses.
(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Sec. 66.313. Intent, T2 medium density transit corridor district.
The T2 traditional neighborhood district is intended to foster and support compact, pedestrian-oriented commercial, residential, civic, and institutional development of medium density that, in turn, supports and increases transit usage. It encourages, but does not require, a variety of uses and housing types, with attention to the amount and placement of parking and transitions to adjacent residential neighborhoods. The T2 traditional neighborhood district is designed primarily for use in existing or potential neighborhood nodes and existing or planned transit corridors.
(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Sec. 66.314. Intent, T3 medium density transit corridor district.
(a) (b) The T3 traditional neighborhood district is intended to foster and support compact, pedestrian-oriented commercial, residential, civic, and institutional development of medium density that, in turn, supports and increases transit usage. It encourages, but does not require, a variety of uses and housing types, with attention to the amount and placement of parking. The T3 traditional neighborhood district is designed primarily for use in neighborhood nodes. Neighborhood nodes are compact, mixed-use areas that provide shops, services, neighborhood-scale civic and institutional uses, recreational facilities and employment close to residences that serve a neighborhood's daily needs, including access to food.
(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)
(c) (d) St. Paul, Minnesota, Code of Ordinances (Supp. No. 126)

Sec. 66.315. Intent, T4 high density transit corridor district.
The T4 traditional neighborhood district is intended to foster and support compact, pedestrian-oriented commercial, residential, civic, and institutional development of high density that, in turn, supports and increases transit usage. It encourages, but does not require, a variety of uses and housing types, with attention

to the amount and placement of parking. The T3 traditional neighborhood district is designed primarily for use near transit stops along fixed rail transit (including commuter rail, light rail and trolley) corridors, existing and neighborhood nodes.

MINOR CONCERN – "INTENSITY" VS "DENSITY"
The proposed update uses the term "density" 6 approximately 6 times, including (page 10 of 32):

(2) *Transitions to lower-density neighborhoods.* Transitions in density or intensity shall be managed through careful attention to building height, scale, massing and solar exposure.

[The proposed switch to "intensity" creates the apples to oranges switch of higher intensity to lower density.]

Your executive summary refers to a "density bonus":

• **Incentives for Affordable Housing** (Section 66.331). The footnotes of the Density and Dimensional Standards Table are proposed to include a density bonus for affordable housing.

While we appreciate your willingness to challenge established norms in order to improve precision, we anticipate that the terms "intensity" and "density" will be used interchangeably, to the benefit of none, and the confusion of at least a few.

MINOR CONCERN – "COUTYARD BUILDING" VS "COURTYARD"
(page 7 of 32)

Rather than this:
Up to forty (40) percent of the building façade on any lot may exceed the maximum setback for courtyard buildings, cluster developments, or to create outdoor seating or gathering areas.

Consider this:
Up to forty (40) percent of the building façade on any lot may exceed the maximum setback for cluster developments, or to create an outdoor seating area, gathering area, or courtyard.

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Our Mission

Sustain Saint Paul champions abundant housing, low-carbon transportation, and sustainable land use in the City of Saint Paul through education, advocacy and political action, to ensure a more just and equitable city for all current and future residents.

Wednesday, July 2nd, 2025

Dear Planning Commissioners,

We represent Sustain Saint Paul, a volunteer-driven advocacy organization that champions abundant housing, low-carbon transportation, and sustainable land use in the City of Saint Paul. We appreciate the opportunity to submit feedback about the proposed amendments to the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts, and the specific Questions for the Community that you have published.

In short, we enthusiastically support all of the proposed updates to the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts, and we would urge you and the City Council to initiate a study by the City of Saint Paul's Planning Department that would propose a large-scale rezoning of property into the T Districts across the city.

Below are our responses to your specific Questions for the Community:

1. Do you support additional development flexibility in T Districts, such as increasing building height by 10 feet in T2 and T3 districts? Why or why not? Yes, absolutely. The Planning Department's memo explains that the current requirement of a Conditional Use Permit and Public Hearing to obtain permission for additional height has been a significant impediment to development; allowing an additional ten feet by right is sensible.

2. Do you support simplified, objective design standards for T Districts? Why or why not? Yes. We feel that the proposed updates to the design standards will make them far simpler for prospective developers to follow, without significantly diminishing the required quality of design.

3. Do you support amendments to allow more neighborhood-scaled land uses in T Districts? Why or why not? Yes! Allowing a wider variety of neighborhood-scaled land uses is a positive change; it will enable the gradual development of small, local businesses and reduce administrative burden. This is one area where we would like to see even greater flexibility. For example, we feel that it would be reasonable to allow small restaurants and bars in the T1 district, not only in T2-T4. We also encourage you to consider consolidating the T1 district into the T2 district, so that parcels currently zoned T1 would become part of the T2 district. The dimensional standards of the districts are mostly identical (T2 allows slightly higher intensity for certain commercial uses), and so the primary effect of this change would be to allow a few more non-residential uses in the lowest-intensity district.

4. Do you support an amendment creating a density bonus for affordable housing? Why or why not? Yes. The T districts should have the same (or nearly same)

incentives for affordability that have been incorporated into the residential-only H and RM zoning districts. We trust that the details of these incentives have been calibrated to correspond with the current financial realities of land prices and development costs in Saint Paul, and that they will be updated in the future if and when those factors change.

5. Do you support amendments to allow outdoor gathering areas in front of buildings? Why or why not? Yes. These proposed amendments are a thoughtful strategy to cultivate vibrant, active streetscapes.

Next-Steps

Once the City of Saint Paul has adopted updates to the T Districts, we urge you to initiate a new zoning study that would put these zoning districts into widespread use throughout the City. During the public engagement sessions in May, Planning staff noted that most property owners who apply for rezonings seek to rezone their properties into the T Districts. This is no surprise, given the flexibility of their dimensional requirements and permitted land uses. Saint Paul needs to pursue every opportunity to catalyze neighborhood-scale economic development to build its tax base and build community wealth: rezoning more land into the T Districts is one such opportunity, because it reduces the number of barriers for Saint Paulites to create small-scale businesses within their neighborhoods in response to local needs.

Here are some ideas for what could be included in the scope of such a zoning study:

- Consolidating the Business zoning districts (B1-B5, OS) and the Vehicular Parking district into the Traditional Neighborhood districts (much as the old Residential Single-Family districts were consolidated into the H districts through the 1-4 Unit Housing Study in 2023)
- Rezoning land along arterial streets into the T districts (not only at the Neighborhood Nodes designated in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan)
- Rezoning parcels that once housed commercial spaces (e.g. along former streetcar routes) which are currently zoned in the H districts into the T districts
- Amending the H districts to allow a small number of small-scale commercial land uses (e.g. corner stores, Accessory Commercial Units) under certain conditions

Thank you once again for the invitation to comment, and thank you for taking on this process to modernize the T districts.

Sincerely,

Sustain Saint Paul Board of Directors

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Saint Anthony Park Community Council

Response to Planning Commission Questions on the Traditional Neighborhood District Zoning Study

Thank you for considering the Saint Anthony Park Community Council's response to the Planning Commission's call for community input on questions relating to the potential changes to Traditional Neighborhood (T) Zoning Districts.

The Community Council and its Land Use Committee have reviewed the recommended changes and have the following feedback to the Planning Commission's questions.

Do you support additional development flexibility in T Districts, such as increasing building height by 10 feet in T2 and T3 districts? Why or why not?

> Yes. An additional story of height will allow for higher intensity developments. In Saint Anthony Park, T2 and T3 Districts are located around our commercial areas including Como Ave and University Ave. These areas are well suited to higher intensity development, including increased building height. We also support the proposed change to intensity requirements from units per acre to floor area ratio. Floor area ratio requirements will facilitate creative mixed-use developments in our commercial nodes.

Do you support simplified, objective design standards for T Districts? Why or why not?

> Objective design standards ensure developers understand what requirements will apply to their development proposals. Simplified and objective design standards will improve St. Paul's ability to attract developments in T Districts. This is a welcome change and still leaves the opportunity for District Councils to advocate for their own set of design standards.
>
> We oppose extending application of the building facade continuity standard to T1. It currently doesn't apply in T1 and adding it would make T1 design

standards less simple. One of the largest uses of T1 in the city is along Como Avenue in St. Anthony Park (including the Luther Seminary campus, a Lutheran Social Service office building, a large vacant site at Como and Eustis soon to be developed by Health Partners for a new clinic, a church, and our lovely public library), where this design standard just doesn't make sense.

Do you support amendments to allow more neighborhood-scaled land uses in T Districts? Why or why not?

Absolutely. Local businesses enliven Saint Anthony Park and create destinations throughout the neighborhood. T1 Districts in Saint Anthony Park are located along Como Ave where neighborhood-scaled land uses like local restaurants and shops already exist. Saint Anthony Park already has many 'general retail' businesses located in T2 Districts that are across the street from or share a border with T1 Districts. It just makes sense to expand flexibility of these uses, especially when the expansion is literally across the road in some cases.

Do you support an amendment creating a density bonus for affordable housing? Why or why not?

Yes. Developments that allow people with different economic circumstances to live in Saint Anthony Park should be given density bonuses, just as they would in other residential districts. The upcoming redevelopment of the Luther Seminary campus into residential use would be an ideal project to utilize this proposed density bonus for affordable housing.

We support the proposed density bonus, but would encourage the Planning Commission to consider a stricter affordability requirement. Zillow estimates the average rent in St. Paul at $1,449. Rents affordable to households earning 60% of the area median income (AMI) according to the Metropolitan Council are higher than St. Paul's average rent.

2025 Rental Housing

# Bedrooms	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	80% AMI
Efficiency	$694	$1,158	$1,389	$1,852
1 Bedroom	$744	$1,241	$1,489	$1,985
2 Bedrooms	$894	$1,490	$1,788	$2,384
3 Bedrooms	$1,032	$1,721	$2,065	$2,753
4 Bedroom	$1,152	$1,920	$2,304	$3,072

Developments seeking a density bonus should be providing units that are more affordable than St. Paul's average rent. We would advocate adjusting the amendment to require units affordable at the 50% or 30% AMI levels if developments seek the maximum floor area ratio increase.

Do you support amendments to allow outdoor gathering areas in front of buildings? Why or why not?

Yes. Neighborhood engagement at street level brings excitement and a sense of place. Saint Anthony Park has many businesses with outdoor gathering areas across the neighborhood and we encourage developers to include this type of street level activation in their proposals.

The proposed amendment to allow greater setback for just part of a building doesn't do enough to allow such spaces in front of buildings. Speedy Market at Como-Doswell and Milton Square at Como-Carter are examples of highly valued outdoor gathering areas along the entire frontage of the building; it works just fine. We don't see a need for a maximum setback requirement or examples of a problem it solves. Other T district standards prohibit parking in front of buildings. Property owners have a natural incentive to use their property efficiently and don't need to be forced to minimize front yard setbacks. Where there are greater setbacks, they tend to be used for landscaping and gathering areas that are desirable. It's good that civic and institutional buildings are exempt from maximum setback requirements (the public library at Como-Carter, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, and Luther Seminary are examples). But when use of the seminary changes and it is redeveloped, the maximum setback requirements may harm the valued public open space on the Como frontage of the seminary campus. Rather than complicated amendments to complicated unnecessary maximum front yard setback requirements, the maximum setback requirements should simply be eliminated.

Do you support providing design flexibility in master planned areas to achieve the vision adopted for the site? Why or why not?

Currently Saint Anthony Park does not have any districts with master plans. If a master planned area were created with robust community involvement and reflected the vision of the community, then we would support providing design flexibility in those areas.

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BUSINESS REVIEW COUNCIL (BRC)
R LYNN PINGOL, CHAIR

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July 9, 2025

Honorable Mayor Carter
Honorable Members of the Saint Paul City Council
390 City Hall
15 Kellogg Boulevard West
St. Paul, MN 55102

Honorable Mayor Carter, Honorable Members of the Saint Paul City Council, Staff,

The City of Saint Paul's Business Review Council respectfully submits this letter of support for proposed T-District amendment changes. The BRC recognizes the importance of added flexibility that the amendment changes will allow for business owners in Saint Paul especially additional neighborhood-scaled uses allowed, streamlined objective design standards, increased development flexibility at nodes and corridors and language changes that are both more accurate and allow for greater public understanding.

In particular, the BRC has identified the following changes that will remove unnecessarily burdensome requirements for both City administration and potential business owners:

- The consolidation of building types to a single category labeled "All other"
- FAR consolidation and replacement
- The increased maximum building height limits in both T2 and T3 areas.
- Removal of land use diversity design standard.
- Removal of transition to lower-density neighborhoods design standard.
- Removal of overly prescriptive standards of door and window openings.

The amendment changes identified and proposed in T-District neighborhoods align well with the charge of the BRC to reduce or simplify burdensome regulations, eliminate obsolete requirements and promote cooperation among various City enforcement agencies, businesses, and neighborhood groups. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

R Lynn Pingol, Chair
Business Review Council

1555 Branston Street
Saint Paul, MN 55108
14 July 2025

Kristine Grill, Chair
Saint Paul Planning Commission
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Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE: Comments on Traditional Neighborhood (T) District Zoning Study

Dear Commissioner Grill and Members of the Planning Commission:

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Traditional Neighborhood (T) district Zoning Study, including proposed amendments to T district standards and proposed amendments to other chapters of the Zoning Code related to T districts.

The updated and clarified T district intent language, simplified dimensional standards table, streamlined regulations, and amendments to provide additional development and design flexibility are all good amendments based on what has been learned and how T districts have been used since first adopted in 2004. More could be done to simplify and clarify T district code language, make it more objective, and provide additional development flexibility.

Maximum front yard setback requirements in section 66.331 unnecessarily complicate the code, unnecessarily limit development flexibility, and aren't right some situations. For the kind of pedestrian-oriented design desired in T districts, the key is not to allow parking in front of buildings; this is covered in sections 66.341 & 66.342. It's unnecessary to require smaller front yard setbacks because, where appropriate, developers will want to fully use the space. Patios, outdoor gathering areas, trees and green space along the entire front of buildings are generally seen as desirable. There is no good reason for overly prescriptive maximum front yard setback requirements to restrict such things. Dickerman Park is an example of providing even greater than normal space for such things in front of buildings; it provides welcome relief to hardscape along University Avenue that the community likes. The maximum setback requirements are so complicated it's necessary to say the minimum front setback can't exceed the maximum! Better than more complicated exceptions to allow outdoor gathering areas in front of buildings, simplify and streamline the regulations by deleting the maximum setback requirements.

In some places, "shall be" should be replaced with "is" rather than "must" as proposed in 66.331(a): the first line of 66.331(c/new b), the last sentence of 66.331(d/new c), and 66.344(b). "Must" seems correct in 66.614(b), better than "are" to make the point that outdoor restaurants can't be a stand-alone use.

In 66.342(a)(4), delete both parts of the parentheses.

The amendments to simplify the T district design standards, and to make them more objective, are generally good. Here are some additional suggestions to clarify the language.

In 66.343(b)(4/new 1), *Compatible rehabilitation and reuse,* simply delete the word *traditional*. It seems like a code word for something. What tradition? Who's tradition? It's so ambiguous it's sort of meaningless. Don't add the sentence about setback, which is covered elsewhere, doesn't define *traditional*, and is not the issue here. Don't add the phrase about human scale; it doesn't clarify what "traditional" buildings are. Don't add the word "visibility"; it's unclear and confusing in this context.

In 66.343(b)(8/new 3), *Building facade continuity,* start the first sentence with "<u>In T2-T4,</u> new buildings along ... ." T1 was written and intended for broader use than the other T districts, including for locations and situations where requiring building facade continuity is not appropriate. Therefore, *Table 66.343, Applicability of Traditional Neighborhood Design District Standards* (now proposed to be deleted) does not apply the building facade continuity standard to the T1 district. T1 is a good district for civic, institutional and residential uses along commercial and mixed-use streets for which building facade continuity is not a good standard. T1 is a good district for corner commercial buildings along mixed use streets where requiring building facade continuity is not appropriate. With *Table 66.343, Applicability of Traditional Neighborhood Design District Standards* now proposed to be deleted, 66.343(b)(8/new 3), *Building facade continuity*, needs to be amended to be clear that it just applies in T2-T4, and does not apply in T1.

In 66.343(b)(14/new 8), *<u>Building</u> materials*, underline the new word "*<u>Building</u>*."

In 66.344(d), *<u>Modification of traditional neighborhood design standards in master planned areas</u>*, underline the <u>(d)</u>, which is new. Remove the commas between "areas" & "when" and between "infrastructure" & "such" because they confuse and change the meaning of the sentence.

On page 17, move "ARTICLE I. 63.100. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS" to come before "Sec. 63.106. Projections into yards." "Sec. 60.104, Construction of language," does not fall under 63.100, but rather falls under "ARTICLE I. 60.100. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND EXCEPTIONS."

In 63.110(d), change the new language so that holding the corner just applies where existing buildings are within 15 feet of the public sidewalk as follows:

(d) ~~In pedestrian-oriented commercial districts characterized by storefront commercial buildings built up to the public sidewalk, new principal structures must have a maximum setback of fifteen (15) feet from a commercial lot line. At intersections,~~ <u>Where at least fifty (50) percent of the frontage of a block or corner is built up with existing buildings within fifteen (15) feet of the public sidewalk, a primary entrance must face the street, and on corner lots</u> buildings must "hold the corner," that is ...

This appears to be the intent and makes sense. Without this change, the "holding the corner" standard would apply to all corner lots in the city, which I assume is not the intent.

In 65.130(b), simply add "floor area ratio" to the first sentence as follows:

(b) *Zoning district standards.* Buildings must conform to the dimensional standards for floor area ratio, minimum lot area per unit, minimum lot width, height, and ...

The proposed new subparagraphs (1) and (2) under 65.130(b) are redundant and should be deleted.

Rewrite the proposed changes to Sec. 65.785 as follows:

Sec. 65.785. Storage facility, ~~rental~~ mixed use.

Rental storage within a mixed-use building.

Standards and conditions ~~in B4-B5 business districts.~~

(a) The facility ~~shall be located within a mixed-use building, shall~~ must not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the ~~gross~~ floor area of the building and ~~shall~~ must not be located on the first floor (except for access) or a skyway level.

(b) The storage facility's primary entrance, loading area, and freight elevators must not be located within the front third of the building, and may not be shared with other uses.

(c) The floor to ceiling height within the storage facility must be a minimum of nine (9) feet.

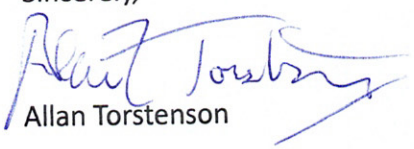
American Planning Association standards and conventions for zoning code definitions state that definitions should not include substantive regulatory provisions. The requirements that the use must not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the floor area of the building and not be located on the first floor belong in the standards and conditions for the use, not in the definition.

In Sec. 69.507(b), *Block length*, start the sentence as follows:

(b) *Block length.* In residential, traditional neighborhood, and business districts, ~~The lengths, widths, and shapes of blocks shall be as are appropriate for the~~ ...

Requiring 330' – 660' block lengths doesn't make sense for industrial districts, and industrial block length requirements are covered in 69.507(d).

Sincerely,



Allan Torstenson

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Good evening Spencer,

Here is my comment. My name for the record is Benjamin Werner. If you need my address, it is 431 Classon Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11238.

"In regards to all proposed guiding questions my comment is the following. Any changes that allow for increased density, more walkability, more vibrancy, and less environmental impact are changes I support. Activating our commercial corridors through mixed use zoning is low hanging fruit in the fight for exciting, healthy cities where people can connect and where democracy thrives. I love the idea of promoting outdoor gathering spaces, density bonuses for affordable housing, and any other amendment that simplifies this process and encourages in-fill development on commercial corridors.

The only changes I would make are that I think the zoning districts could be expanded. The entire length of west 7th, all of Payne avenue, the full length of Dale, and Selby avenues should be included. Basically, if it can be a commercial corridor or already is, let's densify it and make it more livable, walkable and fun. Increasing our population through simplifying the T District Zoning will help increase our tax base and make our city more vibrant. If T4 allows the most dense use, I'd propose to change all districts to T4 as of right zoning. I support all amendments. Thank you."

Ben

Dear Mr. Miller,

I am a Saint Paul resident and condo owner at 350 St. Peter Street, writing to express approval for the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan. In fact, I would like to see the city go further by studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. Furthermore, I would like to see the city fold T1 districts into T2 districts, which I believe have a superior set of permitted uses and standards. Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Sincerely,

Matt Frank

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I'm writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed updates to the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts. I am particularly supportive of increasing the by-right height limits, to reduce the number of instances that development is delayed by CUP processes; and the expanded number of permitted land uses.

I also want to urge you to initiate another zoning study focused on broadly expanding the T Districts throughout Saint Paul. I suggest three concepts to be included within the scope of the study:

- Simplifying the Zoning Code by sunsetting the Business districts and the Vehicular Parking district (perhaps consolidating them into the T Districts)
- Identifying formerly commercial buildings that are currently zoned in the H Districts and rezoning them into T Districts (to re-enable commercial uses in the future)
- Adding language to the H Districts that would enable small-scale commercial land uses within them (e.g. corner stores and Accessory Commercial Units) under certain conditions

Thanks for the invitation to comment, and thank you for your good work to modernize our Zoning Code.

Luke Hanson
1423 Eleanor Avenue

P.S. I forgot one additional idea to include within the scope of the study (perhaps the most straightforward one): rezoning land along arterial streets in Saint Paul into the T Districts. Thanks.

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident at 238 Dale Street North, writing to express approval for the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan. In fact, I would like to see the city go further by studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. Furthermore, I would like to see the city fold T1 districts into T2 districts, which I believe have a superior set of permitted uses and standards. Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

-Emmet Chappelle

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident at 890 Kenneth St. in Highland Park, writing to express approval for the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan. In fact, I would like to see the city go further by studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. Furthermore, I would like to see the city fold T1 districts into T2 districts, which I believe have a superior set of permitted uses and standards. Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Sincerely,
Jenn

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident at 1458 Arona St Saint Paul, writing to express approval for the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan. In fact, I would like to see the city go further by studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. Furthermore, I would like to see the city fold T1 districts into T2 districts, which I believe have a superior set of permitted uses and standards.

Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Matthew Belanger

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident at 695 Fuller Ave., writing to express approval for the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan. In fact, I would like to see the city go further by studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. Furthermore, I would like to see the city fold T1 districts into T2 districts, which I believe have a superior set of permitted uses and standards. Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Thanks,

- Lincoln Wells

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a St .Paul resident from the West 7th neighborhood. After spending time in Europe this summer, marveling at their community-centered, walkable cities, I am happy to be writing to express my approval for the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan.

I would also encourage the city to go a step beyond by studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. I am also in support of the city folding T1 districts into T2 districts, whose more expansive permitted uses and standards would help facilitate accessible community spaces that make for a more walkable, sustainable, and connected community.

Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul!

Best,
Barb Thees
232 Goodrich Ave, St Paul, MN 55102

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident at 2001 Selby Ave, writing to express approval for the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan. In fact, I would like to see the city go further by studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. Furthermore, I would like to see the city fold T1 districts into T2 districts, which I believe have a superior set of permitted uses and standards. Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Best,

Henry Parker
2001 Selby Ave
St Paul, MN 55104

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident at 808 Berry St, Apt 407, writing to express approval for the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan. In fact, I would like to see the city go further by studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. Furthermore, I would like to see the city fold T1 districts into T2 districts, which I believe have a superior set of permitted uses and standards. Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Noah Schneider

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident at 195 Cleveland Ave S, writing to express approval for the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan. In fact, I would like to see the city go further by studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. Furthermore, I would like to see the city fold T1 districts into T2 districts, which I believe have a superior set of permitted uses and standards. I am especially in favor of any city planning that increases safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and encourages business growth and housing density along existing transit routes and nodes. Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Sincerely,

Rachel Willson-Broyles

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I support the proposal that density bonuses in T-zoned districts be given ONLY when tied to affordability. I also request that the Planning Commission and the City Council enact those same rules for density bonuses in RL1, H1 and H2 zoning districts. I further request that the Student Housing Overlay District be updated with the new housing unit types allowed in those districts. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Chris Schirber

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident and small business owner. I live in Mac Groveland and have my business in the Creative Enterprise Zone. I enthusiastically support the zoning amendments proposed by City staff in the recent Traditional Neighborhood district zoning study: the proposed updates are sensible ways to make the T districts more functional. One reason we were able to get traction in forming the CEZ is because of the strength of the small commercial district on Raymond. It has contributed to a thriving mixed-use community. I would love to have more small businesses near my home (Cretin and St. Clair). We have longed for a coffee shop or bakery on our near corner.

I have two suggestions:

1. Consider folding the T1 district into the T2 district, which I believe has a superior set of permitted uses and standards.

2. I would like to see the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts applied more broadly across the City, along current and future transit corridors and arterial streets. Please initiate a second zoning study that would propose more T zoning throughout Saint Paul.

Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Catherine Reid Day

Hello Planning Commissioners,

*I am a Saint Paul resident at **1383 Charles Ave, 55104**. I enthusiastically support the zoning amendments proposed by City staff in the recent Traditional Neighborhood district zoning study: the proposed updates are sensible ways to make the T districts more functional. I have two suggestions*:

1. Consider folding the T1 district into the T2 district, which I believe has a superior set of permitted uses and standards.

2. I would like to see the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts applied more broadly across the City, especially along current and future transit corridors and arterial streets. Please initiate a second zoning study that would propose more T zoning throughout Saint Paul.

Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Daniel Phillips

Hello,

I’m a homeowner in the Macalester-Groveland Neighborhood.

- I’m writing to convey my support for the proposal that density bonuses in T-zoned districts be given ONLY when tied to affordability.

- I also request that the Planning Commission and the City Council enact those same rules for density bonuses in RL1, H1 and H2 zoning districts.

- I further request that the Student Housing Overlay District be updated with the new housing unit types allowed in those districts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Keren Ashie Whaley, MS, RN, FNP-C
2006 Lincoln Ave

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- I further request that the Student Housing Overlay District be updated with the new housing unit types allowed in those districts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Daniel Whaley, PE - State of Texas
2006 Lincoln Ave

Dear Spencer,

I am writing as a homeowner in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood to express my support for the proposal requiring density bonuses in T-zoned districts to be tied exclusively to affordability requirements.

I respectfully request that the Planning Commission and City Council extend these same density bonus requirements to RL1, H1, and H2 zoning districts.

Additionally, I request that the Student Housing Overlay District be updated to incorporate the new housing unit types permitted in these districts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelly Wilen

Hi Spenser,

I strongly support the proposal that density bonuses in T-zoned districts be granted **only** when they are directly tied to true affordability. Our neighborhoods deserve housing that serves the people who live and work here, not just developers' bottom lines. I urge the Planning Commission and the City Council to apply these same common-sense rules to RL1, H1, and H2 zoning districts as well.

Also, I would like to ask that the Student Housing Overlay District be promptly updated to reflect the new types of housing units now allowed in those areas. This is an important opportunity to align our policies with the evolving needs of our community.

Let’s ensure growth in our city is thoughtful, equitable, and genuinely affordable for all. Thank you.

Thanks,
Justin Grammens
2030 Dayton Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Dear Spencer,
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Margaret Frank
1977 Lincoln Ave, St Paul, MN 55105

Hello,
I'm a homeowner in the Merriam Park Neighborhood.
- I'm writing to convey my support for the proposal that density bonuses in T-zoned districts be given ONLY when tied to affordability.
- I also request that the Planning Commission and the City Council enact those same rules for density bonuses in RL1, H1 and H2 zoning districts.
- I further request that the Student Housing Overlay District be updated with the new housing unit types allowed in those districts.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Molly Tiedeman Brown

Hello,

As a homeowner in the Union Park neighborhood, I am writing to express my support for the proposal that density bonuses in T-zoned districts be granted only when tied to affordability.

I also request that the Planning Commission and City Council apply this same rule for density bonuses in the RL1, H1, and H2 zoning districts.

Additionally, I request that the Student Housing Overlay District be updated to include the new housing unit types now permitted in those districts.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or additional information I may provide.

John Pyle

Good afternoon,

I am writing to voice my support for the changes to T zoning. I believe we should continue to improve density along transportation hubs and, if anything, don't think the expansions go far enough. Thank you for your work to ensure St. Paul can continue to be a growing city and one that hopefully can be affordable for more people to enjoy in the future.

Best,

Casey Ulrich
1723 Field Ave

I support the proposal that density bonuses in T-zoned districts be given ONLY when tied to affordability. I also request that the Planning Commission and the City Council enact those same rules for density bonuses in RL1, H1 and H2 zoning districts. I further request that the Student Housing Overlay District be updated with the new housing unit types allowed in those districts.

Thank you.

Kathy Brudevold

2208 Sargent Ave

Spencer-

Thank you for returning my call. I will not be able to attend the Planning Commission meeting on July 11, 2025 at 8:30 am. I would like to give you what I would have said at the meeting.

This issue that I have with the T1,2,3,4 and the H1,2 zoning changes is that the developers have too much power over the residents in the neighborhoods where they want to make things "more " dense. I am opposed allowing a developer to tear down 2 single dwelling homes in order to build 4-6 story buildings. Would you want a 4 story, 24 unit next to your home? This is the kind of building St Paul does not need. Residents are not notified until after the fact. This is not how to treat your long-term residents.

It saddens me to watch my neighborhood change from single dwelling homes to four and 6 story apartment buildings, one right after another. These are not neighborhoods - these are asphalt jungles.

I hope the city can recognize that the long-term residents are being "kicked out" of their homes because of high taxes. The goal of more density is not the answer to the revenue question. Cutting your spending is the answer.

Thank you for allowing my response on these issues.

Sincerely,

KC Cox
Carroll Ave

Hi Spencer,

I live in Ward 4 and am writing to express my strong support for expanding T Districts. Doing so will help my neighborhood become more walkable, with more of our daily needs reachable on foot or by bike. Strict zoning separations between residential and commercial uses are an anachronism that are standing in the way of real progress in making St. Paul more livable and in pushing down our total vehicle miles traveled (by car, that is.)

Thank you—

Mark Thieroff

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident at 811 Como Ave Apt 8. I enthusiastically support the zoning amendments proposed by City staff in the recent Traditional Neighborhood district zoning study: the proposed updates are sensible ways to make the T districts more functional. I have two suggestions:

1. Consider folding the T1 district into the T2 district, which I believe has a superior set of permitted uses and standards.

2. I would like to see the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts applied more broadly across the City, along current and future transit corridors and arterial streets. Please initiate a second zoning study that would propose more T zoning throughout Saint Paul.

I support the statement released by Sustain Saint Paul, attached.

Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Jacob Hooper

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident at 337 7th St W. I enthusiastically support the zoning amendments proposed by City staff in the recent Traditional Neighborhood district zoning study: the proposed updates are sensible ways to make the T districts more functional. I have two suggestions:

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2. I would like to see the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts applied more broadly across the City, along current and future transit corridors and arterial streets. Please initiate a second zoning study that would propose more T zoning throughout Saint Paul.

Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Braden Holmes
Cabinetmaker
St. Paul, MN
5073639021
bradenholmes33@gmail.com

Hello Planning Commissioners,

*I am a Saint Paul resident at **958 Hatch Ave**. I enthusiastically support the zoning amendments proposed by City staff in the recent Traditional Neighborhood district zoning study: the proposed updates are sensible ways to make the T districts more functional. I have two suggestions:*

1. Consider folding the T1 district into the T2 district, which I believe has a superior set of permitted uses and standards. As an artist who would like to be able to have a small retail store front on Front Ave and a small workspace this zoning would allow.

2. I would like to see the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts applied more broadly across the City, along current and future transit corridors and arterial streets. Please initiate a second zoning study that would propose more T zoning throughout Saint Paul. As an artist who would love to be able to have a small retail store on Front Ave and a small workspace this zoning would allow. Even if this was only applied to larger/higher volume streets so the neighbor hoods were still all residential. These changes would drastically improve the opportunities for future business and community vibrancy!

Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Carl Fristad

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident at 2183 Scheffer Ave. I enthusiastically support the zoning amendments proposed by City staff in the recent Traditional Neighborhood district zoning study: the proposed updates are sensible ways to make the T districts more functional. I have two suggestions:

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2. I would like to see the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts applied more broadly across the City, along current and future transit corridors and arterial streets. Please initiate a second zoning study that would propose more T zoning throughout Saint Paul.

Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Philip Breczinski

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident at **(1597 Chelsea St)**, writing to express approval for the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan. I currently have one coffee shop in my neighborhood and it used to be a daycare. I would love to have multiple buildings that can be allocated so we can have both at one time. In fact, I would like to see the city go further by studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. Furthermore, I would like to see the city fold T1 districts into T2 districts, which I believe have a superior set of permitted uses and standards. Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Sigrid O

Hello Planning Commissioners,
I am writing to express my support for the recent zoning amendments proposed in the traditional neighborhood district (T-district) zoning study. I chose to reside in Saint Paul due to the walkability of my neighborhood, and I believe that every resident should be able to walk to a variety of small, local businesses.
Therefore, I would suggest that the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts are applied in more locations across the City, including along current and future transit corridors and arterial streets.
Secondly upon review of the zoning study, I would recommend that the T1 district designation should be phased out in favor of the current T2 standards, which provide a higher degree of flexibility to entrepreneurs.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Scalise
924 Ighehart Ave, Saint Paul

Dear Planning Commission members,

I do a lot of walking in Saint Paul, especially in the Frogtown and Summit-University neighborhoods, and I am always intrigued by buildings, often on corners, that clearly once were small businesses - grocers, cafes, - that are no longer. I would love to see a return to more mixed uses in our residential neighborhoods. I've had the great fortune of traveling in Japan, where I see a very healthy mix of uses side by side - small rice paddies and vegetable gardens, homes, businesses, small shrines, schools - all in the suburb where my brother lives.

I am in favor of the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan and studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. I think they would increase the vibrancy of our city and create more places where neighbors can get to know each other.

Thank you for considering these options.

Jeanne Landkamer
954 Aurora Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104

Hello Planning Commissioners,

My wife Ofelia and I own IO Investments LLC, which owns a small Saint Paul commercial building at 1053 Dale St. N. This is where we operate [www.coffeeinlaw.com]Abogados Café, the first Latina-owned coffee shop in the Twin Cities.

I enthusiastically support the zoning amendments proposed by City staff in the recent Traditional Neighborhood district zoning study: the proposed updates are sensible ways to make the T districts more functional. I have two suggestions:

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2. I would like to see the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts applied more broadly across the City, along current and future transit corridors and arterial streets. Please initiate a second zoning study that would propose more T zoning throughout Saint Paul.

When Ofelia and I rezoned the building to T2 we got some help and guidance from city staff. However, the process was grueling and confusing. Language and standards from the 1900s made it all difficult to navigate. The process took about six months. For a business owner, that is way too long of a process.

I want a city where opening and operating a business is seamless and affordable. Currently, it is neither. As a business lawyer, I help business owners open shop all over Minnesota. Let me tell you a non-secret, the city of St. Paul is the toughest to enter and remain. My clients are not rushing to do business here. They only set up shop here if they must. Construction contractors automatically turn down projects when they hear "Saint Paul." It's not looking good.

St. Paul is dying. The census shows a decline in population. At this rate, our beloved capital city will be a ghost town in a few decades. The silverlining is that it could attract tourists to walk around the St. Paul of yore. But let's not get there.

This dying grandpa is on life support. Yet he's not that old--he's only been fed the wrong things, with minimal exercise, and poor sleep. Our city tends to follow very lofty and well-intended policies that are impractical and harmful. It appears our leaders care primarily about the good intentions of their policies, while ignoring their terrible results. There are a lot of egos within city

governance. Pet projects are prioritized over the wellbeing of the city as a whole. Leaders don't want to wake up and smell the coffee. Nevertheless, "I meant well" is not enough.

So here we are, with a dying city that can only be revitalized with common sense policies that foster business growth while taking the marginalized into account. This is not rocket science. Other cities have figured it out and are thriving.

Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Sincerely,

Inti Martínez-Alemán
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1053 Dale St. N, Suite 202

Saint Paul, MN 55117

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ioinvestmentsmn@gmail.com

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident at (1800 Graham Ave, Saint Paul MN 55116), writing to express approval for the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan. In fact, I would like to see the city go further by studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. Furthermore, I would like to see the city fold T1 districts into T2 districts, which I believe have a superior set of permitted uses and standards. Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Courtney Peterson

Hello!

My name is Christopher Woxland, a born and raised St. Paulite currently living at 1515 Marshall Ave. I'm writing to voice my approval for future implementations of T districts throughout the city. Further I want to express my desire for the city to legalize accessory commercial units and corner stores in residential zoning districts. Both actions would allow the city to continue its mission to become a more sustainable and equitable city by providing walkable neighborhoods for all residents in the city. Not just those near transit lines or arterial streets.

Having grown up at 1999 Itasca Ave, I know first hand the disadvantages of living in a neighborhood surrounded with exclusively H1 zoning. This meant growing up to get to any coffee shops, grocers, restaurants, and other neighborhood gathering places. I (along with all my neighbors in this area) would have to walk at least a mile to either get to the Village or the W7th plaza. We are one of many neighborhoods in St. Paul where there is a dearth of walkable neighborhood shops.

This is why I had left St. Paul to go to college and stayed for a few years after as even predominantly residential neighborhoods would have coffee shops, bars, restaurantes and other small businesses dotted throughout allowing one to be able to live in the neighborhood without a car. Thankfully when I decided to move back home I found a neighborhood that is off multiple transit lines and has allowed for not only T style development but other walkable infrastructure as well. Being able to allow coffee shops or other small neighborhood stores (like Talisman) on street corners throughout the city and not just in those areas will greatly improve the quality of life for the city's residents.

Thank you,
Christopher

I am a Saint Paul resident at 1768 Englewood Ave, writing to express approval for the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan. In fact, I would like to see the city go further by studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. Furthermore, I would like to see the city fold T1 districts into T2 districts, which I believe have a superior set of permitted uses and standards.

Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Bobby Wargo

I am a Saint Paul resident at 978 Barrett, writing to express approval for the city studying changes that align T-Districts with the 2040 comprehensive plan. In fact, I would like to see the city go further by studying a wider implementation of T-Districts to all current and future transit corridors. Furthermore, I would like to see the city fold T1 districts into T2 districts, which I believe have a superior set of permitted uses and standards. Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Matt Schneider
South Como Community Investment Cooperative
secretary@southcomocoop.org | southcomocoop.org

Dear Mr. Miller-Johnson,

I’m a homeowner in St. Paul's Shadow Falls neighborhood. I’m concerned about degradation of our neighborhood from the proliferation of closely-spaced, dormitory-style student housing structures, and the resulting increase in noise, litter, parking issues, vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and vehicle-pedestrian and vehicle-cyclist conflicts, and worsened visual appeal and sense of neighborhood cohesion.

- I’m writing to convey my support the proposal that density bonuses in T-zoned districts be given ONLY when tied to affordability.

- I also request that the Planning Commission and the City Council enact those same rules for density bonuses in RL1, H1 and H2 zoning districts.

- I further request that the Student Housing Overlay District be updated with the new housing unit types allowed in those districts.

Respectfully,

James Johnson

jjohns007@icloud.com
2224 Dayton Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a longtime Saint Paul resident at 935 Linwood Ave. I enthusiastically support the zoning amendments proposed by City staff in the recent Traditional Neighborhood district zoning study: the proposed updates are sensible ways to make the T districts more functional. I have two suggestions:

1. Consider folding the T1 district into the T2 district, which I believe has a superior set of permitted uses and standards.

2. I would like to see the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts applied more broadly across the City, along current and future transit corridors and arterial streets. Please initiate a second zoning study that would propose more T zoning throughout Saint Paul.

It would be wonderful to have many more vibrant neighborhood shopping nodes available like we currently see in our sister city, Minneapolis.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kimberly Feilmeyer

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am a Saint Paul resident at ***(1446 Cumberland St. St. Paul, MN 55117).*** *I enthusiastically support the zoning amendments proposed by City staff in the recent Traditional Neighborhood district zoning study: the proposed updates are sensible ways to make the T districts more functional. I have two suggestions:*

1. Consider folding the T1 district into the T2 district, which I believe has a superior set of permitted uses and standards.

2. I would like to see the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts applied more broadly across the City, along current and future transit corridors and arterial streets. Please initiate a second zoning study that would propose more T zoning throughout Saint Paul.

We would love to find ways to support local entrepreneurs and small businesses in our neighborhoods. Thank you for your service to the City of Saint Paul.

Sincerely, Gina Brewington

906-360-6107

Hello -

I am reaching out to express my support for the proposal that density bonuses in T-zoned districts be given **ONLY** when tied to affordability. I also strongly urge the Planning Commission and the City Council enact those same rules for density bonuses in RL1, H1 and H2 zoning districts. Further, I request that the Student Housing Overlay District be updated with the new housing unit types allowed in those districts.

I live in Merriam Park and we do not need more student housing! The buildings being put up in my neighborhood currently are large, configured for students, and are definitely not affordable. They do not fulfill the desire by the city for affordable housing and neighborhood diversity. They do not help to maintain a good balance between full-time residents of Merriam Park and the student population. The Student Housing Overlap was enacted to maintain a balance between a livable neighborhood and a college campus. The current situation is not maintaining that balance and could drive down housing costs and cause people to move away.

Thank you.
Naomi Shapiro

ARTICLE III. 66.300. TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICTS

Division 1. 66.310. Intent

Sec. 66.311. General intent, T traditional neighborhood districts.

~~TN t~~Traditional neighborhood districts are intended to foster ~~the development and growth of~~ compact, pedestrian-oriented ~~urban villages~~ development in neighborhood nodes, along transit corridors, and at large redevelopment sites. All four (4) districts are intended to encourage a compatible mix of commercial, ~~and~~ residential, civic, and institutional uses within buildings, sites and blocks; new development in proximity to major transit streets and corridors; and additional choices in housing.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Sec. 66.312. Intent, T1 low-intensity traditional neighborhood district.

The T1 traditional neighborhood district ~~is intended to~~ provides for neighborhood-scale compact, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use areas ~~of limited size,~~ with a variety of residential, office, ~~and~~ service, civic, and institutional uses ~~that primarily serve neighborhood needs~~. It is also intended for corner commercial buildings in residential areas and to serve as a transitional use of land along major thoroughfares~~,~~ and between commercial or industrial districts and residential districts ~~or other less intensive land uses~~.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Sec. 66.313. Intent, T2 medium-intensity traditional neighborhood district.

The T2 traditional neighborhood district ~~is designed for use in existing or potential pedestrian and transit nodes. Its intent is to foster and support~~ provides for medium-intensity compact, pedestrian-oriented commercial, ~~and~~ residential, civic, and institutional development that~~, in turn, can~~ supports ~~and increase~~ transit usage. It is intended primarily for neighborhood nodes and along existing or planned transit corridors. It encourages~~, but does not require,~~ pedestrian-oriented development with a variety of uses and housing types, ~~with~~and appropriate ~~careful attention to the amount and placement of parking and~~ transitions to adjacent residential neighborhoods.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Sec. 66.314. Intent, T3 medium-intensity traditional neighborhood district.

The T3 traditional neighborhood district provides for medium-intensity~~higher-density pedestrian- and transit-oriented~~ residential and commercial mixed-use development in higher intensity neighborhood nodes and transit corridors. It ~~is designed for~~ encourages transit-oriented development with a variety of land uses and higher density housing types to accommodate households of varying sizes, ages, and incomes. ~~development or redevelopment of land on sites large enough to support:~~

~~(a) A mix of uses, including residential, commercial, civic and open space uses in close proximity to one another;~~

~~(b) A mix of housing styles, types and sizes to accommodate households of varying sizes, ages and incomes;~~

~~(c) A system of interconnected streets and paths that offer multiple routes for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists, and are connected to existing and future streets;~~

~~(d) A system of open space resources and amenities; and incorporation of environmental features into the design of the neighborhood.~~

~~The T3 district is also intended for smaller sites in an existing mixed-use neighborhood center where some of the above elements already exist, or in an area identified in the comprehensive plan as a potential "urban village" site. The above elements may be found within the T3 district or adjacent to it; the intent is that all would be present within a reasonable walking distance.~~

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Sec. 66.315. Intent, T4 high-intensity traditional neighborhood district.

The T4 traditional neighborhood district provides for high-intensity-~~density~~, transit-supportive, pedestrian-friendly mixed-use development. It is particularly intended for use near ~~transit stops along fixed rail transit (including commuter rail, light rail and trolley) corridors,~~ existing and planned transit corridors where ~~a greater~~more frequent transit service and reliance on transit make~~s~~ high-~~density~~ intensity mixed-use development possible and desirable.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Division 2. 66.320. Principal Uses in Traditional Neighborhood Districts

Sec. 66.321. Traditional neighborhood district use table.

Table 66.321, traditional neighborhood district uses, lists all permitted and conditional uses in the T1—T4 traditional neighborhood districts, and notes applicable development standards and conditions.

Table 66.321. Traditional Neighborhood District Uses

Use	T1	T2	T3	T4	Definition (d) Standards (s)
Residential Uses					
Dwellings					
One-family dwelling	P	P	~~P~~		(d), (s)
Two-family dwelling	P	P	~~P~~		(d)
Cluster development	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Multiple-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	(d)
Housing for the elderly	P	P	P	P	(d)
Mixed Commercial—Residential Uses					
Home occupation	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Live-work unit	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Mixed residential and commercial use	P	P	P	P	
Congregate Living					
Adult care home	P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Community residential facility, licensed correctional	C	C	C	C	(d), (s)
Dormitory	P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Emergency housing facility	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Foster home	P	P	P	P	(d)
Fraternity, sorority	P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Roominghouse	C	C	C	C	(d), (s)
Shelter for battered persons	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Sober house	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Supportive housing facility	P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Civic and Institutional Uses					
Club, noncommercial		P	P	P	(d)
College, university, seminary, or similar institution of higher learning	P	P	P	P	(d)
Community center	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Day care	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Homeless services facility	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Museum	P/C	P	P	P	(s)
Public library	P	P	P	P	

Public and private park, playground	P	P	P	P	
Religious institution	P	P	P	P	(d)
School, primary & secondary	P	P	P	P	
Trade school, arts school, dance school, etc.	P	P	P	P	
Public Services and Utilities					
Antenna, cellular telephone	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Municipal building or use	P	P	P	P	(s)
Solar energy generation facility, community	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Utility or public service building	C	C	C	C	(d), (s)
Commercial Uses					
Office, Retail, and Service Uses					
General office, studio	P	P	P	P	(d)
General retail	P	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Service business, general	P	P	P	P	(d)
Service business with showroom or workshop		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Animal boarding			P		(d), (s)
Animal day care	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Artist's studio	P	P	P	P	(d)
Business sales and services		P	P		(d)
Drive-through sales and services, principal and accessory		C			(s)
Dry cleaning, commercial laundry		P	P	P	(s)
Farmers market	P~~/C~~	P~~/C~~	P~~/C~~	P~~/C~~	(d), (s)
Garden center, outdoor		P	P	P	(d), (s)
Hospital		C	C	C	(d)
Mortuary, funeral home		P	P	P	
Outdoor uses, commercial		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Tattoo shop	P	P	P	P	
Tobacco products shop		P/C	P	P	(d), (s)
Veterinary clinic		P	P	P	(d), (s)
Food and Beverages					
Bar		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Brew on premises store		P	P	P	(d), (s)
Coffee shop, tea house	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Restaurant		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Restaurant, fast food		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Commercial Recreation, Entertainment and Lodging					
Bed and breakfast residence	P	P	P	P	(d)
Hotel		P	P	P	(d)
Short term rental dwelling unit	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Health/sports club	P	P	P	P	(d)
Indoor recreation		C	C	C	(d), (s)
Outdoor sports/entertainment				P	(s)
Reception hall/rental hall		C	C	C	
Theater, assembly hall		P/C	P/C	P/C	(s)
Automobile Services					
Auto body shop				C	(d), (s)
Auto convenience market		C	C		(d), (s)
Auto service station		C	C		(d), (s)
Parking Facilities					

Parking facility, commercial		C	C	C	(d), (s)
Transportation					
Bus or railroad passenger station			C	C	
Railroad right-of-way	C	C	C	C	(s)
Limited Production and Processing					
Agriculture	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Brewery, craft		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Distillery, craft		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Limited production and processing		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
~~Mail order house~~		~~P~~	~~P~~	~~P~~	
Printing and publishing		P/C	P/C	P/C	(s)
Storage facility, mixed-use			P	P	(d), (s)
Winery, craft		P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Accessory Uses					
Accessory use	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Dwelling unit, accessory	P	P	P		(d), (s)
Micro-unit dwellings accessory to a religious institution	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)

P - Permitted use C - Conditional use requiring a conditional use permit

Notes to table 66.321, principal uses in traditional neighborhood districts:

(d) Definition for the use in Chapter 65, Land Use Definitions and Development Standards.

(s) Standards and conditions for the use in Chapter 65, Land Use Definitions and Development Standards.

(C.F. No. 08-640, § 4, 7-9-08; Ord No. 11-26, § 2, 3-23-11; Ord No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord No. 12-26, § 1, 5-23-12; Ord 13-44, § 2, 8-28-13; Ord 13-51, § 5, 11-13-13; Ord 13-57, § 3, 12-4-13; Ord 15-5, § 3, 2-5-15; Ord 16-5, § 1, 4-13-16; Ord 16-25, § 1, 8-17-16; Ord 16-13, § 5, 9-14-16; Ord 17-1, § 3, 1-25-17; Ord 17-38, § 4, 10-25-17; Ord 19-10, § 1, 6-26-19; Ord 19-72, § 2, 1-8-20; Ord 22-3, § 1, 1-19-22; Ord 21-33, § 1, 11-10-21; Ord 23-43, § 7, 10-18-23; Ord 23-57, § 3, 12-13-23)

Division 3. 66.330. Traditional Neighborhood District Density and Dimensional Standards

Sec. 66.331. - Density and dimensional standards table.

Table 66.331, traditional neighborhood district dimensional standards, sets forth density and dimensional standards that are specific to traditional neighborhood districts. These standards are in addition to the provisions of chapter 63, regulations of general applicability. Where an existing building does not conform to the following requirements, the building may be expanded without fully meeting the requirements as long as the expansion does not increase the nonconformity.

Table 66.331. Traditional Neighborhood District Dimensional Standards

Building Type by Zoning District	~~Density~~Intensity	Lot Area~~Size~~ Min.~~imum~~ (per principal unit)	Lot Width Min.	Building Height (feet)		Yard Setbacks (feet)		
	Min.—Max.(a)	~~Area~~ (sq. ft.)(a)	~~Width~~ (feet)	Min.	Max.	Front Min.—Max.	Side Min.	Rear Min.
T1								

1- & 2-family dwelling	~~6—12 units/acre (b)~~ 0.3-1.0 FAR (e)	~~3500~~1000 ~~(b)~~	~~30~~ 25	none	35 (~~e~~d)	10~~5~~—25 (~~i~~h)	(~~k~~j)	15
~~2-family /townhouse~~	~~8—20 units/acre (b)~~	~~2000 (b)~~	~~20~~	~~none~~	~~35 (e)~~	~~10—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~15~~
~~Multifamily~~ All other	~~10—25 units/acre (b)~~ 0.3-1.0 FAR (e)	~~1700 (b)~~ n/a	n/a	none	35 (~~e~~d)	~~1~~0—25 (~~i~~h)	(~~k~~j)	(~~k~~j)
~~Nonresidential or mixed use~~	~~0.3—1.0 FAR~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~none~~	~~35 (e)~~	~~0—25~~	~~(k)~~	~~(k)~~
T2								
1- & 2-family dwelling	~~6—12 units/acre (b)~~ 0.3-1.0 FAR (e)	~~3500~~1000 ~~(b)~~	~~30~~ 25	none	35 (~~e~~d)	10~~5~~—25 (~~i~~h)	(~~k~~j)	15
~~2-family /townhouse~~	~~8—20 units/acre (b)~~	~~2000~~1000 ~~(b)~~	~~20~~ 25	~~none~~	~~35 (e)~~	~~10—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~15~~
~~Multifamily~~	~~FAR as for mixed use~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~none~~	~~35 (e), (f)~~	~~10—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~(k)~~
~~Nonresidential or mixed use~~ All other	0.3—2.0 FAR with surface parking, 0.3—3.0 FAR with structured or no parking, and 0.5 min. FAR in light rail station areas (~~c~~b), (e)	n/a	n/a	none	4~~3~~5 (~~e~~d)~~,~~ ~~(f)~~	0—10 (~~i~~h), (i)	(~~k~~j)	(~~k~~j)
T3								
~~1-family dwelling~~	~~8—12 units/acre (b)~~	~~3500 (b)~~	~~30~~	~~25~~	~~35 (e)~~	~~15—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~15~~
~~2-family /townhouse~~	~~10—20 units/acre (b)~~	~~2000 (b)~~	~~20~~	~~25~~	~~35 (e)~~	~~10—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~15~~
~~Multifamily~~	~~0.5—3.0 FAR(d)~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~25~~	~~45 (e), (g), (l)~~	~~10—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~(k)~~
~~Nonresidential or mixed use~~ All	0.5—3.0 FAR (~~d~~c), (e)	n/a	n/a	25	55 (~~e~~d), (~~g~~f)~~,~~ ~~(l)~~	0—10 (~~i~~h), (i)	(~~k~~j)	(~~k~~j)
T4								
~~Multifamily~~	~~0.5 min. FAR (d)~~	~~n/a~~	~~n/a~~	~~25~~	~~75 (e), (h)~~	~~10—25 (i)~~	~~(k)~~	~~(k)~~
~~Nonresidential or mixed use~~ All	0.5 min. FAR (~~d~~c)	n/a	n/a	25	75 (~~e~~d), (~~h~~g)	0—10 (~~i~~h), (i)	(~~k~~j)	(~~k~~j)

Min. - Minimum Max. - Maximum FAR - Floor Area Ratio n/a - not applicable

Notes to table 66.331, traditional neighborhood district dimensional standards:

(a) In calculating the area of a lot that adjoins a dedicated public alley, for the purpose of applying minimum lot area and maximum density requirements, one-half the width of such alley adjoining the lot ~~shall be~~is considered part of the lot. The minimum FAR applies to new buildings. The minimum FAR does not apply to the creation or reconfiguration of lots, or to removal of buildings. For a new building on a zoning lot where an existing building will remain, or where the new building and its associated parking and landscaping will cover only part of the site and leave the rest of the site open for an additional building, minimum FAR may be calculated based on the area of the site covered by the new building and its associated parking and landscaping. Public gathering areas, landscaped areas at least twenty (20) feet wide preserved for future development between the public right-of-way and parking, and land dedicated to the city as public right-of-way may be approved by the planning administrator as counting toward meeting the minimum FAR.

~~(b) Units per acre is calculated based on net acreage. Density based on units per acre must be calculated for parcels of an acre or more in size. For smaller parcels, the maximum number of units may be calculated based upon minimum lot size per unit.~~

~~In calculating the area of a lot for the purpose of applying lot area and density requirements, the lot area figure may be increased by six hundred (600) square feet for each parking space (up to one (1) parking space per unit) within a multiple-family structure or a structured parking facility. The maximum number of units possible on a lot using this lot area bonus can be calculated using the formula: Maximum units allowed = Lot Area ÷ (minimum lot area per unit - 600).~~

(~~c~~b) Floor area ratio (FAR) ~~shall~~must be prorated upon the percentage of parking that is provided as structured parking. ~~A minimum FAR of 0.5 is required in light rail station areas.~~ Thirty (30) percent of the floor area of structured parking within, above, or below the principal structure may be counted toward meeting the minimum FAR.

(~~d~~c) 1.0-3.0 FAR in light rail station areas for lots more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet in area, with no maximum FAR in T4. The floor area of structured parking above or below space used for principal uses, up to an amount equal to the floor area of the principal uses, may be counted toward meeting the minimum FAR. For lots more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet partly in a light rail station area, minimum FAR ~~shall~~must be prorated upon the percentage of the lot in a light rail station area.

(~~e~~d) ~~Except in the river corridor overlay district, h~~Height of structures may exceed the maximum if set back from side and rear setback lines a distance equal to additional height. Structures ~~shall~~must be no more than ~~twenty-five (25)~~ thirty (30) feet high along side and rear property lines ~~abutting~~adjoining RL-~~H2~~RT2 residential districts at a common property line or alley; structures may exceed this ~~twenty-five (25)~~ thirty (30) foot height limit if stepped back from side and rear property lines a distance equal to the additional height. Additional building height is permitted when stated in an adopted T District master plan.

(~~f~~e) ~~A maximum height of forty-five (45) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit.~~ In T1 - T3, the FAR maximum may be increased by 0.5 if at least ten (10) percent of new dwelling units are leased at a rate at or below the sixty (60) percent of the area median income (AMI) rent limits as defined by the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Program rent and income limits published by Minnesota Housing, and are affordable to households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years. The FAR maximum may be increased by an additional 0.5 (total of 1.0 increase) if at least twenty (20) percent of new dwelling units are leased at a rate at or below the sixty (60) percent of the area median income (AMI) rent limits as defined by the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Program rent and income limits published by Minnesota Housing, and are affordable to households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years. Each unit required to be affordable must be occupied by a household earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the new building (or building expansion or conversion), demonstration of the commitment to affordable housing in accordance with this footnote must be provided as a deed restriction or other contractual agreement with the city, or a city housing and redevelopment authority financing agreement or other similar financing agreement. Upon occupancy of the units, documentation of the households' income qualifications is required.

(~~g~~f) ~~Except in the river corridor overlay district and within light rail station areas between Lexington Parkway and Marion Street, a~~A maximum height of ninety (90) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit. Structures ~~shall~~must be stepped back one (1) foot from all setback lines for every two and one-half (2½) feet of height over seventy-five (75) feet. A shadow study may be required for a conditional use permit application to help determine the impact of the additional height. Additional building height is permitted when stated in an adopted T District master plan.

(~~h~~g) Additional height may be permitted with a conditional use permit. Structures ~~shall~~must be stepped back one (1) foot from all setback lines for every two and one-half (2½) feet of height over seventy-five (75) feet. A shadow study may be required for a conditional use permit application to help determine the impact of the additional height. Additional building height is permitted when stated in an adopted T District master plan.

(~~i~~h) ~~Where at least fifty (50) percent of the front footage of any block is built up with principal residential buildings and the front yard setbacks of existing buildings with front yards that adjoin the front yard of the lot are all greater or all less than the district standard setback requirement, the minimum front yard setback for new buildings shall be the same as the adjoining front yard setback that is closest to the district standard setback requirement, except where only one existing front yard adjoins the front yard of the lot the minimum front yard setback for new buildings shall be the midpoint between the district standard setback requirement and the adjoining front yard setback. The property owner is responsible for reporting the relevant adjacent existing front setback to the zoning administrator on a registered land survey.~~ The minimum front yard setback ~~shall~~must not exceed the maximum front yard setback requirement. If an interior lot is abutting BC or residential zoning, it may have setbacks up to twenty-five (25) feet to relate to the existing established building façade line. ~~Sixty (60) percent of the front facade must fall within the maximum setback~~. Up to forty (40) percent of the building façade on any lot may exceed the maximum setback to create outdoor seating, gathering areas, or courtyards. Civic and institutional buildings in T1 and T2 districts are exempt from the maximum front yard setback requirement. On corner lots at transitway platforms, no portion of a structure is allowed in the triangular area of the lot included within fifteen (15) feet of the corner along each lot line. For local heritage preservation sites, the minimum and maximum setback standards may be modified to comply with the preservation program and design review guidelines.

(~~j~~i) For properties fronting on University Avenue between Marion and Emerald Streets a minimum four (4) foot front yard setback is required. The four (4) foot setback ~~shall~~must be either landscaped or paved. If paved (preferred), the property owner may provide a permanent easement to the City to provide additional sidewalk space. An additional six (6) feet may be added to provide an outdoor activity zone, pedestrian seating or amenities, resulting in a building setback of ten (10) feet. For local heritage preservation sites, the standard may be modified to comply with the preservation program and design review guidelines.

(~~k~~j) No side or rear yards are required along the interior lot lines except as otherwise specified in the building code; provided, that if walls of structures facing such interior lot lines contain windows or other openings, yards of not less than six (6) feet ~~shall~~must be provided. Side and rear yards of at least six (6) feet ~~shall be~~are required when a nonresidential use adjoins a side yard of a residential property. These setback requirements from interior lot lines shall be waived when an easement agreement is recorded as to the affected properties. Proof of such recorded easement shall be provided at the time of application for a building permit. The recording of the easement agreement shall be interpreted to mean that the following intents and purposes of these setback requirements are met: adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property; sufficient space for maintenance of the building from the same lot; and prevention of damage to adjoining property by fire or runoff from roofs. The setback ~~shall~~must be a minimum of thirteen (13) feet from the centerline of an adjoining alley.

~~(l) For the T3M Upper Landing area bounded by Chestnut Street, Spring Street, Smith Avenue and the Mississippi River, a maximum height of sixty-five (65) feet may be permitted without a conditional use permit, and a maximum height of one hundred (100) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit, provided that such developments, to the extent reasonably possible, follow the design guidelines of the~~

~~"Sustainable Decisions Guide for City Facilities" or other sustainable development guidelines. For the T3M Victoria Park area generally bounded by W. 7th Street, Otto Avenue, Shepard Road and Montreal Way, a maximum height of seventy-five (75) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit. For the T3M West Side Flats area generally bounded by Wabasha Street, Plato Boulevard, Robert Street, and the Mississippi River, the maximum permitted building heights shall be as shown on Figure 5.4 of the *West Side Flats Master Plan and Development Guidelines* adopted by the city council on June 10, 2015; for the parcels on the northeast and northwest corners of Robert Street and Plato Boulevard, a maximum height of seventy-five (75) feet may be permitted without a conditional use permit, and a maximum height of ninety (90) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit. A shadow study and/or view analysis shall accompany the conditional use permit application to help determine the impact of the additional height.~~

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord 14-12, § 2, 6-4-14; Ord 15-5, § 3, 2-5-15; Ord 15-20, § 2, 6-10-15; Ord. 21-27, § 1, 8-18-21; Ord 22-1, § 3, 1-19-22)

Division 4. 66.340. Required Conditions

Sec. 66.341. Required conditions in T1—T2 traditional neighborhood districts.

(a) *Placement of parking.* Surface parking must not be located within thirty (30) feet of a corner and ~~may~~must be located:

(1) To the rear of the principal building or within the rear yard of the parcel~~.~~;

(2) In an interior side yard if rear parking is impractical or insufficient, provided that surface parking areas and entrance drives occupy no more than fifty (50) percent of the total lot frontage~~.~~ and that ~~S~~surface parking areas in light rail station areas ~~shall~~ occupy no more than sixty (60) feet of the lot frontage~~.~~; or

(3) On a separate lot, in compliance with section 63.303.

~~(4)~~ If a variance of this parking placement requirement is necessary to allow parking in front of a building because of special needs and site constraints, there ~~should~~must be a ~~good~~ pedestrian connection between the sidewalk and building entrance, and the area ~~should~~must be well landscaped.

(b) In the T1 district, all activities except for off-street parking and loading ~~shall~~must take place within completely enclosed buildings, with the exception of outdoor seating areas for coffee shops or similar uses.

(c) ~~Storefronts or ground floors originally designed for commercial use shall not be converted to more than fifty (50) percent residential use without a conditional use permit.~~ In conversion from commercial to residential use, the elements of traditional storefront design, where present, ~~shall~~must be retained. These include door and window openings, display windows, intermediate cornice lines, sign bands, awnings, arcades, and primary entrances facing the public street.

(d) In mixed-use buildings, nonresidential uses ~~shall~~must be located on the first floor or lower floors of the building. Residential units in mixed-use buildings may be located on any floor, but not directly beneath a nonresidential use.

(C.F. No. 10-403, § 6, 6-16-10; Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord 14-12, § 3, 6-4-14; Ord. 21-27, § 1, 8-18-21)

Sec. 66.342. Parking requirements in T3—T4 traditional neighborhood districts.

(a) *Placement of parking.* Surface parking must not be located within thirty (30) feet of a corner and ~~may~~must be located:

(1) To the rear of the principal building or within the rear yard area of the parcel~~.~~;

(2) In an interior side yard if rear parking is impractical or insufficient~~.~~, provided that ~~S~~surface parking areas and entrance drives accessory to a principal building or use ~~may~~ occupy no more than sixty (60) feet of the total lot frontage~~.~~: or

(3) On a separate lot, in compliance with section 63.3034, provided that surface parking is not permitted as the principal use of a lot unless it is shared among multiple businesses or uses.

~~(4)~~If a variance of this parking placement requirement is necessary to allow parking in front of a building because of special needs and site constraints, there ~~should~~must be a ~~good~~ pedestrian connection between the sidewalk and building entrance, and the area ~~should~~must be well landscaped.

(C.F. No. 10-403, § 6, 6-16-10; Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord. 21-27, § 1, 8-18-21)

Sec. 66.343. Traditional neighborhood district design standards.

(a) *Applicability.* This~~e~~ section ~~traditional neighborhood district design standards under paragraph (b) below apply~~applies to development within T1—T4 traditional neighborhood districts~~., as indicated in table 66.343, applicability of traditional neighborhood district design standards. Site plans and other development proposals within traditional neighborhood districts shall be consistent with the applicable design standards unless the applicant can demonstrate that there are circumstances unique to the property that make compliance impractical or unreasonable.~~ In cases where more specific design standards or guidelines have been developed as part of city council-approved master plans, small area plans, or other city-approved plans for specific sites, those ~~shall~~ take precedence. ~~All s~~Standards in section 63.110, ~~general~~ building design standards, ~~are~~ also appl~~yicable to development within T1—T4 traditional neighborhood districts~~.

~~Table 66.343. Applicability of Traditional Neighborhood District Design Standards~~

~~Guidelines~~	~~T1~~	~~T2~~	~~T3~~	~~T4~~
~~1. Land use diversity~~			~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~2. Transitions to lower-density neighborhoods~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~3. Block length~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~4. Compatible rehabilitation and reuse~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~5. Use established building facade line~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	
~~6. Buildings anchor the corner~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~7. Front yard landscaping~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~8. Building facade continuity~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~9. Building facade articulation - base, middle and top~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~10. Building height - treatment of 1-story buildings~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~11. Definition of residential entries~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~12. Entrance location~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~13. Door and window openings - minimum and character~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~14. Materials and detailing~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~15. Screening of equipment and service areas~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~16. Interconnected street and alley network~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~17. On-street parking~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~18. Parking location and entrance design~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~19. Residential garage location~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~20. Parking lot lighting~~		~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~21. Entrance location for transit access~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~

~~22. Street trees~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~
~~23. Sidewalks~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~✓~~

(b) *Traditional neighborhood district design standards.*

~~(1) *Land use diversity.* In general, it is desirable for each block to include some diversity in housing type, building type, and mix of land uses. In T3M districts any two (2) abutting block faces shall include more than one (1) land use or building type.~~

~~(2) *Transitions to lower-density neighborhoods.* Transitions in density or intensity shall be managed through careful attention to building height, scale, massing and solar exposure.~~

~~(3) *Block length.* Block faces in mixed use areas shall typically not exceed four hundred (400) feet. Block faces in residential areas shall typically follow the pattern of neighboring blocks, but shall not exceed six hundred sixty (660) feet, the length of the standard Saint Paul block. This standard may be modified to ensure compliance with the city's adopted comprehensive plan and development or project plans for sub-areas of the city.~~

(~~4~~1) *Compatible rehabilitation and reuse.* Remodeling, additions or other alterations to existing traditional buildings ~~shall~~must be done in a manner that is compatible with the original scale, massing, detailing, glazing and materials of the original building. Original materials ~~shall~~must be retained and preserved to the extent possible. Traditional buildings are typically sited close to the property line along the street and feature architectural and design elements that relate to the human scale.

~~(5) *Use established building facade lines.* New buildings shall relate to the established building facade line on the block where they are located. On most nonresidential or mixed use blocks, this is the inside edge of the sidewalk. For corner buildings, each facade that fronts a public street shall maintain the established building facade line. Portions of the facade may be set back a greater distance to emphasize entries or create outdoor seating and gathering areas.~~

~~(6) *Buildings anchor the corner.* New buildings on corner lots shall be oriented to the corner and both public streets. On corner lots at light rail transit station platforms, no portion of a structure shall be permitted in the triangular area of the lot included within fifteen (15) feet of the corner along each lot line.~~

(~~7~~2) *Front yard landscaping.* Front yard areas located between the principal building and the street ~~shall~~must be landscaped, except on University Avenue where the first four (4) feet may be paved similar to the public sidewalk. Other hard surfaced front yard areas should include amenities such as benches, tables, and planters. The amenities must be placed in a manner that does not create blind corners or areas of concealment.

(~~8~~3) *Building facade continuity.* New buildings along commercial and mixed-use streets ~~shall~~must provide a continuous facade along the street. Where breaks occur, the street edge ~~shall~~must be continued through the use of fencing, low walls, ~~and/or~~ landscaping and/or similar treatments. Civic and institutional uses are exempt.

(~~9~~4) ~~*Building facade articulation*~~*Frontage elements.* The ~~bottom~~base ~~twenty-five (25)~~thirty (30) feet of building~~s~~ sides facing abutting public streets ~~shall~~must include elements that relate to the human scale at grade. ~~These should~~Elements include doors, ~~and~~ windows, ~~texture,~~ projections, awnings, ~~and~~ canopies, ~~ornament~~porches, stoops, etc.

(~~10~~5) *Building roofline design ~~height - treatment of 1-story buildings~~.* ~~New buildings of two (2) or more stories are encouraged.~~ One-story buildings ~~shall~~must be designed to convey an impression of greater height in relation to the street with design elements such as~~. This can be achieved through the use of~~ pitched roofs with dormers or gables facing the street, ~~a higher~~ tall parapets, and/or the use of an intermediate cornice line to separate the ground floor and the

roof ~~upper level~~. Buildings of two (2) or more stories must include a cornice, parapet, or roof overhang in the area between the top floor and highest point of the building.

~~(11) *Definition of residential entries.* Porches, steps, pent roofs, roof overhangs, hooded front doors or similar architectural elements shall be used to define all primary residential entrances.~~

(~~12~~6) *Entrance location.* There ~~shall~~must be a primary pedestrian building entrance on all arterial or collector streets. At a corner location where both streets are arterial or collector streets, this standard may be satisfied with a single entrance at the corner. In multi-tenant buildings, any ground floor nonresidential use with street frontage ~~shall~~must have an entrance facing the street or outdoor pedestrian-oriented courtyard on a primary street frontage.

(~~13~~7) *Door and window openings ~~- minimum and character~~.*

a. For new commercial and civic buildings, windows and doors or openings ~~shall~~must comprise at least fifty (50) percent of the length and at least thirty (30) percent of the area of the ground floor along arterial and collector street facades.

~~b. Windows shall be designed with punched and recessed openings, in order to create a strong rhythm of light and shadow.~~

~~c. Glass on windows and doors shall be clear or slightly tinted, and allow views into and out of the interior.~~

~~d~~b. Window shape, size and patterns ~~shall~~must emphasize the intended organization of the facade and the definition of the building.

(~~14~~8) *Building ~~M~~materials ~~and detailing~~.*

~~a.~~ Residential buildings of more than six (6) units and nonresidential or mixed-use buildings ~~shall~~must be built with ~~constructed of~~ high-quality materials such as brick, stone, textured cast stone, tinted masonry units, concrete, fiber cement siding, glass or metal. The following materials are ~~generally~~ not ~~acceptable~~allowed:

- Unadorned plain or painted concrete block;
- ~~Tilt-up concrete panels~~Corrugated metal, unless used as a limited architectural element rather than for entire walls;
- ~~Synthetic stucco products;~~
- Reflective glass; and
- Vinyl, fiberglass, asphalt or fiberboard siding.

~~b. All building facades visible from a public street or walkway shall employ materials and design features similar to those of the front facade.~~

(~~15~~9) *Screening of equipment and service areas.* If an outdoor storage, service or loading area is visible from adjacent residential uses or a public street or walkway, it ~~shall~~must be screened by a decorative fence, wall or screen of plant material at least six (6) feet in height. Fences and walls ~~shall~~must be decorative and architecturally compatible with the primary structure.

(~~16~~10) *Interconnected street and alley network.* The existing street and alley network ~~shall~~must be preserved and extended as part of any new development. ~~If the street network has been interrupted, it shall be restored whenever possible.~~ Cul-de-sac streets are discouraged~~; crescent-shaped or courtyard street arrangements may be used when street connections are impractical~~.

~~(17) *On-street parking.* Streets shall generally have parking on both sides to buffer pedestrians, calm traffic and supplement off-street parking unless the space is needed to accommodate traffic volume, emergency vehicles, transit or deliveries. Parking bump-ins are permitted in special~~

~~cases (such as adjacent to large development sites) in conjunction with a redevelopment project that has at least three-hundred (300) feet of street frontage.~~

(1~~8~~) *Structured ~~P~~parking location and entrance design.*

a. ~~Off-street parking shall be provided within a principal structure, underground, or to the rear of buildings to the greatest extent possible. Limited side yard parking may be appropriate.~~ Entrance drives and garage doors for underground or structured parking may face the street, except adjacent to light rail transit platforms, ~~but~~and ~~shall~~must be designed for pedestrian convenience and safety.

b. ~~Surface parking shall not be located within thirty (30) feet of a corner. Buildings shall be located to emphasize and "anchor" the corner whenever possible.~~ Vehicular entrances to structured parking must be from a side street, when available, to minimize vehicle-pedestrian conflicts, except where it is determined in the review of a site plan that side street access would create or aggravate an unsafe condition or is impractical, unreasonable, or harmful to public safety.

c. Vehicular entrances to structured parking ~~shall~~must be minimized to the extent feasible so ~~that~~ they do not dominate the street frontage~~ of the building~~. Possible design techniques include recessing the entry; extending portions of the structure over the entry; using screening and landscaping to soften the appearance of the entry; using the smallest curb cut and driveway possible; and subordinating the vehicular entrance to the pedestrian entrance in terms of size, prominence in the streetscape location, and design emphasis.

d. New above-grade parking structures fronting on arterial and collector streets ~~shall~~must be lined with active commercial/retail uses at street level with direct access to the sidewalk.

e. Upper levels of ~~new~~ parking structures ~~shall~~must be designed with exterior wall treatments~~, detailing, fenestration and materials that~~ and screening to reduce the view of vehicles~~ and relate to existing adjacent buildings~~.

f. Structured parking must be designed with level parking floors and adequate floor-to-ceiling clearance height to allow the space to be converted to finished floor area if parking is no longer needed in the future and such design is determined cost-effective.

(1~~9~~) ~~*Residential*~~ *One- or two-family garage location.* Attached ~~residential~~ garages ~~shall~~must be recessed at least ten (10) feet behind the front facade of the building. Detached ~~residential~~ garages ~~shall~~must be located in the side or rear yard, recessed at least twenty-five (25) feet behind the front facade of the building. When an alley is present, garages ~~shall~~must be located in the rear yard and accessed through the alley. Individual ~~residential~~ unit garage entrances ~~shall~~must be off alleys or interior courtyards. On corner lots, access to parking may be from the side street.

(~~20~~13) *Parking lot lighting.* Pedestrian-scale lighting ~~shall~~must be provided within parking ~~areas~~facilities. Light standards ~~shall~~must be no more than twenty-five (25) feet in height in parking lots and sixteen (16) feet in height along interior sidewalks and walkways, and have a downcast glow.

(~~2~~14) *Entrance location for transit access.* ~~New and existing retail, office and multifamily housing shall coordinate with the transit agency in locating bus stops and related improvements.~~ A primary ~~B~~building entrance~~s~~ ~~shall~~must be located to provide ~~easy~~direct access to transit stations, including light rail, bus, ~~stops~~ bus rapid transit, and ~~shelters~~ streetcar.

(~~22~~15) *Street trees.* Street trees and other landscape improvements must be planted in compliance with ~~in the street right-of-way, as prescribed by the city forester and~~ section 69.600 ~~of the subdivision regulations, and other landscape improvements shall be provided along all streets at regular intervals to help define the street edge, buffer pedestrians from vehicles, and~~

~~provide shade~~. Trees ~~shall~~must be located in a planting strip at least five (5) feet wide between the curb and sidewalk, or in a planter or planting structure of a design acceptable to the city.

(~~23~~16) *Sidewalks.* ~~Streets shall be designed with sidewalks on both sides except where they abut a park or other open space.~~ In T1-T3, ~~S~~sidewalk width ~~shall~~must be at least five (5) feet; in T4, sidewalk width must be at least ~~and~~ six (6) feet, or more in areas of high pedestrian activity. The T4 district is defined as an area of high pedestrian activity. See the Street Design Manual for additional information.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Sec. 66.344. - Traditional neighborhood district planning requirements.

(a) *Previous plans.* Any pre-existing city-approved plans, such as small area plans, station area plans, ~~precinct~~ district plans or master plans, prepared for the site or the surrounding area ~~shall~~must be incorporated as appropriate in preparing any development plan for a T3 or T4 traditional neighborhood district site. It is understood that these plans may occasionally be amended as conditions change. The intent of such plans ~~shall~~must be realized to the extent possible in any subsequent development plans. For a T3 or T4 development site that, together with adjoining T3 or T4 parcels of land held by the same owner, is fifteen (15) acres or more in area, prior to issuance of building permits for new buildings on the site, a conceptual site plan ~~shall~~must be provided showing how the land under single ownership will be developed in conformance with any pre-existing city-approved plans.

(b) *Master plan.* For a contiguous area of at least fifteen (15) acres in traditional neighborhood districts, a master plan may be provided for review and recommendation by the planning commission and approval by city council resolution. The master plan may be already in existence, or it may be prepared by city staff or by the applicant or developer. A traditional neighborhood area for which a master plan has been adopted by the city council ~~shall~~must be designated as a T1M, T2M, T3M, and/or T4M district. The master plan may include additional regulations or provide specified relief from zoning regulations if the plan as a whole results in improved implementation of the comprehensive plan and of the zoning code's intent. The master plan may include the following information.

(1) Location maps of suitable scale showing the boundaries and dimensions of the site within the context of the community and adjacent parcels, including:

a. Locations of any streets; railroads; significant natural, geographic or topographic features; and other major features within five hundred (500) feet of the site; and

b. Existing parks, open space, major institutions, and concentrations of commercial use within one-half mile of the site.

(2) A site inventory and analysis to identify site resources and constraints, including floodplain, wetlands, poorly drained soils, soils with bedrock near surface, utility easements, slopes greater than twelve (12) percent, and areas of possible soil contamination.

(3) Plan graphics, including but not limited to the following:

a. Topographic contours at five-foot intervals.

b. Layout of blocks.

c. Circulation system, indicating existing and proposed streets or rights-of-way, transit stops, bike routes, sidewalks and other walkways.

d. Street classification system, designating streets by function within the site.

e. Block-level analysis, ~~designating blocks or portions of blocks as "mixed residential," "mixed use," "edge," "transition," or other (see section 66.345 Traditional neighborhood district master plan elements) and~~ identifying primary building types and land uses on each block. Blocks may be designated for a range of traditional neighborhood elements

and building types. Undesignated blocks would allow the full range of uses and building types.

f. Open space plan, including areas to be set aside as public or private open space and their preliminary design treatment.

g. Preliminary landscape plan, indicating street trees and landscape treatment of streets and public spaces.

(4) Plan graphics may include examples of building elevations for each building type; an indication of building scale, height, massing, parking location and relationship to the street; visual analysis of impact on critical views and vistas; and examples of streetscape and other public improvements, including light fixtures, screening walls and fences, benches and other street furniture.

(5) A preliminary stormwater plan, identifying any wetlands or floodplain, and preliminary locations of structures and methods to be used in managing stormwater and surface water on the site. Integration of stormwater treatment into the landscape and site design is encouraged, as is the use of natural methods such as ponds, wetlands or swales.

(6) Phasing plan, where applicable, including the phasing of open space and street improvements.

(7) Utilities plan, indicating existing conditions and proposed changes, as appropriate.

(c) *Changes to master plan.* Once approved, a master plan may be amended~~modified~~ as follows:

(1) *Minor amendment~~modification~~.* Minor amendments~~modifications~~ to an approved master plan may be requested by the property owner or developer. The planning administrator may approve minor amendments~~modifications~~, including changes of less than ten (10) percent in land area designated in a specific category provided such changes are consistent with the intent of the master plan.

(2) *Major amendment~~modification~~.* Major amendments~~modifications~~ to an approved master plan may be initiated by the city council, the planning commission, or any person having an ownership or leasehold interest (contingent included) in property that is the subject of the proposed amendment~~modification~~. Major amendments~~modifications~~ include changes of ten (10) percent or more in land area designated in a specific category; creation of a new public street or removal of a public street segment; removal of a park or open space area; or addition or removal of an entire block. Major amendments~~modifications may be approved as an amendment~~ to the master plan are approved by city council resolution following planning commission review, public hearing and recommendation.

(d) *Modification of traditional neighborhood design standards in master planned areas.* The planning administrator may approve modifications of the traditional neighborhood design standards in Sec. 66.343(b) for master planned areas, when the modification does not include any changes to locations of public infrastructure, such as public streets, parks, sewers, and utilities, or changes to land uses of the master plan approved by city council. The planning administrator must find that:

(1) The modification is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

(2) The modification is consistent with intended design character or necessary to achieve a specific design goal of the master plan approved by city council.

(3) The modification provides for additional design flexibility necessary due to unforeseen changes to market conditions.

(4) The modification is requested at least two years after the approval of the applicable master plan.

(5) The modification allows for adequate and safe ingress and egress.

Applications for modifications denied by the planning administrator may be filed for variance as provided in Sec. 61.600 or master plan amendments as provided in Sec. 66.344(c) above.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord 15-5, § 3, 2-5-15; Ord 22-25, § 1, 6-1-22)

Editor's note(s)—Former § 66.345, renumbered and amended by Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, adopted April 20, 2011.

~~Sec. 66.345. Traditional neighborhood district master plan elements.~~

~~This section applies to T3M and T4M districts for which a master plan designates blocks or portions of blocks as "mixed residential," "mixed use," "open space," "edge," or "transition area." A T3M traditional neighborhood district of fifteen (15) or more acres in area should include, at a minimum, a mixed residential area and the specified minimum percentage of open space within one-quarter (¼) mile of a mixed-use neighborhood center. These elements may be found within the T3M district or adjacent to it; the intent is that they would be present within a reasonable walking distance. A mixed use area and/or an edge/transition area may also be required, depending on the criteria listed below.~~

~~(a) *Mixed use area.* The mixed use area consists of service and retail commercial uses, workplaces, civic uses, housing, and public open space. It contains the broadest variety of land uses, and is intended to function as a center of activity for residents of the entire T3 district and, potentially, surrounding areas.~~

~~(1) All residential lots within a T3M or T4M traditional neighborhood district should be located within approximately one-half mile of an existing or proposed mixed use area. The mixed use areas may be existing adjacent mixed use areas such as neighborhood commercial nodes.~~

~~(2) A mixed use area shall be composed of at least two of the following land use categories, as categorized in table 66.321, principal uses in traditional neighborhood districts:~~

~~a. commercial uses, such as general retail, restaurants, offices, services and accommodations~~

~~b. residential uses, not including one-family or two-family dwellings~~

~~c. civic and institutional uses such as school, place of worship, community meeting facility, library, and transit station~~

~~(3) A new mixed use area shall also include centrally located public open space, in the form of a square, park or plaza.~~

~~(b) *Mixed residential area.* A mixed residential area consists of a variety of housing types and limited office and service uses. It may be located anywhere within the district and is intended to be linked to surrounding areas by interconnected streets, paths and open spaces.~~

~~(1) A minimum of fifty (50) percent of all dwelling units in a mixed residential area shall consist of multifamily units, units in mixed-use buildings, and/or attached single-family units such as townhouses and live-work units.~~

~~(2) If over fifty (50) units are proposed in a site plan or master plan, at least two housing types shall be included from the following categories:~~

~~a. One- and two-family dwellings~~

~~b. Attached units such as townhouses and live-work units~~

~~c. other multifamily dwellings~~

~~(3) For infill development, the required mix of residential uses may be satisfied by existing adjacent residential uses within a two-block radius.~~

~~(4) Up to twenty (20) percent of total floor area may consist of office and limited service uses as part of live-work units or integrated into residential structures.~~

(5) All residential lots shall be located within one-half (½) mile of existing or planned public or common open space.

(c) *Edge or transition area.* An edge area may be required as a lower-density transitional zone responding to adjacent uses. The required mix of housing types specified in the previous sections shall not apply in transition areas. Densities and uses will depend on adjacent conditions.

(d) *Open space areas.* For a T3M district of fifteen (15) or more acres in area, a minimum of twenty (20) percent of a district's gross acreage, exclusive of street or alley right-of-way, shall be defined in the master plan as open space, which may include undevelopable areas such as steep slopes and wetlands, and stormwater basins.

(1) A minimum of fifty (50) percent of the required open space shall be accessible to and usable by the public, such as a central square or plaza, neighborhood parks, greenways, trail corridors, or extensions of existing parks on the periphery (as specified in comprehensive or small area plans, or in the master plan process).

(2) Existing parks or open space adjacent to the area may satisfy the open space requirement; a fee-in-lieu of park dedication may be required for enhancements to such adjacent existing parks or open space.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11)

Editor's note(s)—Former § 66.344, renumbered and amended by Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, adopted April 20, 2011.

ARTICLE I. - 60.100. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

Sec. 60.104. Construction of language.

The following rules of construction apply to the text of this code:

(a) The particular shall control the general.

(b) In case of any difference of meaning or implication between the text of this code and any caption or illustration, the text shall control. Illustrations in this zoning code are provided for purposes of describing, clarifying or providing examples; such illustrations are not to scale and do not replace, limit or expand the meaning of the text.

(c) The words "shall" and "must" are~~is~~ mandatory, and the word "may" is permissive.

(d) Words used in the present tense include the future; words used in the singular number include the plural, and the plural the singular, unless the context clearly indicates the contrary.

(e) The phrase "used for" includes "arranged for," "designed for," "intended for," "maintained for," or "occupied for."

(f) The word "person" includes an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an incorporated association or any other similar entity.

(g) Unless the context clearly indicates the contrary, where a regulation involves two (2) or more items, conditions, provisions, or events connected by the conjunction "and," "or," "either…or," the conjunction shall be interpreted as follows:

(1) "And" indicates that all the connected items, conditions, provisions or events shall apply.

(2) "Or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions or events may apply singly or in any combination.

(3) "Either…or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions or events shall apply singly but not in combination.

(h) "Abut" means having a common boundary or relationship at a common property line, street or alley.

(i) "Adjacent" means located nearby, with or without contact.

(j) "Adjoin" means having a common boundary or relationship at a common property line.

(k) "Contiguous" means abutting.

(l) A "—" shall mean "through" when used between zoning district abbreviations within a land use category, e.g., "RT1—RM2" residential districts shall mean RT1, RT2, RM1, and RM2 residential districts.

(Ord 15-32, § 1, 7-22-15)

ARTICLE I. - 63.100. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Sec. 63.106. Projections into yards.

(a) Attached vestibules, enclosed entrances and greenhouses may project up to twenty (20) square feet into a required front or rear yard and are subject to lot coverage requirements.

(b) Ramps for the handicapped may project into required yards and are not subject to lot coverage requirements.

(c) Chimneys and fireplaces may project up to one (1) foot into a required yard and are subject to lot coverage requirements.

(d) Except as otherwise provided for in section 63.501(b), overhangs, decorative details and bay windows may project into a required yard sixteen (16) inches plus two (2) inches for each foot of width of the required side yard and are not subject to lot coverage requirements.

(e) Air conditioning condensers may be permitted in required side and rear yards and nonrequired front yards and are not subject to lot coverage requirements.

(f) Attached uncovered balconies located on the second story and above may project up to five (5) feet into a required yard along a street or an alley and not closer than two (2) feet from a property line. Attached uncovered balconies are not subject to lot coverage requirements.

(Ord 23-43, § 4, 10-18-23)

Sec. 63.110. Building design standards.

(a) A primary entrance of principal structures must:

(1) Be located within the front third of the structure unless a pedestrian-oriented courtyard is provided in that area that leads directly to a primary entrance;

(2) ~~b~~Be delineated with elements such as porches, roof overhangs, pent roofs, hooded front doors, recessed entries, landscaping, or similar design features that relate to the human scale; and

(3) ~~h~~Have a direct pedestrian connection to the sidewalk along the abutting street. The connection must not require pedestrians to cross drives or other vehicular movements unless the structure is for an industrial use or its closest wall is located more than three hundred (300) feet from the sidewalk.

(b) One-family, two-family, and multiple-family dwellings with up to six (6) units are also subject to the following standards:

(1) A primary entrance must either~~: 1)~~ face an improved abutting street~~;~~ or ~~2)~~ be located off of a front porch, foyer, courtyard, or similar architectural feature, and set back at least eight (8) feet from the side lot line.

(2) Remodeling, additions or other alterations to the front façade of existing buildings must be done in a manner that is compatible with the original scale, massing, detailing and materials of the original building.

(3) Front yard areas located between the principal building and the street must be landscaped.

(c) For principal buildings, ~~except industrial, production, processing, storage, public service and utility buildings,~~ above grade window and door openings must comprise at least fifteen (15) percent of the total area of exterior walls facing a public street or sidewalk. In addition, for new principal residential buildings, above grade window and door openings must comprise at least ten (10) percent of the total area of all exterior walls. For principal residential building additions of more than one hundred twenty (120) square feet in floor area, above grade window and door openings must comprise at least ten (10) percent of the wall area, or above grade window and door openings must comprise at least ten (10) percent of the total area of all exterior walls of the building. Windows in garage doors ~~must~~ count as openings; otherwise, the area of garage doors ~~themselves~~ do not count as openings. For residential buildings, windows must be clear or translucent. For nonresidential buildings, windows ~~may~~must be clear, translucent, or tinted and allow views into and out of the building interior on the first floor~~opaque~~. Industrial, production, processing, storage, public service, and utility buildings are exempt from these requirements.

(d) ~~In pedestrian-oriented commercial districts characterized by storefront commercial buildings built up to the public sidewalk, new principal structures must have a maximum setback of fifteen (15) feet from a commercial front lot line.~~ Where at least fifty (50) percent of the frontage of any block or corner is built up with existing buildings within fifteen (15) feet of the public sidewalk, a primary entrance must face the primary abutting public street, and ~~At intersections~~on corner lots, buildings must "hold the corner," that is, have ~~street~~ facades, frontages, and/or projections within fifteen (15) feet of the lot line along both streets to establish a relationship between the building and the public sidewalk.~~, or the site plan must have~~

~~vertical structural elements that "hold the corner." A primary entrance must face a primary abutting public street.~~

(e) Building materials and architectural treatments used on sides of buildings facing an abutting public street ~~should~~must be similar to those used on principal facades.

(f) The visual impact of rooftop equipment must be reduced through such means as location, screening, or integration into the roof design. Screening must be of durable, permanent materials that are compatible with the primary building materials. Exterior mechanical equipment such as ductwork must not be located on primary building facades.

(g) For property with local heritage preservation site or district designation, compliance with applicable historic guidelines is sufficient to meet the requirements of this section.

(C.F. No. 09-1286, § 3, 12-23-09; Ord. No. 11-101, § 1, 10-26-11; Ord 15-33, § 2, 7-22-15; Ord 23-43, § 4, 10-18-23)

ARTICLE II. - 65.100. RESIDENTIAL USES

Sec. 65.130. Cluster development.

The arrangement of multiple one-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, and/or multiple-family dwellings of no more than four (4) units, sharing a common open space on a single zoning lot.

Standards and conditions:

(a) *Lot size.* The parcel must have a minimum size of nine thousand six hundred (9,600) square feet and a maximum size of a one-half (½) acre, but parcels of record prior to August 1, 2023, that are larger than one-half (½) acre are permitted. Individual lots within a cluster development may have less than the required lot area for provided such reductions are compensated for by an equivalent amount of property owned in common elsewhere in the cluster development. Lot area ~~shall~~does not include areas designated as public or private streets.

(b) *Zoning district standards.* ~~Buildings must conform to the dimensional standards for minimum lot area per unit, minimum lot width, height, and setbacks for the zoning district.~~ Required yards within a cluster development may be reduced or eliminated provided required yards are maintained along the periphery of the cluster development. ~~In the RL-H2 districts, the maximum number of principal units per lot does not apply to cluster developments.~~

(1) *RL-H2 Lots.* Buildings must conform to the dimensional standards for minimum lot area per unit, minimum lot width, height, and setbacks for the zoning district. ~~Required yards within a cluster development may be reduced or eliminated provided required yards are maintained along the periphery of the cluster development. In the RL-H2 districts,~~ tThe maximum number of principal units per lot does not apply to cluster developments.

(2) *T Lots.* Buildings must conform to the dimensional standards for minimum and maximum floor area ratio (FAR), minimum lot width, height, and setbacks for the zoning district.

(c) *Lot coverage.* In the RL residential district, the total lot coverage of all buildings must not exceed forty-five (45) percent of the zoning lot. In the H1 residential district, the total lot coverage of all buildings must not exceed fifty (50) percent of the zoning lot. In the H2 residential district, total lot coverage of all buildings must not exceed fifty-five (55) percent of the zoning lot.

(d) *Accessory buildings.* No more than one (1) accessory dwelling unit is permitted per one-family dwelling in the cluster development. The accessory dwelling unit must meet standards (b)—(e) in section 65.913. The accessory unit does not count towards the minimum lot size per unit standard. Accessory buildings must conform to the standards in section 63.501, except (e).

(e) *Principal buildings.* Principal buildings must meet the following standards:

(1) Each principal building must either have an entrance that abuts the common open space or must be directly connected to it by a pedestrian path.

(2) Principal buildings within twenty (20) feet of a street property line may have their entrances facing the street and can connect to the common open space by the sidewalk in public rights-of-way that connects to the pedestrian path.

(3) Principal buildings not facing the common open space or the street must have their main entrances facing a pedestrian path that is directly connected to the common open space.

(4) The building design standards in section 63.110.

(f) *Common open space.* The cluster development must have a common open space for use by all residents. Common open spaces must meet the following standards:

(1) The common open space must be a single, contiguous area.

(2) The common open space must contain a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) square feet per principal unit within the cluster development. Accessory dwelling units are not subject to this requirement.

(3) The common open space must be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet wide at its narrowest dimension.

(4) The common open space must contain landscaping, lawn area, community garden, paved courtyard area, recreational amenities, or a mix of any of these, and may also include stormwater management infrastructure. Impervious elements of the common open space must not exceed seventy-five (75) percent of the total common area. Driveways and parking areas do not count as common open space.

(g) *Pedestrian path.* An accessible, hard-surfaced pedestrian path that is a minimum of four (4) feet wide must be provided that connects an entrance of each dwelling to the following:

(1) The common open space;

(2) Parking areas, if applicable;

(3) Sidewalks in public rights-of-way abutting the site or rights-of-way if there are no sidewalks; and

(4) A community building, if applicable.

(h) *Community building.* A cluster development may include one community building, for the shared use of residents, that provides space for accessory uses such as a community meeting room, exercise room, day care, laundry facilities, noncommercial community kitchen, or eating area.

(i) *Off-street parking.* Off-street parking facilities for the cluster development must conform to the standards in section 63.300.

(j) Individual lots, buildings, street and parking areas must be designed and situated to minimize alteration of the natural features and topography.

(k) *Conditional use permit.* A minimum lot area per unit that is lower than that required by the zoning district may be permitted with a conditional use permit, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Applications must include site plans, including landscaping and elevations and other information the planning commission may request.

(2) The floor area of individual dwelling units must be limited to no more than six hundred (600) square feet.

(3) The development must not contain any accessory dwelling unit.

(Ord 23-43, § 6, 10-18-23)

ARTICLE V. - 65.400. COMMERCIAL USES

Sec. 65.412. General retail.

General retail sales include the retail sale of products to the general public, sometimes with provision of related services, and produce minimal off-site impacts. General retail sales include but are not limited to the following:

(a) Antiques and collectibles store;

(b) Art gallery;

(c) Bakery;

(d) Bicycle sales and repair;

(e) Book store, music store;

(f) Butcher shop;

(g) Catering;

(h) Clothing and accessories;

(i) Deli;

(j) Drugstore, pharmacy;

(k) Electronics sales and repair;

(l) Florist;

(m) Food and related goods sales;

(n) Jewelry store;

(o) Hardware store;

(p) Leather goods, craft and sales, not tanning;

(~~p~~q) Liquor store;

(~~q~~r) Lower-potency hemp edible retail;

(~~r~~s) News stand, magazine sales;

(~~s~~t) Office supplies, stationery store;

(~~t~~u) Pet store;

(~~u~~v) Photographic equipment, film developing;

~~(v) Stationery store;~~

(w) Picture framing; and

(x) Video store.

Standards and conditions in T1 traditional neighborhood districts:

Retail uses must be less than five thousand (5,000) square feet in floor area.

Standards and conditions in T2-T4 traditional neighborhood districts:

~~In traditional neighborhood districts, a~~A conditional use permit is required for new construction covering more than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of land to ensure size and design compatibility with the particular location.

(Ord 18-1, § 1, 1-24-18; Ord 24-21, § 1, 9-18-24)

Sec. 65.515. Farmers market.

An outdoor market at a fixed location consisting principally of farmers and gardeners for the purpose of selling the products of their farm, garden, greenhouse, apiary, or forest directly to the public.

Standards and conditions:

(a) In residential districts, a farmers market shall be located on a zoning lot at least one (1) acre in area.

(b) Approval of a site plan showing the number and location of vendors at the site, with contact information for a designated market director responsible for coordinating the market vendors and activities, and for providing the zoning administrator with updated contact information if it changes.

Standards and conditions for farmers markets with more than five (5) vendors in residential, business, or industrial districts:

(c) A conditional use permit is required.

(d) The use shall be limited to no more than three (3) days per week.

(e) Foods, manufactured goods, wares and merchandise may be sold if approved by the planning commission.

Standards and conditions for farmers markets with five (5) or fewer vendors:

(f) Sales shall be limited to no more than two (2) days per week between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

(Ord 13-51, § 2, 11-13-13)

Sec. 65.613. Coffee shop, tea house.

An establishment engaged principally in the sale of coffee, tea, and other nonalcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises or for carryout, which may also include the sale of a limited number of food items as allowed under a limited food menu license.

Standards and conditions in the T1 traditional neighborhood and B1 business districts:

A conditional use permit is required for a coffee shop or tea house of more than ~~eight hundred (800)~~ fifteen hundred (1,500) square feet in ~~gross~~ floor area ~~or for an accessory cabaret~~. Drive through uses (primary and accessory) are prohibited.

Standards and conditions in T2—T4 traditional neighborhood districts:

See section 65.614, restaurant.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord. No. 12-26, § 1, 5-23-12; Ord 18-1, § 1, 1-24-18)

Note(s)—Former § 65.612. See editor's note, § 65.111.

Sec. 65.614. Restaurant.

A public eating place which serves a substantial portion of its food for consumption at tables or counters located on the premises. This term ~~shall~~ includes a deli with seating for more than twelve (12) customers.

Standards and conditions:

(a) In ~~T2—T3~~ traditional neighborhood districts, a conditional use permit is required for establishments of more than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet in floor area to ensure size and design compatibility with the particular location.

(b) Outdoor restaurants ~~shall be~~are accessory to an indoor restaurant or a farmers market.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord. No. 12-26, § 1, 5-23-12; Ord 15-5, § 2, 2-5-15; Ord 18-1, § 1, 1-24-18)

Sec. 65.780. Limited production and processing.

These uses produce minimal off-site impacts due to their limited nature and scale, are compatible with office, retail and service uses, and may include wholesale and off-premises sales. Limited production and processing includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Apparel and other finished products made from fabrics;

(2) Blueprinting;

(3) Computers and accessories, including circuit boards and software;

(4) Electronic components, assemblies, and accessories;

(5) Film, video and audio production;

(6) Food and beverage products, except no live slaughter, grain milling, cereal, vegetable oil or vinegar processing;

(7) Jewelry, watches and clocks;

(8) Milk, ice cream, and confections;

(9) Musical instruments;

(10) Novelty items, pens, pencils, and buttons;

(11) Precision dental, medical and optical goods;

(12) Signs, including electric and neon signs and advertising displays;

(13) Toys;

(14) Wood crafting and carving; and

(15) Wood furniture and upholstery.

Standards and conditions:

(a) In ~~T2—T3~~ traditional neighborhood districts, a conditional use permit is required for new construction covering more than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet of land to ensure size and design compatibility with the particular location.

(b) All such uses are intended to be compatible with adjacent commercial and service uses. Odors, noise, vibration, glare and other potential side effects of manufacturing processes ~~shall~~must not be discernable beyond the property line.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord 13-57, § 2, 12-4-13; Ord 15-5, § 2, 2-5-15)

Editor's note(s)—Former § 65.773. See editor's note, §§ 65.772, 65.773. Former § 65.780 was renumbered as § 65.787.

Sec. 65.782. Printing and publishing.

Standards and conditions:

In ~~T2—T3~~ traditional neighborhood districts and B2 business districts, a conditional use permit is required for new construction covering more than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet of land to ensure size and design compatibility with the particular location.

(Ord. No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord 13-57, § 2, 12-4-13; Ord 15-5, § 2, 2-5-15)

Editor's note(s)—Former § 65.776. See editor's note, § 65.781.

Sec. 65.785 Storage facility, ~~rental~~ mixed-use.

Rental storage within a mixed-use building that does not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the floor area of the building and does not have rental storage units located on the first floor or at a skyway level.

Standards and conditions ~~in B4—B5 business districts~~:

~~The facility shall be located within a mixed-use building, shall not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the gross floor area of the building, and shall not be located on the first floor (except for access) or skyway level.~~

(a) The storage facility's primary entrance, loading areas, and freight elevators must not be located within the front third of the building, and may not be shared with other uses.

(b) The floor to ceiling height within the mixed-use storage facility must be a minimum of nine (9) feet.

(Ord 15-5, § 2, 2-5-15)

ARTICLE II. - 66.200. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Division 3. - 66.230. Residential District Density and Dimensional Standards

Sec. 66.231. Density and dimensional standards table.

Table 66.231, residential district dimensional standards, sets forth density and dimensional standards that are specific to residential districts. These standards are in addition to the provisions of chapter 63, regulations of general applicability.

Table 66.231. Residential District Dimensional Standards

Zoning District	Lot Area Minimum (per principal unit)	Lot Width Minimum	Maximum Number of Principal Units Per Lot (f)	Building Height Maximum	Yard Setbacks Minimum (feet)			Maximum lot coverage for all buildings
	(sq. feet) (f)	(feet)		(feet)	Front	Side	Rear	(percent of the lot) (f)
RL large lot (l)	9,000 (a)	60	2	35	30 (d)	10 (e)	10	40%
H1 residential (l)	1,500 (a)	30	4 (b)	35	10 (d)	5 (e)	10	45%
H2 residential (l)	1,000 (a)	25	5 (b)	39 (c)	10 (d)	5 (e)	10	50%

Zoning District	Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	Building Height Maximum	Yard Setbacks Minimum (feet)		
	Maximum (g)	(Feet)	Front	Side	Rear
RM1 multiple-family (l)	0.6 FAR with surface parking 1.0 FAR with structured parking	40 (h)	10 (d)	9 (e), (k)	9
RM2 multiple-family	1.5 FAR with surface parking 2.25 FAR with structured parking	50 (i), (k)	10 (d)	9 (e), (j)	9 (j)

RM3 multiple-family	1.5 FAR with surface parking 3.5 FAR with structured parking	no maximum	10 (d)	9 (e), (j)	9 (j)

Notes to table 66.231, residential district dimensional standards:

(a) If a two-family or multiple-family dwelling is developed on parcels where only the land immediately beneath each dwelling unit constitutes an individually described lot and all other land required for yards, other open space, parking, and other necessary land as required by this Code constitutes "common" properties, jointly owned by the owners of the described lots beneath each dwelling unit, the minimum size lot per unit is applied to the entire parcel.

(b) Up to two (2) additional dwelling units for the H1 residential district or one (1) additional dwelling unit for the H2 residential district and an additional five (5) percent lot coverage are permitted on the zoning lot through any combination of the following methods. These additional units are not subject to the minimum lot size per unit standard.

(1) *Affordable rental units.* Two (2) additional dwelling units in H1 and one (1) additional dwelling unit in H2 is permitted if twenty (20) percent of the total number of principal units on the zoning lot are leased at a rate at or below the sixty (60) percent of the area median income (AMI) rent limits as defined by the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Program published by Minnesota Housing and are affordable to and occupied by households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years. Each affordable unit must have at least the same floor area as another principal dwelling unit on the zoning lot. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the new building (or building expansion or conversion), demonstration of the commitment to affordable housing in accordance with this footnote must be provided as a deed restriction or other contractual agreement with the city, or a city housing and redevelopment authority financing agreement or other similar financing agreement. Upon occupancy of the units, documentation of the households' income qualifications is required.

Number of total principal units on the zoning lot with a density bonus	Number of units required to be affordable at 60% of AMI on the zoning lot
2	1
3	1
4	1
5	2
6	2

(2) *Affordable owner-occupied units.* One (1) additional dwelling unit is permitted for each principal dwelling unit on the zoning lot that is sold at a price affordable to a household earning up to eighty (80) percent of the area median income as defined by the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Act Affordability limits for ownership housing. The affordable dwelling unit must have at least the same floor area as another principal dwelling unit on the zoning lot. Prior to issuance of a building permit, demonstration of the commitment to affordable housing in accordance with this footnote must be provided as documentation of the fair market sales price via an appraisal based on full plans and specifications. Upon sale of the affordable unit to the end buyer, documentation of the household's income qualifications is required, and may include but not be limited to base pay or variable pay, income from business or self-employment, income from financial assets, government transfer payments, and insurance or benefit payments.

(3) *Three-bedroom units.* One (1) additional dwelling unit is permitted for each principal dwelling unit on the zoning lot containing three (3) or more bedrooms.

(4) *Conversions of or additions to an existing residential structure.* One (1) additional dwelling unit is permitted if at least fifty (50) percent of the floor area of an existing principal residential structure on the zoning lot is retained.

(c) In the H2 district, the maximum height for buildings with flat or shed roofs is thirty-six (36) feet.

(d) Where at least fifty (50) percent of the front footage of any block is built up with principal buildings and at least one (1) of the front yard setbacks of the existing principal buildings with front yards that adjoin the front yard of the lot is greater than fifteen (15) feet in the H1-RM3 districts or less than thirty (30) feet in the RL district, the following standards apply:

(1) Where there are two (2) existing front yards that adjoin the front yard of the lot, the minimum front yard setback is the midpoint between the district standard setback requirement and the larger of the two (2) adjoining front yard setbacks in the H1-RM3 districts or the midpoint between the district standard setback requirement and the smaller of the two (2) adjoining front yard setbacks in the RL district.

(2) Where only one (1) existing front yard adjoins the front yard of the lot, the minimum front yard setback is the midpoint between the district standard setback requirement and the adjoining front yard setback.

The property owner is responsible for reporting the relevant adjoining front setbacks to the zoning administrator on a certificate of survey.

(e) Side yards are required only for dwelling units on the ends of townhouse structures. The side yard setback requirement from interior lot lines may be reduced or waived when an easement or common wall agreement, certified by the city building official for conformance with the state building code, is recorded on the deeds of the adjoining parcels.

In RM1 and RM2 districts, the minimum side yard setback for a one-family dwelling, two-family dwelling, and multiple-family dwellings of thirty-five (35) feet in height or less on lots of sixty (60) feet width or narrower is five (5) feet.

(f) See section 65.130(a) for additional lot size requirements for cluster developments.

The maximum number of principal units per lot does not apply to cluster developments.

See section 65.130(c) for maximum lot coverage for all buildings for cluster developments.

(g) Floor area ratio (FAR) is prorated upon the percentage of parking that is provided as structured parking. The FAR maximum may be increased by 0.5 if at least ten (10) percent of the dwelling units on the zoning lot are leased at a rate at or below the sixty (60) percent of the area median income (AMI) rent limits as defined by the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Program rent and income limits published by Minnesota Housing, and are affordable to households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years. ~~affordable at sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at ten (10) years.~~ The FAR maximum may be increased by an additional 0.5 (total of 1.0 increase) if at least twenty (20) percent of the dwelling units on the zoning lot are leased at a rate at or below the sixty (60) percent of the area median income (AMI) rent limits as defined by the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Program rent and income limits published by Minnesota Housing, and are affordable to households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years. ~~affordable at sixty (60) percent of the area median income for at least ten (10) years.~~ Units required to be affordable must be occupied by households earning up to sixty (60) percent of the area median income. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the new building (or building expansion), demonstration of the commitment to affordable housing in accordance with this footnote must be provided as: a deed restriction or other contractual agreement with the city, or a city housing and redevelopment authority financing agreement or other similar financing agreement. Upon occupancy of the units, documentation of households' income qualifications is required.

(h) On lots more than sixty (60) feet wide and on corner lots, a maximum height of forty-five (45) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit.

(i) If at least half of provided parking is structured parking, a maximum building height of seventy-five (75) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit. A shadow study may be required for a conditional use permit application to help determine the impact of the additional height.

(j) For portions of a building over fifty (50) feet in height, the minimum side and rear yard setbacks are twenty-five (25) feet or nine (9) feet plus one-half the building height over fifty (50) feet, whichever is less.

(k) For property along Grand Avenue between Fairview Avenue and Cretin Avenue, between lines defined by the parallel alleys immediately north and south of Grand Avenue, building height is limited to four (4) stories and forty (40) feet.

(l) In the RL-RM1 districts, permitted and conditional principal uses other than residential uses must meet the dimensional standards for the RM2 district.

(Ord 13-36, § 2, 6-26-13; Ord 15-33, § 3, 7-22-15; Ord 20-28, § 1, 9-9-20; Ord 20-30, § 1, 9-23-20; Ord. 21-27, § 1, 8-18-21; Ord 22-1, § 3, 1-19-22; Ord 23-43, § 7, 10-18-23)

Division 4. - 66.240. Required Conditions

Sec. 66.241. Multiple-family design standards.

The design standards in section 66.343(b)~~(2), (3),~~ (~~2~~7), (~~4~~9), (~~11~~), (~~8~~14), (~~9~~15), (10~~16~~), ~~(19),~~ (13~~20~~), (14~~21~~), (15~~22~~), and (16~~23~~) ~~shall~~ apply to ~~multiple-family dwellings~~residential buildings of more than six (6) units, along with the provisions in section 66.343(a).

(Ord 20-28, § 1, 9-9-20; Ord 22-1, § 3, 1-19-22)

Editor's note(s)—Ord 22-1, § 3, adopted January 19, 2022, repealed § 66.241, which pertained to required conditions; number of main (principal) buildings and renumbered §§ 66.242 and 66.243 as §§ 66.241 and 66.242.

ARTICLE IV. - 66.400. BUSINESS DISTRICTS

Division 3. - 66.430. Business District Density and Dimensional Standards

Sec. 66.421. Business district use table.

Table 66.421 business district uses, lists all permitted and conditional uses in the OS—B5 business districts, and notes applicable development standards and conditions.

Table 66.421. Business District Uses

Use	OS	B1	BC	B2	B3	B4	B5	Definition (d) Standards (s)
Residential Uses								
Dwellings								
One-family dwelling			P					(d)
Two-family dwelling			P					(d)
Multiple-family dwelling	P		P			P	P	(d)
Housing for the elderly	P		P			P	P	(d)
Mixed Commercial-Residential Uses								
Home occupation	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Live-work unit			P					(d), (s)
Mixed residential and commercial use	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)

Congregate Living								
Adult care home	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Community residential facility, licensed correctional			C	C	C	C	C	(d), (s)
Dormitory			P/C			P	P	(d), (s)
Emergency housing facility	P	P	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Foster home	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Fraternity, sorority			P/C					(d), (s)
Overnight shelter						C	C	(d), (s)
Roominghouse			C			P	P	(d), (s)
Shelter for battered persons	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Sober house	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Supportive housing facility	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Civic and Institutional Uses								
Club, noncommercial				P	P	P	P	(d)
College, university, seminary, or similar institution of higher learning	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Community center	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Day care	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Homeless services facility		P/C	P/C	P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Museum						P	P	
Public library	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Public and private park, playground	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Religious institution	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d)
School, primary & secondary	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Trade school, arts school, dance school, etc.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Public Services and Utilities								
Antenna, cellular telephone	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Electric transformer or gas regulator substation		C	C	C	P	P	P	(s)
Municipal building or use	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(s)
Public utility heating or cooling plant						P		
Solar energy generation facility, community	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Utility or public service building	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Commercial Uses								
Office, Retail, and Service Uses								
General office, studio	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
General retail		P	P	P	P	P	P	(d)
Service business, general	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d)
Service business with showroom or workshop			P	P	P	P	P	(d)
Alternative financial establishment					C	P	P	(d), (s)
Animal day care					P	P	P	(d), (s)
Artist's studio	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d)
Business sales and services					P	P	P	(d)
Cannabis retail		P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Drive-through sales and services, primary and accessory	C	C		C	P	P	P	(s)
Dry cleaning, commercial laundry		P	P	P	P	P	P	(s)
Farmers market	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)

Garden center, outdoor			C	C	P			(d), (s)
Greenhouse					C			(d), (s)
Hospital					P	P	P	(d)
Mortuary, funeral home					P	P	P	
Outdoor uses, commercial				P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Outdoor uses, commercial sales of consumer fireworks					C			(d), (s)
Package delivery service					P	P	P	(d)
Pawn shop					C	P	P	(d), (s)
Small engine repair, automotive bench work					P	P	P	
Tattoo shop			P	P	P	P	P	
Tobacco products shop			P/C	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Veterinary clinic				P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Food and Beverages								
Bar				P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Brew on premises store				P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Coffee kiosk				P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Coffee shop, tea house		P/C		P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Restaurant				P	P	P	P	(d)
Restaurant, fast-food				P/C	P/C	P	P	(d), (s)
Commercial Recreation, Entertainment and Lodging								
Bed and breakfast residence		P	P	P	P			(d), (s)
Bingo hall, auction hall				C	P	P	P	
Hotel					P	P	P	(d)
Motel					P	P	P	(d)
Short term rental dwelling unit	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Health/sports club				P	P	P	P	(d)
Indoor recreation				C	P	P	P	(d)
Outdoor sports/entertainment							P	
Reception hall/rental hall				P	P	P	P	
Steam room/bathhouse facility			P	P	P	P	P	(d)
Theater, assembly hall				P	P	P	P	
Adult Entertainment								
Adult use					C	C	C	(d), (s)
Automobile Services								
Auto convenience market				C	C		P	(d), (s)
Auto service station				C	C		P	(d), (s)
Auto specialty store				C	C		P	(d), (s)
Auto repair station					C		P	(d), (s)
Auto sales, indoor					P	P	P	
Auto sales and rental, outdoor					C			(d), (s)
Car wash, detailing					C			(s)
Parking Facilities								
Parking facility, commercial						P	P	(d), (s)
Transportation								
Bus or railroad passenger station					P	P	P	
Helistop					C	C	C	(d), (s)
Railroad right-of-way	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	(s)
Limited Production, Processing and Storage								

Agriculture	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Brewery, craft				P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Distillery, craft				P/C	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Finishing shop					P		P	(d), (s)
Limited production and processing					P		P	(d), (s)
~~Mail order house~~			~~P~~	~~P~~	~~P~~	~~P~~	~~P~~	
Plastic products							P	(d)
Printing and publishing				P/C	P	P	P	(s)
Recycling collection center					P			(d), (s)
Recycling drop-off station			P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Storage facility, ~~rental~~ mixed-use						P	P	(d), (s)
Toiletries and cosmetic manufacturing							P	
Warehousing and storage							P	(s)
Wholesale establishment					P	P	P	(d), (s)
Winery, craft				P/C	P/C	P/C	P/C	(d), (s)
Accessory Uses								
Accessory use	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)
Dwelling unit, accessory			P					(d), (s)
Micro-unit dwellings accessory to a religious institution	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d), (s)

P - Permitted use C - Conditional use requiring a conditional use permit

Notes to table 66.421, principal uses in business districts:

(d) Definition for the use in Chapter 65, Land Use Definitions and Development Standards.

(s) Standards and conditions for the use in Chapter 65, Land Use Definitions and Development Standards.

(C.F. No. 05-441, § 4, 8-24-05; C.F. No. 07-633, § 2, 8-15-07; C.F. No. 07-1148, § 2, 1-9-08; C.F. No. 08-640, § 5, 7-9-08; Ord No. 10-33, § 2, 10-27-10; Ord No. 11-26, § 2, 3-23-11; Ord No. 11-27, § 1, 4-20-11; Ord No. 12-26, § 1, 5-23-12; Ord 13-51, § 6, 11-13-13; Ord 13-57, § 3, 12-4-13; Ord 15-5, § 3, 2-5-15; Ord 16-5, § 1, 4-13-16; Ord 17-1, § 4, 1-25-17; Ord 17-38, § 5, 10-25-17; Ord 19-10, § 1, 6-26-19; Ord 19-60, § 1(Att. A), 10-9-19; Ord 19-72, § 2, 1-8-20; Ord 22-3, § 1, 1-19-22; Ord 21-33, § 1, 11-10-21; Ord 23-43, § 7, 10-18-23; Ord 23-57, § 3, 12-13-23; Ord 24-21, § 1, 9-18-24)

ARTICLE VI. 67.600. EG EAST GRAND AVENUE OVERLAY DISTRICT

Sec. 67.601. Establishment; intent.

The EG East Grand Avenue Overlay District is established as shown on the official zoning map accompanying this code to provide design standards for development in the east Grand Avenue area.

Sec. 67.602. Standards and regulations.

(a) Design standards. The T~~2~~ District standards in sections 66.341(a) and 66.343 apply.

(b) Building and frontage regulations.

(1) Stepbacks. All portions of a building above a height of forty (40) feet must be stepped back from the minimum front, side street, or rear setback lines a distance equal to the additional height up to ten (10) feet.

(2) Established building line. The maximum front and side street setbacks is ten (10) feet. If an interior lot is on or abutting BC or residential zoning, it may have setbacks up to twenty-five (25) feet to relate to the existing established building façade line. Up to forty (40) percent of the building façade on any lot may exceed this maximum setback to create outdoor seating or gathering areas.

(3) Frontage elements. The base thirty (30) feet of building sides facing abutting public streets must include elements that relate to the human scale at grade. Elements include doors, windows, projections, awnings, canopies, porches, stoops, etc.

ARTICLE V. - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND DESIGN STANDARDS

Sec. 69.507. Blocks.

(a) *Block width.* Blocks ~~shall~~must have sufficient width to provide for two (2) tiers of lots of appropriate depths. Exceptions to this prescribed block width ~~shall~~may be permitted in blocks adjacent to major streets, railroads or topographic barriers.

(b) *Block length.* ~~The lengths, widths and shapes of blocks shall be as are appropriate for the locality and the type of development contemplated, but b~~Block lengths ~~in residential areas shall~~must generally be between ~~not exceed one thousand (1000)~~ three hundred thirty (330) and six hundred sixty (~~10~~660) feet, depending on the surrounding development context. This may be modified by the city council to ensure compliance with the comprehensive plan and development or project plans for sub-areas of the city.

(c) *Crosswalks.* Pedestrianways or crosswalks, not less than eight (8) feet wide, may be required by the city council through the center of blocks ~~more than eight hundred (800) feet long~~ where deemed essential to provide circulation or access to schools, playgrounds, shopping centers, transportation or other community facilities.

(d) *Industrial blocks.* Blocks designed for industrial uses ~~shall~~must be of such length and width as may be determined suitable by the ~~planning commission~~city council for prospective use.

(C.F. No. 03-1028, § 1, 4-7-04)

ARTICLE VI. - IMPROVEMENTS

Sec. 69.600. Required improvements.

(a) *Generally.* In instances where the subdivider owns all the property being served by the following listed improvements, and he petitions the city to construct the same, the subdivider will be charged the full cost of the improvement notwithstanding limitations contained in the city's assessment policy. In the event other properties, not owned by the subdivider, are served by the improvements, and if the city is petitioned to construct the same, the apportionment of costs, if required, will be determined by the City of Saint Paul. Prior to approval of the final plat by the city council, the subdivider must either have installed and dedicated to the city, or guaranteed to install in a manner set forth in section 69.500 et seq., and which meets the standards of the director of public works, the following improvements on the site. Exceptions to these requirements are allowed in the RL residential district; the nature of these exceptions are noted below.

(b) *Water facilities.* Except in the RL residential district, public water service to be installed by the city. Such service must consist of adequate water facilities, including fire hydrants and laterals to the property line. In the RL residential district, where new private wells or central water systems are permitted and existing private systems are not required to connect to a public water main, public water service need not be provided.

(c) *Sewer facilities.* Except in the RL residential district, public sanitary sewer service to be installed by the city. Such service must consist of adequate sanitary sewer facilities, including installation of laterals to the

public right-of-way line. In the RL residential district, where new individual sewage treatment systems are permitted and existing systems are not required to connect to a public sewer system, public sewer facilities need not be provided.

(d) *Storm sewer.* Storm sewer facilities not connected with street construction, to be installed by the city. The subdivider may install or may petition the city to install those storm sewer facilities that are connected with street construction (i.e., catch basins, leads to storm sewers).

(e) *Streets.* Except in the RL residential district, paved public streets, including curb and gutter, for those streets proposed in an approved subdivision. The subdivider may install the improvements~~,~~ or ~~he~~ may petition the city to install such improvements. In the RL residential district, new streets may be unpaved and existing unpaved streets ~~is~~are not ~~be~~ required to be paved.

(f) *Monuments.* Durable iron monuments ~~shall~~must be set at all angle and curve points on the outside boundary lines of the plat, at all block and lot corners, and at all intermediate points on the block and lot lines indicating changes of direction in the lines, prior to the final recording of the plat.

(1) A statement or note on the final plat ~~shall~~must identify the type, size of monument set and the license number of the responsible land surveyor. Monuments set should be of durable iron, no less than one-half inch in diameter and fourteen (14) inches in length.

(2) The plat ~~shall~~must identify the type and size of monuments found and also identify by whom set if known or marked by a license number.

(g) *Street trees.* Street trees having a trunk diameter of not less than two (2) inches measured two (2) feet above grade, ~~shall~~must be installed by the subdivider along all streets at intervals no greater than forty (40) feet and at least one (1) per lot, along with other landscape improvements, to help define the street edge, buffer pedestrians from vehicles, and provide shade. Existing trees which meet the standards of this section may be used to satisfy these requirements. ~~Only honey locust, hard maple, green ash, ginkgo or other long-lived shade tree approved by the city forester shall be planted.~~ Only tree species approved by the city forester can be planted, and must be planted through a Forestry Tree Work Permit Application. Trees must meet the quality and condition standards set forth in *American Standard for Nursery Stock* (ANSI Z60.1-2014).

(h) *Street names and signs.* Street signs at all intersections within or abutting the subdivision to be installed by the city. Street names ~~shall be~~are subject to the approval of the city council.

(i) *Street lights.* Street lights meeting city standards and specifications ~~shall~~must be installed by the subdivider at all interior street intersections within an approved subdivision. Such lights ~~shall~~must also be installed on all interior streets within the subdivision at points designated by the director of public works and ~~shall~~must be no more than two hundred (200) feet apart.

(j) *Topsoil sodding and seeding.* Redistribution of topsoil on the lot and boulevard, to be done by the subdivider. The subdivider ~~shall~~must seed or sod the disturbed boulevard areas.

(k) *Sidewalks.* Public sidewalks along both sides of collector and arterial streets and in such other locations required by the city council. The subdivider may install such improvements or petition the city to install such improvements.

(Ord. No. 17890, § 6, 11-21-91; C.F. No. 93-1718, § 118, 12-14-93; C.F. No. 03-1028, § 1, 4-7-04; Ord 23-43, § 8, 10-18-23)

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Subject: Support Traditional Neighborhood Zoning
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Dear City Council,

*Not only do I enthusiastically **support the amendments to the T Districts** recommended by the Planning Department and Planning Commission, I would also like to see the City Council officially direct the Planning Commission to explore the **expansion of T-Districts more broadly** throughout the city.*

Sincerely,
Jenn Pierson
890 Kenneth St

From: Luke Hanson
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Approve T District amendments; initiate a follow-up
Date: Thursday, October 9, 2025 1:35:26 PM

Dear City Councilmembers,

I'm writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed updates to the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts as recommended to you by the Planning Commission. These common-sense changes will make the T Districts easier for City staff to administer, and easier for prospective real estate developers (especially regular folks working on small, locally-financed, neighborhood-scale projects) to understand and follow.

I also want to urge you to quickly initiate another zoning study focused on broadly expanding the T Districts throughout Saint Paul. I suggest four concepts to be included within the scope of the study:

- Rezoning land along arterial and collector streets in Saint Paul into the T Districts (including but not limited to high-frequency transit routes)
- Simplifying the Zoning Code by sunsetting the Business districts and the Vehicular Parking district (perhaps consolidating them into the T Districts
- Identifying formerly commercial buildings that are currently zoned in the H Districts and rezoning them into T Districts (to re-enable commercial uses in the future)
- Adding language to the H Districts that would enable small-scale commercial land uses within them (e.g. corner stores and Accessory Commercial Units) under certain conditions

Prior to the 1970s, Saint Paul's zoning rules allowed for both residential and commercial uses along its arterial streets. In 1975, the City Council adopted an extremely rigid new Zoning Code and Zoning Map that essentially forbid new commercial spaces from opening in places where they didn't exist in 1975. I believe these rigid rules have needlessly impeded the organic development of local business nodes and walkable neighborhoods for the past fifty years. If the City of Saint Paul aims to attract more local businesses, strengthen its tax base, and become a more walkable city, I am convinced that expanding the T Districts (so that the City's zoning rules would be much like they were prior to 1975) is an obvious and essential step towards those goals.

I wrote three essays on this topic which were published by streets.mn in June. I will link those essays here (Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3) so that they can be included in the public record, if possible.

Thank you for the invitation to comment.

Luke Hanson
1423 Eleanor Avenue

Traditional Neighborhood (T) District Zoning Study

How simplified, objective rules can make Saint Paul an even better place to live, work, and do business

October 15, 2025

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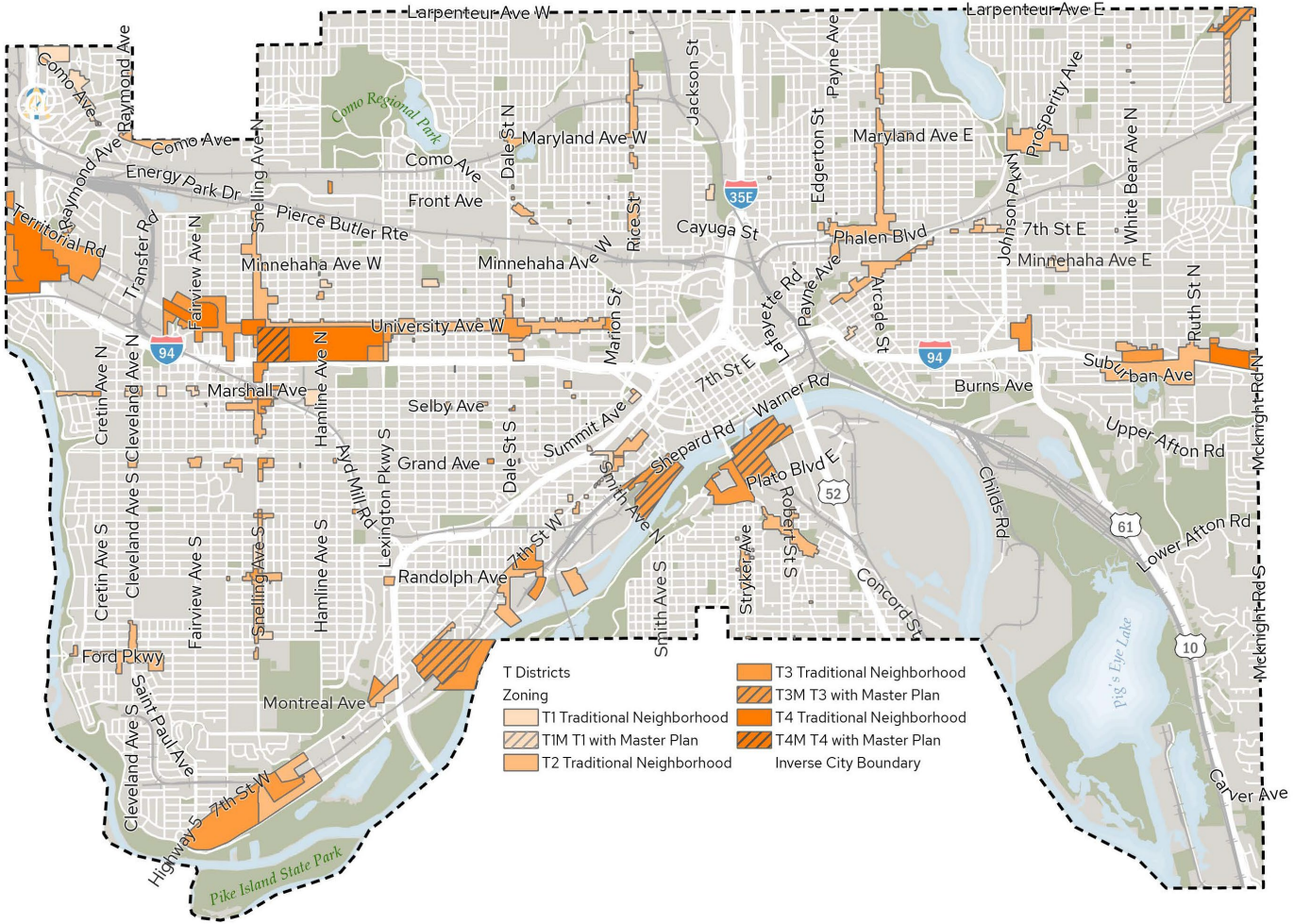
Purpose of the Zoning Study

Align the T Districts with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Update the rules based on staff experience since 2004

T Districts in Saint Paul



Key Text Amendments

		Code Section
1	Clarified Purpose of T Districts	66.311-66.315
2	Increased Development Flexibility at Nodes and Corridors	66.331, 66.343
3	Additional Neighborhood-Scaled Uses Allowed	66.321
4	Incentives for Affordable Housing	66.331(e)
5	Streamlined Objective Design Standards	63.110, 66.343
6	Improved Code Language	Throughout

Arti Artist

New live/work spaces along transit routes give her more housing options! More shops on the ground floor make her neighborhood more vibrant!

Developer Dan

Regulations are more straightforward, helping him save time in review process! Density bonuses make affordable housing more attractive to build! More sites along corridors are options for development!

Jaime Junior

A new corner store is opening down the street that they're allowed to walk to! Sidewalks feel safe from cars because buildings are built close to the street!

Planning Commission Public Hearing

51 testimonies			
46 written	5 verbal	50 support	1 opposition

Key comments:

- Support for zoning study, proposed amendments, and density bonuses for affordability
- Interest in expanding geography of T Districts through rezonings along corridors
- Interest in combining T1 with T2

Planning Commission recommended approval to City Council

Study Timeline

Spring-Summer 2022

- Planning Commission initiation
- Email blast
- Background research

Fall 2022-Fall 2024

- Prepare draft text amendments
- Meetings with DSI, ONS, etc.

Winter 2025

- CNPC review

Spring 2025

- PC review
- District Council workshops
- BRC follow up
- Council briefings

Summer 2025

- PC public hearing & proposal revisions
- CNPC follow up

Fall 2025

- PC vote
- City Council public review & hearing
- City Council decision

Thank you!

Spencer Miller-Johnson
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Planning & Economic Development Department
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SAINT PAUL
MINNESOTA

From: Noah Schneider
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Public Comment on Nov 5th T Distinct Zoning Meeting
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 1:44:57 PM

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My name is Noah Schneider and I live at 808 Berry St, Apt 407, St Paul, MN 55114. Not only do I enthusiastically support the common-sense amendments to the T Districts recommended by the Planning Department and Planning Commission, I would also like to see the City Council officially direct the Planning Commission to explore the expansion of T-Districts more broadly throughout the city. This could include:

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- Adding language to the H Districts that would enable small-scale commercial land uses within them under certain conditions.

Noah Schneider

From: Katherine DuGarm (she/her)
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Expand mixed-use Traditional Neighborhood Districts
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 10:34:46 PM

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My name is Katherine DuGarm and I live at 1142 Norbert Lane.

Not only do I enthusiastically **support the common-sense amendments to the T Districts** recommended by the Planning Department and Planning Commission, I would also like to see the City Council officially direct the Planning Commission to explore the **expansion of T-Districts more broadly** throughout the city.

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One reason I moved to Highland Park is that it is walkable. I can get to businesses such as a coffee shop or grocery store in a 20 minute walk. We need more of St. Paul to be walkable and have businesses which support the community.

Thank you,
Katherine

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From: Isaac Bries
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: T-District Expansion
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 7:53:14 PM

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*My name is Isaac Bries and I live at 955 Bayard Ave. Not only do I enthusiastically **support the common-sense amendments to the T Districts** recommended by the Planning Department and Planning Commission, I would also like to see the City Council officially direct the Planning Commission to explore the **expansion of T-Districts more broadly** throughout the city. This could include:*

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From: Chad Hermes
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 6:02:14 PM

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I personally would love to see T District named immediately in places where you - the elected officials of the city - believe it makes sense, rather than waiting for a new study.

Here are four ideas I hope will be included within the scope of the study:

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Thank you for the invitation to comment.

Chad K. Hermes
Ward 5

From: Benjamin Werner
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Traditional Neighborhood Zoning Comment
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:18:24 AM

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- Upzoning all land along commercial and central corridors to T3

Thank you for the invitation to comment.

Benjamin Werner
3839 Garfield Ave, Minneapolis MN 55409
(I work in Saint Paul)

From: Joe Baierl
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Neighborhood Zoning - my public input
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:58:06 PM

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Thank you for the invitation to comment.

Joe Baierl
406 Wacouta Street, Unit 210
Saint Paul, MN. 55101
joe.r.baierl@gmail.com
Mobile: 612-963-5235

From: Rick Varco
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council; CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Cc: Jon Grebner
Subject: ORD 25-59 Traditional Neighborhood (T) District Zoning Study.
Date: Friday, October 31, 2025 4:19:16 PM

City Council Members:

SEIU Healthcare MN & IA represents over 50,000 healthcare workers, including thousands who live in St. Paul. On their behalf, I encourage you to Vote Yes on ORD 25-59, although it is a missed opportunity to provide more housing and better access to good paying jobs.

By relaxing pointless municipal restrictions on housing construction, especially since the areas are mostly on transportation corridors, this measure allows the construction of more multi-family housing. That brings down the cost for everyone in St. Paul. This is especially important to our members who can't afford cars and must rely on public transport to get to jobs at United Hospital or HealthPartners clinics.

Yet, on the whole, this step falls far short of what we need to dramatically reduce the cost of housing. As the report notes, "as of 2019, 5.7% of Saint Paul acreage was zoned T". We need zoning reform on a much larger scale.

In particular, we join those who call on the city to immediately start work on a new zoning study to pursue the following:

- Rezoning land along arterial and collector streets in Saint Paul into the T Districts (including but not limited to high-frequency transit routes)
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When staff undertakes a future zoning study, we hope that they will not see the need to pursue outdated and harmful notions, like the value of "context sensitive" (Staff Memo, page 6) development. Development is good if it meets the housing and commercial needs of current and future residents. It matters not, if such development matches the "context" of existing buildings.

Rick Varco
Political Director
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From: Mark Thieroff
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Support for T Districts
Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 3:16:10 PM

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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Mark Thieroff, and I live at 1438 Chelmsford St. Not only do I enthusiastically support the common-sense amendments to the T Districts recommended by the Planning Department and Planning Commission, I would also like to see the City Council officially direct the Planning Commission to expand T-Districts more broadly throughout the city.

Thank you.

Mark Thieroff

From: Cody Fischer
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: T-District Zoning Update
Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 6:44:16 PM

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My name is Cody Fischer, and I am a Ward 1 resident residing at 1017 Ashland Avenue.

Not only do I enthusiastically **support the common-sense amendments to the T Districts** recommended by the Planning Department and Planning Commission, I would also like to see the City Council officially direct the Planning Commission to **expand T-Districts more broadly** throughout the city.

Sincerely,
Cody Fischer

From: Spencer Miller-Johnson
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Fw: T-District Zoning Support
Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 10:42:55 AM
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Please see below for testimony on the T District study, ORD 25-59. Thank you.

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From: Anna Potter <anna.c.potter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 7:05 PM
To: Spencer Miller-Johnson <Spencer.Miller-Johnson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: T-District Zoning Support

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Think Before You Click: This email originated **outside** our organization.

Hi Spencer,

My name is Anna Potter, and I live at 2121 Iglehart Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104. Not only do I enthusiastically support the common-sense amendments to the T Districts recommended by the Planning Department and Planning Commission, I would also like to see the City Council officially direct the Planning Commission to expand T-Districts more broadly throughout the city.

I hope this makes it into the record for the public hearing on this issue, scheduled for Wednesday Nov 5.

Thanks

Anna Potter
anna.c.potter@gmail.com
(cell-- 402.203.9653)

From: Daniel Herriges
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Support for T District Changes
Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 10:47:44 AM

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Dear City Councilmembers,

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Thank you for the invitation to comment.

Daniel Herriges
1392 Midway Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108

From: Suzanne Rhees
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Support for T District amendments
Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 4:20:22 PM
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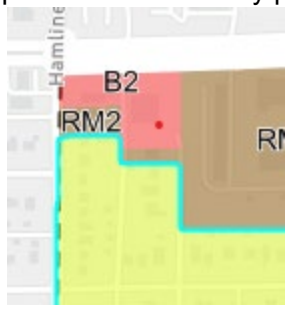
My name is Suzanne Rhees and I live at 1220 Hoyt Ave. W. in the Como Park neighborhood. I enthusiastically **support the common-sense amendments to the T Districts** recommended by the Planning Department and Planning Commission, I would also like to see the City Council officially direct the Planning Commission to **expand T-Districts more broadly** throughout the city. Many neighborhood nodes are unable to attract new businesses or incorporate mixed use due to unreasonably restrictive height limits and setbacks in B2 and B3 district zoning. The lot-by-lot patterns found on the zoning map have tended to "shrink-wrap" these small districts and inhibit their expansion, as in this example. A comprehensive rethinking of existing zoning districts and maps would open the door to many possibilities for missing middle housing, mixed use, and revitalization.



Thank you,
Suzanne Rhees

From: Jacob Hooper
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: T-District public comment
Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 2:07:26 AM

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Greetings City Council,

My name is Jacob Hooper, I am a Saint Paul Resident at 811 como ave. I am writing to express support for Ord 25-59, "Amending Chapters 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, and 69 of the Legislative Code as recommended in the Traditional Neighborhood (T) District Zoning Study."

I actually think this doesn't go far enough - more than just update the language I would like to see T-districts expanded significantly throughout Saint Paul.

I would like to be able to walk to a corner store. Being able to reach different city amenities without having to get into a car and drive 15 minutes is a core reason of why I want to live in a city in the first place.

I therefore want to urge you to quickly initiate another zoning study focused on broadly expanding the T Districts throughout Saint Paul. I suggest four concepts to be included within the scope of the study:

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Jacob Hooper

From: Allan Torstenson
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Cc: Allan Torstenson
Subject: 11-5 Public Hearing on T District Zoning Study
Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 9:25:10 AM

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I agree with the call by other commentators for broadly expanding use of T districts along arterial/collector streets and other places. Two proposed changes to T1 regulations are in conflict with this and would be a mistake.

One proposed change is to apply a requirement for a continuous facade along commercial and mixed-use streets to T1. T1 is used for places along commercial and mixed-use streets where residential, institutional, and small commercial/office buildings do not create a continuous facade along the street and where a requirement for a continuous facade is not appropriate. Adding a continuous facade requirement to T1 would make broader use of T1 in such areas inappropriate. T2 should be used where a continuous facade along the street is desired; it should not be required in T1.

Another proposed change is to add general retail, animal daycare, tattoo shop, and health/sports club to the list of uses permitted in T1. General retail includes such things as grocery stores, drug stores, and liquor stores. These uses are not appropriate in many places where T1 is used and could be used. Permitting these uses in T1 would make T1 inappropriate for broadly expanded use throughout the city. T2 should be used where broader commercial uses are desired; they should not be permitted in T1.

From: Sustain Saint Paul
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: T-District Public Comment - Sustain Saint Paul
Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 1:49:23 AM
Attachments: T-District Statement - 11_5_25 City Council Hearing (1).pdf

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Greetings,

Attached is the official statement from Sustain Saint Paul regarding **Ord 25-59,** "Amending Chapters 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, and 69 of the Legislative Code as recommended in the Traditional Neighborhood (T) District Zoning Study." You can also find it at this link.

Please enter this into the record for the City Council hearing for, Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

Jacob Hooper
Director of Operations and Advocacy
Sustain Saint Paul

Abundant housing, low-carbon transportation, and sustainable land use

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Our Mission

Sustain Saint Paul champions abundant housing, low-carbon transportation, and sustainable land use in the City of Saint Paul through education, advocacy and political action, to ensure a more just and equitable city for all current and future residents.

Wednesday, November 5th, 2025

Dear Saint Paul City Council,

We represent Sustain Saint Paul, a volunteer-driven advocacy organization that champions abundant housing, low-carbon transportation, and sustainable land use in the City of Saint Paul. We appreciate the opportunity to submit feedback about the proposed amendments to the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts, and the specific Questions for the Community published by the Planning Commission.

In short, we enthusiastically support all of the proposed updates to the Traditional Neighborhood zoning districts, and we would urge you to initiate a study by the City of Saint Paul's Planning Department that would propose a large-scale rezoning of property into the T Districts across the city.

Below are our responses to the Planning Commission's specific Questions for the Community:

1. Do you support additional development flexibility in T Districts, such as increasing building height by 10 feet in T2 and T3 districts? Why or why not? Yes, absolutely. The Planning Department's memo explains that the current requirement of a Conditional Use Permit and Public Hearing to obtain permission for additional height has been a significant impediment to development; allowing an additional ten feet by right is sensible.

2. Do you support simplified, objective design standards for T Districts? Why or why not? Yes. We feel that the proposed updates to the design standards will make them far simpler for prospective developers to follow, without significantly diminishing the required quality of design.

3. Do you support amendments to allow more neighborhood-scaled land uses in T Districts? Why or why not? Yes! Allowing a wider variety of neighborhood-scaled land uses is a positive change; it will enable the gradual development of small, local businesses and reduce administrative burden. This is one area where we would like to see even greater flexibility. For example, we feel that it would be reasonable to allow small restaurants and bars in the T1 district, not only in T2-T4.

4. Do you support an amendment creating a density bonus for affordable housing? Why or why not? Yes. The T districts should have the same (or nearly same) incentives for affordability that have been incorporated into the residential-only H and RM zoning districts. We trust that the details of these incentives have been calibrated to correspond with the current financial realities of land prices and

development costs in Saint Paul, and that they will be updated in the future if and when those factors change.

5. Do you support amendments to allow outdoor gathering areas in front of buildings? Why or why not? Yes. These proposed amendments are a thoughtful strategy to cultivate vibrant, active streetscapes.

Next-Steps

Once the City of Saint Paul has adopted updates to the T Districts, we urge you to initiate a new zoning study that would put these zoning districts into widespread use throughout the City. During the public engagement sessions in May, Planning staff noted that most property owners who apply for rezonings seek to rezone their properties into the T Districts. This is no surprise, given the flexibility of their dimensional requirements and permitted land uses. Saint Paul needs to pursue every opportunity to catalyze neighborhood-scale economic development to build its tax base and build community wealth: rezoning more land into the T Districts is one such opportunity, because it reduces the number of barriers for Saint Paulites to create small-scale businesses within their neighborhoods in response to local needs.

Here are some ideas for what could be included in the scope of such a zoning study:

- Consolidating the Business zoning districts (B1-B5, OS) and the Vehicular Parking district into the Traditional Neighborhood districts (much as the old Residential Single-Family districts were consolidated into the H districts through the 1-4 Unit Housing Study in 2023)
- Rezoning land along arterial streets into the T districts (not only at the Neighborhood Nodes designated in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan)
- Rezoning parcels that once housed commercial spaces (e.g. along former streetcar routes) which are currently zoned in the H districts into the T districts
- Amending the H districts to allow a small number of small-scale commercial land uses (e.g. corner stores, Accessory Commercial Units) under certain conditions

Thank you once again for the invitation to comment, and thank you for taking on this process to modernize the T districts.

Sincerely,

Sustain Saint Paul Board of Directors

City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg
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File Number: Ord 25-65

File ID:	Ord 25-65	**Type:**	Ordinance	**Status:**	Mayor's Office
Version:	1	**Contact Number:**	651-266-8755	**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/14/2025
File Name:	Ordinance creating Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 225A titled Firearms Regulations			**Final Action:**	11/12/2025

Title: Creating Chapter 225A of the Legislative Code titled Firearms Regulations to establish regulations for Assault weapons, Binary triggers, Ghost guns and Signage.

Notes: was RES 25-1642

Sponsors:	Noecker, Jost, Coleman, Johnson, Kim and Bowie	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	20251022 Gun Violence Prevention Ordinance Staff Report, Documents submitted during Council public hearing, Public comments	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Therese Skarda	**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	megan.marcouiller@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Council	10/22/2025	Laid Over to Second Reading	City Council	11/05/2025		
	Action Text:	Laid over to November 5, 2025 for Second Reading					
	Notes:	*Mayor Melvin Carter gave remarks.*					
		Brynn Hausz from the Mayor's Office gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.					
1	City Council	11/05/2025	Laid Over to Final Adoption	City Council	11/12/2025		Pass
	Action Text:	Laid over to November 12, 2025 for Final Adoption					

Text of Legislative File Ord 25-65

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CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Gun Violence Prevention Ordinance 25-65

Staff Report to City Council – October 22, 2025

TIMELINE

Planned timeline for the ordinance process

- October 22: First reading and staff report
- November 5: Second reading and public hearing
- November 12: Third reading and final passage

BACKGROUND

Preemption Law prohibits local governments from creating their own regulations on various subjects, most notably firearms, to ensure consistent statewide rules.

- Regarding firearms, state law completely preempts local authority over regulating firearms, ammunition, and their components.

Response to inaction at the state level to implement policies that address the epidemic of gun violence.

Cities from across Minnesota are united in calling for either:

1. Repeal preemption and allow cities to lead; OR
2. Implement more robust State policies

BACKGROUND

Ordinance 25-65 builds on Saint Paul's **Safe Storage** ordinance

- Adopted in May 2023 – Unanimous Passage
- Requires gun owners to store firearms unloaded and secured in a locked container or with a locking device
- Marked a critical step toward reducing accidental shootings and preventing unauthorized access to firearms—especially by children

LOCAL ORDINANCE

Mayor Carter's proposed Ordinance 25-65 seeks to:

- Ban public possession of assault weapons within city limits
- Ban large-capacity magazines and binary triggers within city limits
- Require all firearms to have a serial number and prohibit untraceable ghost guns
- Restrict firearms in sensitive public City-owned, leased, or controlled spaces including parks, libraries, and recreation centers
- Ensure clear signage at City-owned, leased, and controlled facilities to inform residents and encourage compliance
- Establish penalties for violations and authorize enforcement by local public safety officials upon the contingent enactment

EXEMPTIONS

The following individuals have been identified as exempt from the proposed ordinance:

- Active-duty law enforcement and military personnel
- Licensed federal firearms curators
- Transport through the city (if unloaded, locked, and legally compliant)
- Disposal or transfer to authorized agencies

COALITION

Coalition members include mayors, city officials, and leaders from:

- Saint Paul
- Minneapolis
- Bloomington
- Brooklyn Center
- Columbia Heights
- Eden Prairie
- Golden Valley
- Hopkins
- Minnetonka
- Mounds View
- Richfield
- Rochester
- Shoreview
- Saint Louis Park
- Stillwater
- West Saint Paul
- UMN Law Gun Violence Prevention Clinic
- Minnesota Moms Demand Action
- Protect MN
- Everytown
- Giffords
- Goals Not Guns coalition schools

PROHIBTED WEAPONS & DEVICES

Ordinance 25-65 will ban the following within City limits:

- Public possession of **assault weapons** as defined in Minnesota State Law
- **Large-capacity magazines** that hold 20 or more rounds of ammunition
- **Binary triggers** – Devices that cause a firearm to discharge more than one round when the trigger is pulled

GHOST GUNS

Ordinance 25-65 prohibits **Ghost Guns** in Saint Paul

A **Ghost gun** is:

- A firearm that does not have a serial number
- A firearm built from a kit or 3D printed parts that do not have a serial number
- A frame or receiver without a serial number that is designed or marketed to be readily assembled into a functional firearm

Ghost guns do not include firearms manufactured prior to 1968, antique firearms, or firearms rendered “permanently inoperable”

GUNS PROHIBITED IN SENSITVE SPACES

Ordinance 25-65 bans possession of any firearm in any **Sensitive place** within the City of Saint Paul.

Sensitive place means any City-owned, -leased, or -controlled building or property that is open to the public for governmental, educational, recreational, cultural, or civic purposes, including but not limited to City Hall and City offices, libraries, recreation centers, indoor and outdoor park spaces and park buildings, playgrounds, athletic facilities, arenas, and zoos.

Exceptions include:

- City personnel in the course of their official duties
- Persons who are otherwise expressly authorized by state law to possess firearms on premises notwithstanding municipal prohibition
- Situations where possession of a firearm is necessary to render medical aid or address another imminent emergency, provided the person notifies facility staff or law enforcement as soon as practicable

SIGNAGE

Ordinance 25-65 requires the City to post signage to promote voluntary compliance.

The City must:

- Post a sign at each public entrance to Sensitive places with notice of all applicable firearm prohibitions

- Post additional signs in important interior locations including customer service desks, gymnasium entry points, and additional activity entry points

Each sign shall state: “THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL BANS FIREARMS ON THESE PREMISES” and include citation to the applicable section of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

CONTINGENCY & ENFORCEMENT

Once passed, Ordinance 25-65 is contingent and will not be effective until one or both of the following happens:

1. Repeal of the State Preemption Law (MN Statute 471.633)

2. Passage of any Minnesota law substantially the same as any part of the ordinance or that authorizes cities to enact and enforce such regulations

- The Ordinance will be enforced by Saint Paul Police only **after** becoming effective.

- All violations, once effective, will be subject to a misdemeanor.

Thank you!

St. Paul City Council Hearing on Gun Violence prevention

Nov. 5, 2025

Council President Knoecker (Na-ker) – my name is Dr. Sheldon Berkowitz. I live in Ward 1 and am a retired pediatrician and a past president of the MN Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. I am here to speak in support of the proposed Gun Violence Prevention Ordinance 25-65.

While I understand that there are legal hurdles to overcome before this proposed ordinance could be put in place, I believe it is very important for this Council and this City to make a clear message that they will do everything they can to prevent further gun violence by banning public possession

of assault weapons and large-capacity magazines and binary triggers within the city.

As a pediatrician, I was shocked by the murder of 26 people at Sandy Hook elementary school in 2013 and then at Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS in Parkland, FL when 17 people were killed in 2018. And most recently, the murder of 2 children and wounding of many more in the shooting at Annunciation Church and School, just 1 ½ miles from where I used to live in South Minneapolis. When I was in practice at Children's Minnesota hospital in Minneapolis, I helped care for patients and families who were victims of gun violence, including the young adolescent who I cared for who had been paralyzed when a stray bullet entered her house and severed her spine, leaving her in a wheelchair for the rest of her life.

For several years now, firearms have become the leading cause of death for children and young adults in the United States. In states where laws have been passed banning assault style weapons and high- capacity magazines, they have seen a **decrease** in mass shooting deaths.

Last month, Dr. Tim Kummer, Emergency doctor at HCMC who was one of the first doctors on the scene at the Annunciation shootings, testified to the following:

"At Annunciation, the shooter fired more than 100 rounds with a high-powered rifle. That is why there were so many victims. That is why the injuries were so severe. The type of gun matters.

At Annunciation I cared for a 12-year-old girl who had what looked like a very small graze wound to the top of her head –

an abrasion, nothing else. But despite that bullet never entering her brain, the energy from the rifle was so powerful it caused severe bleeding in her brain, and she had to have part of her skull removed. "

We **should not** accept that these shooting and murders are going to be part of our society going forward. We **must** do everything we can to prevent them from continuing to happen. I applaud this City Council for bringing this ordinance forward and urge you all to vote for it and urge our elected state officials to pass similar legislation as soon as possible.

Dear members of the council:

I'm here today as someone who lives and works in St. Paul and has been affected by gun violence dozens of times.

I live near the Maryland Market in the North End Neighborhood – a place that has seen so much gun violence that most people in the neighborhood avoid that intersection altogether.

I have also worked in St. Paul rec centers for almost ten years. I've experienced neighbors shot dead, kids scrambling from football fields and playgrounds to avoid gunfire, staff members nearly shot at work and have dealt with the trauma that comes with responding to these incidents. We have confronted people we knew had guns to prevent the unthinkable happening in a space where guns simply do not belong. Rec centers are supposed to be a safe place to be for everyone, like schools.

We know about the many guns illegally in our centers because we've seen them and experienced the trauma of dealing with them. We also know that the number of guns we don't see are in much greater numbers. And none of the incidents I've been a part of even made the news. This notion rests in the back of every staff person's head who cares for our young people in our after-school program, or during our teen classes, and while teaching young people how to play sports and get along with each other.

The political action on gun control needs to match the will of the people. We're sick of gun violence, we don't want guns in our community spaces, we're sick of political inaction, we don't want assault weapons and ghost guns in our communities and we're sick of defending our right to safe spaces against the will of a small, packaged minority. I'm speaking in favor of this ordinance to keep guns out of our rec centers and our other cherished community spaces and to make my neighbors and neighborhood safer.

Good afternoon, my name is Khadar Greer.

I'm an activist and voice of the youth in Saint Paul, MN.

I currently do stop the violence community events centering around basketball and entrepreneurship. I train kids year round in basketball and also mentor kids in my youth program, called Journee of the Youth. That's spelled J-O-U-R-N-E-E after my niece. We lost her dad to gun violence two and a half years ago. So I'm also a survivor.

I also teach in the special education program at EXPO Elementary and am a lifelong St. Paul resident.

I see my legacy in life as doing everything I can to uplift and ensure that the generation behind me is on the right path. My annual spring event focuses on giving young kids opportunities and a sense of hope. They need to know how important it is to come together and support each others' goals.

We've hosted these events at Jimmy Lee Rec Center in the past and train at different rec centers around the city. It is really hard to maintain that sense of safety, positivity and growth when I'm also worried about people bringing guns into the space. It's to the point where I hire security for my spring event. My focus is always on keeping my kids safe.

That should be all of our focus. Always.

My other goal is that kids have the proper education and their needs met to be successful. Kids need to feel safe in order to be open, they need to be open in order to learn: whether that's their ABCs, their 123s, goal setting or how to be a good friend. They can't feel safe with the constant threat of guns coming into their trusted spaces.

I support the ban of guns in rec centers and libraries.

I support anything that keeps our kids' safety the top priority.

November 5, 2025

WRITTEN TESTIMONY – DR. RACHEL WEIGERT, CHILDREN'S MINNESOTA

Council President Noecker and Saint Paul City Council Members,

My name is Dr. Rachel Weigert. I am a mother, a pediatric emergency room physician and a gun violence prevention researcher and I am in full support of the gun violence prevention ordinance being proposed in Saint Paul.

I was working in the Emergency Department at Children's Minnesota on the day of the Annunciation shooting. That shift began like many others, waking up early for a 7am start. My husband was driving our girls to their well child checks that morning, messaging me with questions, and later noting that it was odd that he was passing so many ambulances headed all in the same direction. He knew something was wrong, and moments later we got the call from emergency medical services that we would be receiving a 10-year-old with a gunshot wound to the head; we were almost immediately updated that this was an active shooter situation at a school.

As a level one pediatric trauma center, our staff train regularly to be able to respond to these kinds of tragic events, but the Annunciation shooting was the largest singular trauma incident we have responded to in recent history. With just five minutes to prepare for six injured children, I had to collect myself quickly. Trauma activations in the emergency department are swiftly orchestrated events, and we immediately mobilized with over fifty additional pediatric staff to care for these children. I performed that day utilizing everything I have learned in my seven years as a pediatric emergency medicine physician, while also balancing thoughts like the fact that my own daughter had her kindergarten open house the next day, and thinking of how terrified all these sweet children must be in this nightmarish situation. I quickly sent a text to my husband that read "mass shooting," and then didn't speak to him again for the next 3 hours.

As a gun violence prevention researcher, I am well versed in the statistics of gun violence in America, including the fact that guns have been the leading cause of death in children since 2020. But my life was changed the moment we received that phone call, and that children died in their school five minutes from my own home. The fact that this is our reality as parents is a nightmare.

That morning, we quickly cut blood-stained school uniforms from children in order to evaluate their injuries; clothes that were later bagged by police for evidence. All the children we cared for arrived without family. Some were in shock, and some were sobbing uncontrollably. I had to remind myself repeatedly to focus on the task at hand, and not let my emotions get the best of me. Because while we are prepared for a mass casualty incident, truly nothing can prepare you psychologically for something as devastating and violating as caring for children who were attacked in their own school.

It should go without saying, but any bullet can do an incredible amount of damage, especially to a child's small body. A bullet from an automatic rifle is designed to splinter into dozens of twisted metal shards, which can instantly kill a child. When this type of bullet strikes tissue, it begins to topple end

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over end, and can create a significant internal defect, almost the size of a torso in a young child. The shooter fired 116 of these bullets into Annunciation Church that morning in just under two minutes. The conversations I had with my patients that day still haunt me. The juxtaposition of one child telling me that he was shot in the back while laying on top of his friend, likely saving his life, against his innocent excitement at having received a new matchbox truck for his collection from our child life team. Another young girl also instinctively laid on top of first graders, shielding them from the spray of bullets. As I removed bullet fragments from her arm and leg, she asked how we could leave the fragment in her skull, knowing that it would be there every time she brushed her hair. Medically, I can answer these questions. But as an adult, I truly feel like we have failed our children.

The common theme I heard from the kids that day was “I knew what to do because we prepare for this”. While I am in awe of these students’ bravery, I am also devastated by the fact that we live in a society where we have asked this of our children and educators, to prepare with militaristic precision for the inevitability that they will be targeted and potentially murdered in their own school. As a doctor, I am supposed to train and prepare for the worst. Not kids. Not educators. Not parents.

My children, your children, and any child that calls Minnesota home deserves to know that they can stay safe from gun violence, whether at home, school, church, or anywhere in the community. Passing this ordinance demonstrates your commitment to that shared goal.

Sincerely,

Rachel Weigert, MD
Physician and Researcher, Emergency Medicine, Children's Minnesota
Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Medical School

From:	Polly Heintz
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Subject:	FW:
Date:	Tuesday, October 21, 2025 2:06:17 PM
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From: Paul Lembrich <busypaul@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 1:30 PM
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Subject:

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Dear Anika,
Please vote against the proposed firearm ordnance. It wil**l be against state law and make you look very foolish.**
Thank you.
Paul Lembrich

From: Jeff Mary Ward
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council; CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Gun Ban Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 12:55:09 PM

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VOTE NO!!! on the gun-ban ordinance!!! It's illegal under state preemption law.

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Ward 2 – Rebecca Noecker:
Ward 3 – Saura Jost:
Ward 4 – Molly Coleman:
Ward 5 – HwaJeong Kim:
Ward 6 – Nelsie Yang:
Ward 7 – Cheniqua Johnson:

From: Mary Auldrich
To: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: upcoming hearing
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 12:46:44 PM

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Minnesota's preemption statute (471.633) clearly forbids cities from passing any gun laws of their own. So what are you doing? Spending our tax dollars to play politics and test the limits of state law.

Stop pushing a dangerous and flat-out illegal gun-ban ordinance!
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Mary Auldrich
jt1cs2@aol.com

From: Bryan Strawser
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Notice from the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus re: Firearms Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 10:29:44 AM
Attachments: Caucus Notice - City of Saint Paul - 10-21-2025.pdf

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> You don't often get email from bryan.strawser@gunowners.mn. Learn why this is important

Attached please find written notice from the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus in regards to the proposed firearms ordinance that will be introduced at the 10/22/2025 council meeting.

Thanks,
Bryan

Bryan Strawser, Chair
Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus
http://gunowners.mn | 612-424-4032 | @mnguncaucus

Sent via Superhuman

Mayor Melvin Carter
St. Paul City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
310 City Hall
15 Kellogg Blvd W
St Paul, MN 55102

October 21, 2025

Re: Illegal Firearms Ordinance

Mayor Carter & Members of the Saint Paul City Council,

The Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus has been made aware of the City's intention to introduce a firearms-related ordinance on October 22, 2025. While we understand the ordinance may purport to delay its effective date indefinitely, such language does not cure its legal defect. This ordinance is **facially invalid** under state law and represents an unlawful assertion of municipal power.

Minnesota law could not be more clear. **Minn. Stat. § 471.633** states:

> *"The legislature hereby preempts all authority of local governments to regulate firearms, ammunition, or their respective components..."*

This is an **express preemption** statute. It wholly and unambiguously prohibits cities from legislating in this domain. The Supreme Court of Minnesota and the Court of Appeals have both consistently affirmed that preempted ordinances are **void at inception**—regardless of when or whether they are enforced. See, for example, *In re Application of Hoffman*, 430 N.W.2d 210 (Minn. Ct. App. 1988), where a municipality's overreaching permit requirements were struck down under this same statute.

The City of Saint Paul lacks the authority to adopt any ordinance that regulates firearms or ammunition, whether directly or contingently. No legislative gimmick—such as an indefinite effective date—can circumvent a statutory bar.

The Minnesota courts have repeatedly held that municipalities **may not do indirectly what they are forbidden to do directly** (*Lilly v. City of Minneapolis*, 527 N.W.2d 107, 111 (Minn. App. 1995)). An ordinance that is invalid today does not become valid merely because its enforcement is deferred until an unspecified future date.

Should the City proceed with the passage of this ordinance, the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus will **immediately initiate legal action** to challenge its validity in court. We will seek **declaratory and injunctive relief** on behalf of our members, supporters, and all peaceable gun owners residing in Saint Paul whose rights and legal clarity are placed in jeopardy by this unlawful measure. The ordinance's mere existence will cause constitutional and statutory harm, deter lawful conduct, and disrupt the rights and responsibilities of residents and businesses subject to its chilling effect.

Let us be clear: **if the city enacts this ordinance, we will sue.** This ordinance is facially invalid and immediately susceptible to legal challenge. No delay clause, aspirational language, or symbolic gesture alters the plain fact that the ordinance would be an illegal act, passed without authority, in open defiance of state law.

We urge the Council to abandon this unlawful course of action, respecting both the constitutional limits of municipal power and the rights of your residents.

Sincerely,

Rob Doar
General Counsel
Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus
contact@gunowners.mn

From: Tom Doyen
To: #CI-StPaul_Council
Subject: Gun Ban
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 2:21:34 PM

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Please vote NO on this ban. We have a right to keep and bear arms our constitutional right. We as law abiding citizens deserve this right we go to classes so we can obey the laws. We have the right to protect our homes, families, and ourselves from intruders and self defence. The 2nd amendment shall not be infringed. In our area we have no police protection we have to count on the county sheriff and by the time they arrive we would be dead. So please vote NO on this ban.

From: T Beers
To: #CI-StPaul_Council
Subject: your illegal attempt to ban guns in SP
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 2:57:56 PM

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Please vote No on this attempt to ban guns from law-abiding citizens in Saint Paul. The impression you're communicating is not that your concern has anything to do with protecting the public, but rather you enjoy snd subsist on excercising power and political self gratification. By promoting a ban illegally, you undermine yourselves as law makers.

Tom Beers

p.s. I have no guns myself, and do not have plans to obtain them.

From: Pat Halligan
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Gun band
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 3:29:00 PM

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St.Paul City Council,

VOTE NO on the gun-ban ordinance, because it is illegal under state preemption law. Stop wasting tax payers money.

Stop playing politics!

Patrick Halligan
MN Resident

From: eluikens@aol.com
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 4:35:16 PM

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Please VOTE NO on the gun-ban ordinance and remind them it’s illegal under state preemption law.

From: Mark Skau
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Criminal Violence Prevention Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 4:03:09 PM

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Stop the games with the going after legal gun owners BS! It is a soft on crime problem by design for chaos that is going on! Start locking up criminals for a change! I've done jury duty twice and it's a joke as repeat career criminals walk with a weekend pass in the workhouse after multiple felonies and years of crimes!

Minnesota's preemption statute (471.633) clearly forbids cities from passing any gun laws of their own. So what are they doing? Spending your tax dollars to play politics and test the limits of state law.
STOP THE BULLSHIT AND START ENFORCING OUR LAWS!
Mark a lifetime citizen of Minnesota who is witness to the state going into shithole mode because of corrupt terrible so called leadership! When criminals know nothing will happen to them, why change and be a productive citizen? If they did, democrats wouldn't have the bullshit narratives to push around! GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER AND START REPRESENTING THE MAJORITY OF LEGAL CITIZENS! You must be aware downtowns are losing business and vacancy rates are up with more wanting out of their leases?? Grew up in the cities and now you couldn't pay me to even spend a dime in either downtown!

From: John Cairl
To: #CI-StPaul_Council
Subject: Gun control
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 1:18:14 PM

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Everyone seems to want more gun control. I believe that is the wrong direction to take if you want to eliminate gun crime, or any crime. 100 more gun laws won't fix the problem. Removing guns from law abiding citizens accomplishes nothing and will only enable gangs to increase their neighborhood control and grow. I believe you should go after a tougher criminal justice system. If a person commits a crime and the penalty is a 5 year prison sentence it should be doubled if it involves the use of a gun. No exceptions, no bail, and no early out for good behavior.

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John Cairl
"We are not defined by who we are when life is free and easy, but how we react during life's most difficult moments"

From: Ed Ramsey
To: #CI-StPaul_Council
Subject: VOTE NO
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 9:47:17 AM

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DEAR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

As law-abiding gun owner, and long time Bloomington resident, I am writing to implore all Council members not to VOTE YES, but to VOTE NO on the gun-ban ordinance. I wish to remind you that it is illegal under the state exemption law.

To even bring this foolish proposal up for a vote is anti-American and a political effort to deprive Minnesotans of their rights to bear arms whenever they travel to your fair city.

Ed Ramsey, Bloomington

From: Dusty Tinner
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Gun ban
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 8:18:39 AM

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VOTE NO on the gun-ban ordinance!!! It’s illegal under state preemption law

From: Derek Holden
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Gun Ban
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 7:37:15 AM

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Vot NO on gun Ban. It’s illegal under state preemption law

From: patti abraham-brekke
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Cc: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Gun Ban Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 9:45:51 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting that you vote NO on the gun-ban ordinance. And please remember that such an ordinance is clearly illegal by Minnesota's Preemption Statute 471.633!

Thank you in advance for your listening to my concerns AND voting accordingly.

Sincerely,
Patti Abraham-Brekke

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From: Mark Skau
To: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: VOTE NO on the gun-ban ordinance
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 6:10:00 PM

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A very underrepresented Minnesota citizen!!

From: Daniel Olsen
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Gun Ban proposal
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 5:41:44 PM

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Vote No on this proposal. It is illegal under the state premptiion law. As well as infringing on 2nd amendment RIGHTS.

From: myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 4:56:09 PM

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Re: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance

Dear Saint Paul City Council,

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Sincerely,
Mr. Chuck Fehlhaber
Fehlhabers4@charter.net
320-251-3366 2419 Marquette Drive Saint Cloud, MN 56301 Constituent

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Sincerely,
Eric Edlund
ericedlund17@gmail.com
7632450876 10476 Vermillion Circle NE Blaine, MN 55449 Constituent

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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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From: Jenna Sadjadi
To: Mark Skau; #CI-StPaul_Ward2
Cc: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: RE: stop the walz political games against legal gun owners!
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 3:01:39 PM
Attachments: image001.png

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SAINT PAUL
MINNESOTA

From: Mark Skau <mark.ultrapropertysolutions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 4:09 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: stop the walz political games against legal gun owners!

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Stop the games with the going after legal gun owners BS! It is a soft on crime problem by design for chaos that is going on! Start locking up criminals for a change! I've done jury duty twice and it's a joke as repeat career criminals walk with a weekend pass in the workhouse after multiple felonies and years of crimes!

Minnesota’s preemption statute (471.633) clearly forbids cities from passing any gun laws of their own. So what are they doing? Spending your tax dollars to play politics and test the limits of state law.
STOP THE BULLSHIT AND START ENFORCING OUR LAWS!
Mark a lifetime citizen of Minnesota who is witness to the state going into shithole mode because of corrupt terrible so called leadership! When criminals know nothing will happen to them, why change and be a productive citizen? If they did, democrats wouldn't have the bullshit narratives to push around! GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER AND START REPRESENTING

THE MAJORITY OF LEGAL CITIZENS! You must be aware downtowns are losing business and vacancy rates are up with more wanting out of their leases?? Grew up in the cities and now you couldn't pay me to even spend a dime in either downtown!

From:	Jenna Sadjadi
To:	Brice Weed
Cc:	#CI-StPaul_Ward2; *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject:	RE: MN Statute 471.633
Date:	Thursday, October 23, 2025 3:01:17 PM
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SAINT PAUL
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From: Brice Weed <brice.weed@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 5:28 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: MN Statute 471.633

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471.633 FIREARMS.

The legislature preempts all authority of a home rule charter or statutory city including a city of the first class, county, town, municipal corporation, or other governmental subdivision, or any of their instrumentalities, to regulate firearms, ammunition, or their respective components to the complete exclusion of any order, ordinance or regulation by them except that:

(a) a governmental subdivision may regulate the discharge of firearms; and

(b) a governmental subdivision may adopt regulations identical to state law.

Local regulation inconsistent with this section is void.

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 3:01:08 PM

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Subject: PLEASE Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 3:01:06 PM

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From:	Jenna Sadjadi
To:	Paul Lembrich
Cc:	#CI-StPaul_Ward2; *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject:	RE:
Date:	Thursday, October 23, 2025 3:00:46 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

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SAINT PAUL
MINNESOTA

From: Paul Lembrich <busypaul@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 1:41 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject:

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Dear Rebecca,
Please vote against the up coming proposed firearm law. It is against current state law and would make you appear very foolish.
Respectfully,
Paul Lembrich
Busypaul@att.net

From: Jenna Sadjadi
To: Ed Ramsey; #CI-StPaul_Ward2
Cc: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: RE: VOTE NO
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 3:00:29 PM
Attachments: image001.png

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SAINT PAUL
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From: Ed Ramsey <edramsey33@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 9:55 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: VOTE NO

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Dear Rebecca,

My name is Ed Ramsey and I am a Bloomington resident (6123605320). VOTE NO on the gun-ban ordinance for it is illegal under state preemption law.

Ed Ramsey

From:	Jenna Sadjadi
To:	Melissa Critchley
Cc:	#CI-StPaul_Ward2; *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject:	RE: Oppose the gun ordinance being proposed today
Date:	Thursday, October 23, 2025 3:00:16 PM
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SAINT PAUL
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From: Melissa Critchley <melissajeancritchley@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 11:34 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Oppose the gun ordinance being proposed today

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Good afternoon Council Rep Rebecca,

I'm writing as a constituent to let you know that I oppose the the gun ordinance that is being proposed today. It is contradictory to Minnesota's constitution.

Furthermore after living in the Metro for 28 years, I have seen the rapid decline of the area. I grew up about 2 hours from Chicago, and this is exactly the direction that I have seen the Twin Cities heading in. This ordinance would make the Twin Cities the next Chicago, taking our beloved city in the wrong direction.

Thank you for protecting liberty, by not agreeing to this unlawful ordinance.

Warm regards,
Melissa

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From:	Jenna Sadjadi
To:	Brice.weed@gmail.com
Cc:	#CI-StPaul_Ward2; *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject:	RE: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
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To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance

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Re: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance

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Sincerely,
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Date:	Thursday, October 23, 2025 2:59:45 PM
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Sincerely,
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Steven Segar
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St. Paul, MN 55116

From: Jenna Sadjadi
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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I am a 25- year vet, now 84, 100% disabled due to Agent Orange in Vietnam. I am writing to strongly urge you to oppose the proposed firearms ordinance before the Saint Paul City Council. This ordinance is not just bad policy—it's illegal. Minnesota Statute § 471.633 clearly prohibits cities from enacting any ordinance that regulates firearms, ammunition, or their components. Courts have consistently ruled that local governments lack this authority. It doesn't matter if the ordinance is delayed, symbolic, or dressed up with exceptions—it's void from the moment it's introduced. Beyond its blatant violation of state law, the ordinance would impose restrictions that directly harm peaceable, law-abiding citizens. It would deter lawful conduct, confuse residents and businesses, and do nothing to address actual violent crime. This isn't about public safety. It's about political grandstanding at the expense of your constituents' rights. I am a supporter of the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus, and they speak for me. But today, I am speaking for myself: I want you to reject this unlawful, unconstitutional ordinance and respect the limits of municipal authority. Do the right thing. Follow the law. Vote NO.

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 8:55:10 PM

Re: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 10:32:20 AM

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Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 8:16:33 AM

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Sincerely,
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025 9:35:21 PM

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025 6:25:10 PM

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Sincerely,
STEVE HEROLD
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025 1:31:11 PM

Re: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance

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Sincerely,
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025 12:45:15 PM

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Sincerely,
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025 11:40:22 AM

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025 8:43:10 AM

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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 8:15:09 AM

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Sincerely,
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 7:43:07 AM

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Sincerely,
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 7:35:05 AM

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 7:06:12 AM

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Saint Paul's Proposed Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 10:20:07 PM

Re: Saint Paul's Proposed Illegal Firearms Ordinance

Dear Saint Paul City Council,

I thought the Democrats were the ones always touting the 'rule of law'. Now you want to waste taxpayer's money by ignoring the law. How very Trump of you. I've never voted for Trump, and I won't be voting for any candidates from a party (the Democrat party) that wants to out Trump Trump. I'm an Independent voter, and a moderate. I'm the kind of voter you want to be winning to your side. News flash... stunts like this drive me away from voting Democrat. We need adults in the room. Do better. Oppose the obviously illegal proposed firearms ordinance before the Saint Paul City Council.

Sincerely,
Brian Belanger
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 9:48:13 PM

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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 6:16:08 PM

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Sincerely,
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7639579145 6400 YORK AVE S Edina, MN 55435 Constituent

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From:	Marvalyne Tripp
To:	Greg Weiner
Subject:	FW: Gun Control Measures
Date:	Friday, October 24, 2025 4:48:20 PM

From: David Lux <dplux@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 11:25 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3 <Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Gun Control Measures

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Hi Ms. Jost,
I see the city is considering a variety of gun control measures if the State changes its law. Just wanted to say I would support any and all measures you can pass to reduce gun violence in society. Crime, especially violent crime is out of control and we need to do anything we can to help. I understand the courts may overturn the measures but still worth going on record that we support some limits on guns. Hopefully, over time votes like this will start to make a difference. Thanks for your consideration.

Dave Lux
1742 Yorkshire Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55116

651-699-1932

From: myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 3:42:08 PM

Re: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance

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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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From: myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Vote NO on the illegal firearms ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 1:28:10 PM

Re: Vote NO on the illegal firearms ordinance

Dear Saint Paul City Council,

I'm writing to urge you—unequivocally—to reject the proposed firearms ordinance before the Saint Paul City Council. This isn't just bad policy. It's illegal. Minnesota Statute § 471.633 explicitly bars cities from regulating firearms, ammunition, or their components. Courts have upheld this repeatedly. Whether symbolic, delayed, or dressed up with exceptions, this ordinance is void the moment it's introduced. Beyond its legal failure, it punishes law-abiding citizens, sows confusion, and does nothing to reduce violent crime. This isn't public safety. It's political theater - and you know that's all it is. I support the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus, but today I speak for myself: Respect the law. Respect your constituents. Reject this ordinance. Vote NO.

Sincerely,
Mr. Clinton Dodd
clintdodd@comcast.net
9529430954 6508 Kurtz Lane EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55346 Constituent

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From: Jenna Sadjadi
To: blackwellt00@gmail.com; #CI-StPaul_Ward2
Cc: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: RE: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 1:12:44 PM
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Thank you for contacting the Ward 2 office. Your message has been received by Council President Noecker. It will be added to the public record for Ordinance 25-65, "Creating Chapter 225A of the Legislative Code titled Firearms Regulations to establish regulations for Assault weapons, Binary triggers, Ghost guns and Signage." (Ord 25-65)

Jenna Sadjadi (she/they)
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SAINT PAUL
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From: myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 8:25 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance

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Re: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance

Councilmember Rebecca Noecker,

Hello. I want to confirm that you are disarming lawful citizens and after this uneducated, uninformed, and incompetent law is in place... law breaking criminals can willingly attack a lawful citizens in unlawful manner and lawful citizens cannot defend themselves? how do suggest said person defend themselves? With a firearm provided by police? Why would a lawful citizen not be able to himself or herself? What if the officer of law is off duty... if his life is threatened you are saying he cannot defend him self with a arm or herself with a firearm? And they must phone the authorities.That is upside thinking I am writing to strongly urge you to oppose the proposed firearms ordinance before the Saint Paul City Council. This ordinance is not just bad policy—it's illegal. Minnesota Statute § 471.633 clearly prohibits cities from enacting any ordinance that regulates firearms, ammunition, or their components. Courts have consistently ruled that local governments lack this authority. It doesn't matter if the ordinance is delayed, symbolic, or dressed up with exceptions—it's void from the moment it's introduced. Beyond its blatant violation of state law, the ordinance would impose restrictions that directly harm peaceable, law-abiding citizens. It would deter lawful conduct,

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Sincerely,
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To: greg50012000@yahoo.com; #CI-StPaul_Ward2
Cc: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: RE: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 1:12:19 PM
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Re: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance

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I am writing to strongly urge you to oppose the proposed firearms ordinance before the Saint Paul City Council. This is unconstitutional and illegal in Minnesota. Please spend the effort, tax payer money and time on something that will make a difference, not going after law abiding citizens. This is no different than making murder illegal, this will have zero effect on lowering crime, but will have the opposite effects. People quit doing drugs when drugs were made illegal, right? This is such a waste of our money, go look for the corruption plaguing our state and fight for the citizens, not against them like you are doing here. This ordinance is not just bad policy—it's illegal. Minnesota Statute § 471.633 clearly prohibits cities from enacting any ordinance that regulates firearms, ammunition, or their components. Courts have consistently ruled that local governments lack this authority. It doesn't matter if the ordinance is delayed, symbolic, or dressed up with exceptions—it's void from the moment it's introduced. Beyond its blatant violation of state law, the ordinance would impose restrictions that directly harm peaceable, law-abiding citizens. It would deter lawful conduct, confuse residents and businesses, and do nothing to address actual violent crime. This isn't about

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 12:39:07 PM

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Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 12:30:07 PM

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Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 11:26:08 AM

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 11:25:09 AM

Re: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 10:00:06 AM

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Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 9:55:22 AM

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 9:35:09 AM

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From: Bob Van Cleve
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council; CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Cc: María Isa Pérez-Vega; contact@gunowners.mn
Subject: Illegal Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 9:28:36 AM

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St. Paul City Council -

Your proposed ordinance to ban various types of firearms, components is in violation of Minnesota's preemption statute (471.633) which clearly forbids cities, including St. Paul from passing any gun laws of their own.

This is in place for a reason which hasn't changed and it has worked quite well for the past 50 years.

Restricting the rights of millions of gun owners in Minnesota because of the actions of one ten or even one hundred deranged individuals only punishes the Law-Abiding citizens and if nothing else will make criminals out of those same Law Abiding Citizens in St. Paul.

Should you pass this, why not pass an ordinance which holds all vehicle owners responsible for the action of one Drunk Driver? Why not an ordinance to punish all politicians for the action of one involved in any type of fraud crime?

Law Abiding Citizens do not commit these crimes and our Rights, guaranteed in the Constitution of the United State, should not be infringed upon because of those who did. Maybe holding those responsible accountable for gun crimes, any crimes they commit. Maybe instead of encouraging and ignoring the behavior of the mentally ill, it should be treated as the issue that it is.

R. Van Cleve
West St. Paul, MN

From: myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 9:21:09 AM

Re: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 8:42:07 AM

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From: myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 8:41:09 AM

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To: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 8:41:07 AM

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
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Hello. I want to confirm that you are disarming lawful citizens and after this uneducated, uninformed, and incompetent law is in place... law breaking criminals can willingly attack a lawful citizens in unlawful manner and lawful citizens cannot defend themselves? how do suggest said person defend themselves? With a firearm provided by police? Why would a lawful citizen not be able to himself or herself? What if the officer of law is off duty... if his life is threatened you are saying he cannot defend him self with a arm or herself with a firearm? And they must phone the authorities.That is upside thinking I am writing to strongly urge you to oppose the proposed firearms ordinance before the Saint Paul City Council. This ordinance is not just bad policy—it's illegal. Minnesota Statute § 471.633 clearly prohibits cities from enacting any ordinance that regulates firearms, ammunition, or their components. Courts have consistently ruled that local governments lack this authority. It doesn't matter if the ordinance is delayed, symbolic, or dressed up with exceptions—it's void from the moment it's introduced. Beyond its blatant violation of state law, the ordinance would impose restrictions that directly harm peaceable, law-abiding citizens. It would deter lawful conduct, confuse residents and businesses, and do nothing to address actual violent crime. This isn't about public safety. It's about political grandstanding at the expense of your constituents' rights. I am a supporter of the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus, and they speak for me. But today, I am speaking for myself: I want you to reject this unlawful, unconstitutional ordinance and respect the limits of municipal authority. Do the right thing. Follow the law. Vote NO.

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Sincerely,
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Dear Saint Paul City Council,

I am writing to insist that you to oppose the proposed firearms ordinance before the Saint Paul City Council. This ordinance is not just bad policy—it's illegal. A waste of everyone's time. Period. If passed, it will FAIL and WE will make sure such assault on our inherent rights backfires appropriately. Minnesota Statute § 471.633 clearly prohibits cities from enacting any ordinance that regulates firearms, ammunition, or their components. Courts have consistently ruled that local governments lack this authority. It doesn't matter if the ordinance is delayed, symbolic, or dressed up with exceptions—it's void from the moment it's introduced. Beyond its blatant violation of state law, the ordinance attempts to impose restrictions that directly harm peaceable, law-abiding citizens. It is unlawful, would confuse residents and businesses, and do nothing to address actual violent crime. This isn't about public safety. It's about political grandstanding at the expense of your constituents' rights which we will not allow. I am a supporter of the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus, and they speak for me. But today, I am speaking for myself: I want you to reject this unlawful, unconstitutional ordinance and respect the limits of municipal authority. Vote NO.

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Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 5:55:11 PM

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Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 5:44:10 PM

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To: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Please Oppose St. Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 5:27:08 PM

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Please Oppose St. Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 5:27:07 PM

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 5:25:08 PM

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025 10:44:26 AM

Re: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance

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Sincerely,
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 31, 2025 10:01:13 PM

Re: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance

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Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
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Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Friday, October 31, 2025 1:18:08 PM

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Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:58:16 PM

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Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 2:00:09 PM

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Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 12:21:12 PM

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Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:50:08 PM

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Subject:	Comments in Support of ORD 25-65 to Establish Regulations for Assault Weapons, Binary Triggers, Ghost Guns and Signage
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To: Mayor Carter and the members of the City Council of the City of St. Paul:

I write on behalf of Chapter 27 Veterans For Peace in support of Ord 25-65. Since 2018 (with the exception of 2020 due to COVID), our members, several of whom are St. Paul residents, have advocated at the Legislature for bills that would establish a state ban on the sale and transfer of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. Approving Ord 25-65 would be consistent with our mission because it will express the will of the City Council and Mayor for the state to change its local government preemption law, and allow the City to at least ban these weapons of war from City Hall and other public facilities.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

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Our state gun regulations are insane. Minnesota law[1] allows schools, day care centers, and private establishments like churches and businesses to ban guns on their premises. This right is based on the ability of nongovernmental entities to control their property, but governments can't do the same to control and protect the public while using public property.

For example, last year I asked five security guards at the Capitol this question: "What would you do if I walked in with an AR-15 assault rifle slung over my shoulder and told you I have a Minnesota permit-to-carry license?" I got five different answers. One said he'd ask me to leave, and another said he'd do nothing. "If you have the permit, you are free to carry it here." The City of St. Paul should have the authority to prevent this insanity.

Responses to myths from the gun lobby: The following addresses some of the propaganda from the gun lobby:

- **First false argument: "The best defense against a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun:"** The gun lobby mantra is "the best defense against a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun." In fact, firearms are *not* an effective means of self-defense.[2] More permissive gun laws make people less safe. In the states with the weakest gun laws, gun deaths rose 46% from 2012 to 2020, compared with just a 7% increase in the states with the strongest

[1] Minn. Stat. § 624.714, subd. 17,
[2] "The epidemiology of self-defense gun use: Evidence from the National Crime Victimization Surveys 2007-2011," David Hemenway and Sara J. Solnick, *Journal of Preventative Medicine*, 2015, https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0091743515001188

gun laws over that same period.[3] Additionally, recently released data from the Center for American Progress shows that firearm homicides fell much faster in 2023 in states with the strongest gun laws, while states with the weakest gun laws saw marginal, if any, improvements to public safety.[4]

- **Second false argument: Bans are ineffective, and guns make us safer:** Opponents to bans on assault weapon and high-capacity magazines argue that bans are ineffective. In fact, studies demonstrate the opposite. As the ten states with assault weapons bans have experienced, the frequency and severity of gun violence is dramatically reduced when it becomes illegal to buy or transfer such a weapon. Bans *are* effective, especially if they are part of a comprehensive set of common-sense gun control regulations (e.g., red flag; safe storage; and closed loopholes for background checks, gun show sales, and ghost guns).[5] A 2024 study published by the Rockefeller Institute of Government concluded that the US suffered **109 public mass shootings** between 2000 and 2022, **compared to a total of 35 in 35** other similarly developed countries.[6] Our health problems aren't 109 times greater than these 35 other similarly developed countries. Our epidemic of mass shootings is a direct result of our lax gun laws, and especially our unique availability of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. Given that there are more guns in circulation than people in America, if more guns led to fewer violent crimes, America would be the safest place in the world.

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[3] Source: "Ten Years of Courage," Giffords Law Center to Prevent Violence, 12/13/2022, https://giffords.org/report/ten-years-of-courage/

[4] "In 2023, Gun Violence Trended Down Across the County," Center for American Progress, 1/31/2024, https://www.americanprogress.org/article/in-2023-gun-violence-trended-down-across-the-country/

[5] States with restrictions on magazine size experience mass shootings at less than half the rate of states without restrictions (Source: Louis Klarevas, Andrew Conner, and David Hemenway, "The Effect of Large-Capacity Magazine Bans on High-Fatality Mass Shootings, 1990–2017," *American Journal of Public Health* 109, no. 12 (2019): 1754-61, https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2019.305311). There are numerous studies that confirm that the federal assault weapons ban (1994-2004) was effective. Studies concluded that the risk of dying in a mass shooting was 70% lower than in the following decade after Congress killed the effort to extend it (Source: "Did the assault weapons ban of 1994 bring down mass shootings? Here's what the data tells us," Michael J. Klein, Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, New York University, *The Conversation*, 6/8/22, https://theconversation.com/did-the-assault-weapons-ban-of-1994-bring-down-mass-shootings-heres-what-the-data-tells-us-184430). According to a study published in *Applied Economics Letters*, "[I]t was found that assault weapons bans in the states that approved them reduced the number of school shooting victims by 54.4%" (Source: "The effects of state and Federal gun control laws on school shootings," Mark Gius, Applied Economics Letters, 4/19/2027, https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13504851.2017.1319555). Similarly, a Johns Hopkins University study stated, "We found very encouraging effects. ... On a per capita basis, we see a 70% lower rate of individuals killed in mass shootings associated with state bans of [high-capacity magazines] (source: "Policies That Reduce Gun Violence: Restricting Large Capacity Magazines," Daniel Webster, Johns Hopkins University, 5/24, 2021, https://publichealth.jhu.edu/2021/policies-that-reduce-gun-violence-restricting-large-capacity-magazines#:~:text=Our%20estimate%20was%20that%20laws,is%20licensing%20for%20firearm%20purchasers%20).

[6] Source: "Public Mass Shootings Around the World: Prevalence, Context, and Prevention," Jason R. Silva, 2/20/24, *Rockefeller Institute of Government*, https://rockinst.org/blog/public-mass-shootings-around-the-world-prevalence-context-and-prevention/

- **Third false argument: Assault weapons are protected by the Second Amendment because they are not "weapons of war:"** In order to argue that the Second Amendment protects assault weapons, opponents of banning them must show that they are substantively different than "modern military weapons," i.e., they are not "weapons of war." The history of the AR-15 contradicts that belief. The original ArmaLite AR-15, designed by Eugene Stoner and his team in 1956, 75 years ago, was a selective-fire, automatic rifle intended for military use. Later, the Colt Firearms Co. marketed it to the military as the M16 rifle. In 1964, Colt redesigned the AR-15 for civilian use as a semi-automatic version of the M16 (one round per trigger pull).

  The only significant difference between military and civilian assault rifles is that military rifles are capable of automatic fire, while civilian rifles are restricted to semiautomatic fire. However, the primary value of firing on automatic is for suppressive fire on the battlefield to enable maneuvering. It has no value for legal uses by civilians (i.e., sport shooting, hunting, and self-defense). When firing either military or civilian ammunition, AR-15-style rifles are actually more powerful than the military's standard M4 assault rifle that replaced the M16.[7] What is more important is that this ammunition can tumble upon impact when it hits a human body and then fragment, which makes it horribly deadly.

I understand the intense attachment of gun owners to their guns, especially as essential for protection for themselves and their family. As a Marine in Vietnam during my year in a combat zone, my assault rifle or my .45 were always within my sight to protect myself and my fellow Marines. But St. Paul's City Hall and its parks, libraries, and community centers are not in a war zone. These public spaces should have the same protection from these weapons of war as our schools, day care centers, businesses, and churches.

[7] The muzzle velocity of an AR-15 is not significantly different than for an M16 for both 5.56 NATO rounds and .223 Remington; and it has a greater muzzle velocity than the M4—7% greater firing 5.56 NATO rounds and 4% greater firing .223 Remington rounds.

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Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 10:23:15 PM

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We the People uphold, defend, protect RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT be infringed upon by any antithetical unconstitutional malevolent tyrrantical act by those despotic acts against our Republic. Those who attempt to abuse, destroy our guaranteed Constitutional rights of LEGAL Americans are met with strongest resistance & opposition by rational freedom Fighters. We the People HIGHLY ADVISE you to DO NOT ATTEMPT infringement on our rights. We are NOT allowing this antiAmerican clearly communist tactic of DNC-Somalians who CREATED PROBLEMS of criminal illegal invasion into OUR sovereign state, purposefully planted first HMONGS then SOMALIANS, clear attempt at INVADING our Constitutional Republic by an act of war by democrats & RINOs. 1952 McCarren Immigration Act BANS communists, radical militants & Islamists; ALL Antithetical, antiAmerican, antiJudeoChristian whose oppressive tyrrantical forms of government seek DESTROY OURS. (Walz, Flannigan, Ellison+ Clinton, Bush I & II, ObamaBidenHarris SOROS, British Foreign Office, CAIR, Antifa, BLM, MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD, ISIS terrorist organizations infiltrate, abuse, deny, neglect our EQUAL JUSTICE under the law as this is now. Minneapolis/St Paul was created by American JudeoChristians exceptionalism, hardworking. Honorable European-descendants whose OATH OF CITIZENSHIP states RENOUNCING ALL LOYALTY to country of origin & take up arms to defend & protect Constitution, sovereignty as Republic & One People, against all enemies, foreign and domestic, so help me God. Somalians have REFUSED TO ASSIMILATE as everyone must. REFUSE TO OBEY Constitution, our JudeoChristian foundation & laws directly from The Bible is America. Those who try to oppress, subvert, they acts of sedition, subversion, aiding and abetting enemies of America, commit treason against our Republic. 18 USC Chapter 115+ We will fight your antithetical attempt to subvert & deny our Constitutional rights & right to defend ourselves against enemies of America, anyone who attempts to attack ourselves & our families. Why are you WASTING OUR FUNDS on this feeble attack on our Constitutional rights which you ALREADY LOST?! As a former Democrat, I started asking questions & found stinking, rotten abyss of festering cancer, fraud gone amok, over $2 BILLION plus Democrat-Somalian FRAUD AFTER FRAUD, money laundering, corruption, Madeup stories, with 75% Muslims in MN & Illegals, Black multiple Baby-daddies neglectful & disrespectful , lazy, stealing, promiscuous Mama MAKING $$ off of STEALING SNAP, EBT, housing "funds" sitting on their lazy bums, watching porn, stealing other people's DESERVED NEEDED TEMPORARY assistance (meant for only 6 months maximum help!) Democrats ARE THE PROBLEM. Democrats purposefully attack, subvert, try destroy our Republic by ALL MEANS NECESSARY. Dumbed down our children first taking our JudeoChristian God & Bible out of classroom! Unconstitutional! Immoral. Then when Republicans fought for & delivered Civil Rights bills from 1950's to JFK, which delivered BETTER Classical education which uplifted GREATEST NUMBER of all races in history! Democrats under demonic racists Wilson, FDR, Truman, LBJ-33rd degree demonic Masons set up Dumb Down students but ESPECIALLY Blacks, which LBJ called us "N@ggers will be voting Democrat for 100 yrs when we get Black mother to marry the government instead of father of her children." Keep us

stupid & poor-all races. Ain't gonna happen. Fix YOUR MESS YOU CREATED! As biracial person, we don't give a rip what color people are-it's what REPUBLICAN MLKJr said.." Judge me in CONTENT OF MY CHARACTER NOT color of my skin." Democrats have turned into worst radical communist antithetical antiAmerican antiJudeoChristian cult-gluttons, undermining, destroying themselves for what they called upon those they yell at, are violent against… same delusional, hatred without critical thinking, mentally unstable & #Unfit2Serve. Your threats, harassment, attacks against We the People END NOW! You cannot have Minneapolis or St Paul or anyplace in Minnesota! We will fight united against tyrrantical form of oppression, racism, violence, attempts stealing our voices for we are STRONG UNITED in the Lord our God! We are Warriors of God with interdimensional Angels He sent to defend & protect His people. Instead of attempt to subvert our Rights & laws…roll up your sleeves, COMPLY WITH POTUS Administration order by FDA & DOGE & other to 1. End illegal unconstitutional Drivers license for illegals & noncitizens! 2. END illegal, unconstitutional mailed ballots used CHEAT & subvert True RED State! 3. CLEAN VOTER ROLLS ONLY LEGAL US citizens. Caveat: must be Legal citizen by having BOTH Father & Mother as Legal US citizens for child to be legally US citizen. 4. Mandatory VOTER ID CARDS ONLY . Legal US Citizens. Similar to European countries: front, side photos; FULL FINGERPRINTS, medical info only medical access, CRIMINAL RECORD for EMT, law enforcement, military. Emergency contact & Rx meds. Everyone ready vote MANDATORY scan your hand must confirm w your Voter ID Card…otherwise, NO PAPER BALLOT. encrypted to be valid. Vote only INPERSON, OneDay only. All ballots must be in by 8pm. No late. All legal US Citizens ballots must be handcounted by Midnight. In rough areas, law enforcement, military may be onsite. ZEROTOLERANCE any violence, harassment, threats at bribery, extortion as Zuckerberg Zuckerbucks, Gates cash, Democrats open bribes on tribal land. -ZERO TOLERANCE- Automatic 10 yrs imprisonment plus fines. 5. Manual counting ballots MANDATORY ON ALL TV SCREENS complete transparency. Run as audits, zero personal items anywhere, open tables above & below. Purses locked another room. Judges & poll watchers will be frisked before/after leaving & coming back breaks. NO MORE CHEATING! 6. Winners will be announced SAME NITE. Tabulated accounts total must be verified by numerous Judges. Absolutely all ballots will be called in for final total. Absolutely NO ELECTRONICS in ballot counting area. All persons will be shown on tv-cable with ID can be watched by overhead cameras & other cameras. President Trump & Team of Americans WILL MAKE EVERY CHILD, every state, every school GREAT AGAIN for The American people. Starts with STOPPING LOST ATTACK ON OUR RIGHTS! #DeportAllIllegals #ObeyConstitution I am writing to strongly urge you to oppose the proposed firearms ordinance before the Saint Paul City Council. This ordinance is not just bad policy—it's illegal. Minnesota Statute § 471.633 clearly prohibits cities from enacting any ordinance that regulates firearms, ammunition, or their components. Courts have consistently ruled that local governments lack this authority. It doesn't matter if the ordinance is delayed, symbolic, or dressed up with exceptions—it's void from the moment it's introduced. Beyond its blatant violation of state law, the ordinance would impose restrictions that directly harm peaceable, law-abiding citizens. It would deter lawful conduct, confuse residents and businesses, and do nothing to address actual violent crime. This isn't about public safety. It's about political grandstanding at the expense of your constituents' rights. I am a supporter of the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus, and they speak for me. But today, I am speaking for myself: I want you to reject this unlawful, unconstitutional ordinance and respect the limits of municipal authority. Do the right thing. Follow the law. Vote NO.

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Urgent Request to Reject Ordinance 25-65
Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 4:44:12 PM

Re: Urgent Request to Reject Ordinance 25-65

Dear Saint Paul City Council,

I write as a concerned Minnesota resident to urge you to reject Ordinance 25-65, which proposes Chapter 225A on "Firearms Regulations." This measure, ostensibly contingent on the repeal or amendment of Minnesota Statutes § 471.633, brazenly defies state preemption laws that uniformly prohibit local firearm regulations. The statute explicitly voids any municipal ordinances regulating firearms, ammunition, or components, limiting cities to discharge rules or state-identical measures—none of which align with your bans on assault weapons, binary triggers, ghost guns, large-capacity magazines, or firearms in sensitive public spaces like parks and libraries. Even your ordinance's Sec. 225A.02 clause admits this illegality by delaying enforcement, yet advancing it now invites legal invalidation, taxpayer-funded lawsuits, and confusion for law-abiding citizens. This proposal assaults constitutional protections affirmed in “New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen” (2022), targeting everyday tools for self-defense, hunting, and recreation used responsibly by millions. While your WHEREAS clauses highlight gun violence statistics—such as 442 firearms recovered in Saint Paul through October 2025—they ignore that criminals flout laws, and data from the Crime Prevention Research Center shows "gun-free zones" often attract attackers, as evidenced by national tragedies. Exempting law enforcement while burdening residents fosters distrust, leaving families in parks and rec centers defenseless without proven crime reductions. Empirical evidence favors prosecuting offenders over disarming the innocent. Please table this ordinance and pivot to effective strategies: strengthening mental health support, community policing, and state-level partnerships to tackle violence's roots without eroding liberties. Minnesota's firearm owners deserve representation, not alienation.

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Subject: Wow, Man! Please Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
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I am writing to strongly urge you to oppose the proposed firearms ordinance before the Saint Paul City Council. 1- it is illegal and will be challenged in court 2- it not only limits law abiding gun owners of the city and state, it is disrespectful to them as well. Please vote no

Sincerely,
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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 2:09:25 PM

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 9:35:19 AM

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 8:53:17 AM

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To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 5:46:14 AM

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Sincerely,
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Subject: Oppose Saint Paul's Illegal Firearms Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 9:47:24 PM

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Sincerely,
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From: J. Michael Orange
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Cc: Kathleen Doyle; Edward C. Lorenz; Bob Mokos
Subject: Re: Additional Comments in Support of ORD 25-65 to Establish Regulations for Assault Weapons, Binary Triggers, Ghost Guns and Signage
Date: Friday, November 7, 2025 11:27:45 AM

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To: Mayor Carter and the members of the City Council of the City of St. Paul:

I write again on behalf of Chapter 27 Veterans For Peace in support of Ord 25-65. I could not attend yesterday's Council meeting but I watched it on line today. Something that Mr. Rob Doer of the Minnesota Gun Owners' Caucus struck me as fundamentally wrong. In addition to arguing incorrectly that the proposed ordinance was illegal due to the state's preemption law, he also argued that it was inappropriate because of timing. He reasoned that the City should wait until the state changed the law, then pass its ordinance.

I disagree. Prior to when the US. Supreme Court overturned the Roe V. Wade decision, many conservative state governments adopted laws restricting women's reproductive freedom beyond what was protected by the Roe decision with the provision that they would go into effect if Roe was overturned. When that happened, all of these restrictions went immediately into effect, regardless of the wishes of the then-current state government. There was no delay nor risk of not being adopted. I would assume that if it's legal for a state to pass a law contingent on a change at the federal level, it's legal for a city to adopt an ordinance contingent on the change of a state law.

We members in Veterans For Peace applaud your courage and commitment to take on this difficult issue in order to better protect people who live, work, play, and exercise their civic duties in the city.

Michael Orange

J. Michael Orange, Coordinator
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From: J. Michael Orange <orange_michael@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 6:38 PM
To: Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us <Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: Kathleen Doyle <kathleen.erin.doyle@gmail.com>; Edward C. Lorenz <lorenz@alma.edu>; Bob Mokos <rfmokos@comcast.net>
Subject: Comments in Support of ORD 25-65 to Establish Regulations for Assault Weapons, Binary Triggers, Ghost Guns and Signage

To: Mayor Carter and the members of the City Council of the City of St. Paul:

I write on behalf of Chapter 27 Veterans For Peace in support of Ord 25-65. Since 2018 (with the exception of 2020 due to COVID), our members, several of whom are St. Paul residents,

have advocated at the Legislature for bills that would establish a state ban on the sale and transfer of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. Approving Ord 25-65 would be consistent with our mission because it will express the will of the City Council and Mayor for the state to change its local government preemption law, and allow the City to at least ban these weapons of war from City Hall and other public facilities.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Michael Orange

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Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	MRCCA Signed Resolution final, CNPC to PC memo final 9-25-2025, 10-17-25 PC Action Minutes, MRCCA presentation public hearing response - CNPC reccomendations, Planning Commission Public Testimony, MRCCA map panels, Other MRCCA Cities Heights Comparison Chart, Wendy Neurer public comment, Rita Johnson public comment, Fort Road Federation public comment, Deborah Korthof-Stanton public comment, City Council Presentation	**Financials Included?:**	
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Amending Chapters 60,61,68, and 72 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area and the Flood Plain Management Overlay Districts.

city of saint paul
planning commission resolution
file number 25-46
date October 17, 2025

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Zoning Code, found in chapters 60 through 69 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, is established to:

- implement the policies of the comprehensive plan;
- fix reasonable standards to which buildings, structures and uses shall conform; and
- protect water resources, improve water quality, and promote water conservation; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 72 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code is established to guide floodplain development in order to lessen the adverse effects of floods and to minimize loss of life, threats to health, private and public economic loss caused by flooding, and to comply with the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, Section 61.801(a) of the Zoning Code calls for periodic review of said codes to reflect current City policies, to address changes in state laws, and to bring the zoning code up to date; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Plan (MRCCA) was designated as a state critical area by Governor Wendel Anderson (Executive Order No. 130) to protect its natural, cultural and scenic resources through coordinated land planning and regulation for the 72-mile stretch of the Mississippi River through the seven-county metropolitan area.; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, new MRCCA rules were adopted by the state, which include specific zoning code provisions, definitions, and regulations that local units of government within the seven-county metropolitan area are required to adopt; and

moved by Houmas
seconded by Reilly
in favor Unanimous
against

WHEREAS, in 2019 the DNR developed a model Critical Area ordinance with the specific zoning code provisions, definitions, and regulations that local units are required to adopt to comply with the MRCCA Rules, and the model ordinance also includes optional language that provides better resource protection either through higher standards than the minimum in the MRCCA Rules or by clarifying rule provisions that may otherwise be difficult to administer; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Plan chapter of the St. Paul Comprehensive Plan in 2020, in compliance with the MRCCA Rules; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission initiated the River Corridor & Floodplain Zoning Study on October 14, 2022 (PC Resolution 22-39) to consider amendments to Legislative Code Chapters 60, 61, 63, 66, 68 and 72 related to MRCCA and floodplain management regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearings on Friday, January 20th, 2023 and May 2nd, 2025 regarding the potential MRCCA and Flood Plain amendments and held the record open for written comments through January 23, 2023 and May 5, 2025, respectively; and

WHEREAS, draft zoning amendments based on the DNR model Critical Area ordinance have been found by the DNR to be substantially consistent with Minnesota Statutes § 116G and Minnesota Rules Chapter 6106; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee of the Saint Paul Planning Commission, having reviewed the public hearing testimony and a memorandum containing analysis provided by staff, provided a recommendation for consideration by the Saint Paul Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Planning Commission, having reviewed the public hearing testimony and the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee's recommendation, finds the proposed text amendments to be supported by the policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Saint Paul Planning Commission, under the authority of the City's Legislative Code, that the following proposed amendments to the Legislative Code are recommended for approval by the Mayor and Council of the City of Saint Paul:

MRCCA and Floodplain Proposed Code Amendments

Existing language to be deleted shown by ~~strike outs~~. New language is underlined.

Chapter 60. Zoning Code—General Provisions and Definitions; Zoning Districts and Maps Generally

Sec. 60.106. Essential services.

Essential services shall be permitted as authorized and regulated by law and other provisions of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, it being the intention hereof to exempt such essential services from the application of this zoning code, except as regulated under section 68.255 within the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area.

ARTICLE II. 60.200. GENERAL DEFINITIONS

Sec. 60.203. B.

~~*Backwater.* A body of water connected with, but little affected by, the main stream.~~

~~*Barge fleeting area.* An area on the river, on or off channel, where barges are temporarily parked and secured while tows are assembled or broken up.~~

~~*Barge slip.* A basin, usually adjacent to a wharf, jetty, dock or other cargo-handling facility, where barges are brought for the purposes of loading or unloading cargo~~.

~~*Bluffline.* A line along the top of certain steep slopes facing the Mississippi River Valley as shown on the River Corridor Zoning Maps. In any particular case, the bluffline shall mean a line drawn along the top of the bluff such that the slope below the line is steeper than eighteen (18) percent and the slope above is eighteen (18) percent or less.~~

Sec. 60.204. C.

~~*Clear cutting.* The removal of an entire stand of trees and shrubs.~~

Conditional use. A use that due to its potential effects would not be appropriate in a zoning district generally but may be allowed with a conditional use permit, subject to appropriate conditions and limitations as are determined to be necessary to fulfill the intent and purpose of the zoning code, upon a finding that:

(1) The use will comply with all of the special conditions and standards for the use as detailed in this zoning code;

(2) The use conforms with the comprehensive plan; and

(3) The use is compatible with the surrounding area.

Sec. 60.205. D.

~~*Development (river corridor district only).* The making of any material change in the use or appearance of any structure or land including, but not limited to: a reconstruction, alteration of the size, or material change in the external appearance, of a structure or the land; a change in the intensity of use of the land; alteration of a shore or bank of a river, stream, lake or pond; a commencement of drilling (except to obtain soil samples); mining or excavation; demolition of a structure; clearing of land as an adjunct to construction; deposit of refuse, solid or liquid waste, or fill on a parcel of land; or the dividing of land into two (2) or more parcels.~~

Sec. 60.206. E.

Essential services. The erection, construction, alteration or maintenance by public utilities or municipal departments of underground, surface or overhead gas, electric, communication, steam, fuel or water transmission, ~~or~~ distribution, ~~system~~ collection, ~~communication,~~ supply, or disposal systems, including towers, poles, wires, mains, drains, pipes, conduits, cables, fire alarm and police call boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, navigational structures, aviation safety facilities and similar equipment in conjunction therewith, but not including buildings~~, which are necessary for the~~

~~furnishing of adequate service by such utilities or municipal departments for the general health, safety~~ or ~~welfare~~ treatment works as defined in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115.01.

Sec. 60.210. I.

Interim use. A temporary use of property that may be allowed with an interim use permit granted by the city council, under the provisions and requirements in Minnesota Statutes section 462.3597 Interim Uses, until a particular date, until the occurrence of a particular event, or until zoning regulations no longer permit it.

Sec. 60.214. M.

~~*Mississippi River Corridor.* That area of the city within the boundaries of the Mississippi River Corridor critical area, established by Executive Order No. 79-19.~~

Sec. 60.215. N.

~~*Normal highwater mark.* A mark delineating the highest water level that has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence of the level upon the landscape. It is commonly that point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial. When the normal highwater mark is not evident, setbacks shall be measured from the stream bank of the main channel, adjoining side channels, backwater and sloughs.~~

Sec. 60.220. S.

~~*Shoreland.* Land located within the following distances from public waters:~~

~~(a) One thousand (1000) feet from the normal high water mark of a lake, pond, or flowage; and~~

~~(b) Three hundred (300) feet from a river or stream, or the landward extent of a floodplain designated by ordinance on such a river or stream, whichever is greater. The practical limits of shorelands may be less than the statutory limits whenever the waters involved are bounded by natural topographic divides which extend landward from the waters for lesser distances, as determined by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.~~

Sec. 60.221. T.

~~*Treeline.* The more or less continuous line formed by the tops of trees in a wooded area when viewed from a particular point. Such line shall be determined during all seasons as if under full foliage.~~

Sec. 60.223. V.

Variance. ~~(See: "zoning conditional uses and variances.")~~ A modification or variation of the literal provisions and requirements of the zoning code where it is determined that strict enforcement would cause practical difficulties due to exceptional circumstances unique to the property. There are two (2) categories of variances:

(1) *Minor variance.* A modification of a provision regulating a one-family detached dwelling and pertaining specifically to construction of a fence, a deck, a swimming pool, an accessory building, or an addition to the main building when the addition is not designed to convert the building for use by more than one (1) family.

(2) *Major variance.* A modification of a provision regulating any development not specifically included in the definition of minor variance. Major variance includes any modification allowing the construction or moving of a one-family detached dwelling or allowing the addition of a second dwelling unit.

Sec. 60.227. Z.

~~*Zoning conditional uses and variances.*~~

~~(1) *Conditional uses:* A conditional use is a use permitted only after review and approval of an application by the planning commission, or the planning or zoning administrator where delegated to do so pursuant to section 61.202(c).~~

~~(2) *Variance:* A modification of the literal provisions of the zoning code granted when strict enforcement of the zoning code would cause practical difficulties owing to circumstances unique to the individual property on which the variance is granted. There are two (2) categories of variances:~~

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~~(3) The "conditional use" differs from the "variance" in several respects. A conditional use does not require hardship in order to be allowable. Conditional uses that are found in this code require approval by the planning commission. These land uses could not be conveniently allocated to one (1) zone or another, or the effects of such uses could not be definitely foreseen as of a given time. The general characteristics of these uses include one (1) or more of the following:~~

~~a. They require large areas;~~

~~b. They are infrequent;~~

~~c. They sometimes create an unusual amount of traffic;~~

~~d. They are sometimes obnoxious of hazardous;~~

~~e. They are required for public safety and convenience.~~

Chapter 61. Zoning Code—Administration and Enforcement

Sec. 61.901. Violations.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this code, including failure to comply with conditions established in connection with granting conditional use permits, variances, or other zoning approval, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition, the owner or lessee of any building, structure or premises or part thereof, where any condition in violation of this code shall exist or be created, and who has assisted knowingly in the commission of such violation, shall be guilty of a separate offense, and upon conviction thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Chapter 66. Zoning Code—Zoning District Uses, Density and Dimensional Standards

ARTICLE III. 68.310. TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICTS

Division 3. 66.330. Traditional Neighborhood District Density and Dimensional Standards

Sec. 66.331. Density and dimensional standards table.

(e) ~~Except in the river corridor overlay district,~~ Height of structures may exceed the maximum if set back from side and rear setback lines a distance equal to additional height. Structures shall be no more than twenty-five (25) feet high along side and rear property lines abutting RL-RT2 residential districts; structures may exceed this twenty-five (25) foot height limit if stepped back from side and rear property lines a distance equal to the additional height.

(g) Except in ~~the river corridor overlay district and within~~ light rail station areas between Lexington Parkway and Marion Street, a maximum height of ninety (90) feet may be permitted with a conditional use permit. Structures shall be stepped back one (1) foot from all setback lines for every two and one-half (2½) feet of height over

seventy-five (75) feet. A shadow study may be required for a conditional use permit application to help determine the impact of the additional height.

Chapter 68. Zoning Code—Floodplain Management and River Corridor Overlay Districts

~~ARTICLE I. 68.100. GENERAL PROVISIONS~~

~~**Sec. 68.101. Intent and purpose.**~~

~~(a) The River Corridor Overlay District and its subclassifications, RC1, RC2, RC3, RC4, are map overlay districts, designed to provide comprehensive floodplain and river bluff management for the city in accordance with the policies of Minnesota Statutes (Chapters 103 and 116G), Minnesota Regulations (MEQC 54) and Governor's Executive Order No. 79-19.~~

~~(b) It is the purpose of this chapter:~~

~~(1) To protect and preserve the Mississippi River Corridor as a unique and valuable resource for the benefit of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city and the state;~~

~~(2) To prevent and mitigate irreversible damage to the Mississippi River Corridor;~~

~~(3) To protect and preserve the Mississippi River Corridor as an essential element in the federal, state, regional and local recreation, transportation, sewer and water systems;~~

~~(4) To maintain the river corridor's value and utility for residential, commercial, industrial and public purposes;~~

~~(5) To protect and preserve the Saint Paul Mississippi River Corridor's biological and ecological functions;~~

~~(6) To preserve and enhance the Saint Paul Mississippi River Corridor's aesthetic, cultural, scientific and historic functions;~~

~~(7) To guide development of the floodplain so as to minimize loss of life, threats to health, and private and public economic loss caused by flooding; and~~

~~(8) To guide floodplain development in order to lessen the adverse effects of floods, but not to reduce or eliminate flooding.~~

~~(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)~~

~~**Sec. 68.102. Establishment.**~~

~~(a) This chapter shall apply to all lands within the city shown on the river corridor overlay zoning district maps as being located within the boundaries of the RC1 River Corridor Floodway District, RC2 River Corridor Flood Fringe District, RC3 River Corridor Urban Open Space District and RC4 River Corridor Urban Diversified District.~~

~~(b) The river corridor overlay zoning district maps accompanying this river corridor code, together with all matters attached thereto, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this code as if the matters and information set forth therein were fully described herein. The attached material shall include:~~

~~(1) The flood insurance study for the city prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), dated April 2, 2003; and~~

~~(2) The Flood Insurance Rate Map, dated April 2, 2003.~~

~~(c) The RC1 Floodway District shall include those areas designated as floodway and Zone AE without a floodway designation on the Flood Insurance Rate Map. The RC2 Flood Fringe District shall include those areas designated as Zone AE and outside of the floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Map.~~

(d) Within these districts all uses not allowed as permitted uses or as permitted uses subject to special conditions shall be and are hereby prohibited. Legal nonconforming structures or uses existing on the effective date of this chapter or amendment thereto will be permitted to continue as provided in section 62.102 and section 65.900.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.103. Compliance.

(a) *Permit required.* A permit issued by the zoning administrator in conformance with the provisions of this chapter shall be secured prior to the erection, addition, or alteration of any building, structure, or portion thereof; prior to the use or change of use of a building, structure or land; prior to the change or extension of a nonconforming use; and prior to the placement of fill, excavation of materials, or the storage of materials or equipment within the flood plain.

(b) *Compliance of uses or occupations required.* No use or occupation of any lands, for any purpose whatsoever, shall hereafter be permitted within the River Corridor District without full compliance with the terms of this chapter and other applicable laws.

(c) *Compliance of structures, fill, etc.* No structure, fill, material or object shall hereafter be placed on or removed from lands within the River Corridor District, and no structures or other object shall hereafter be located, used, constructed, extended, converted or altered within the district without full compliance with this chapter and other applicable laws.

(d) *Submission of site plan.* A site plan shall be submitted to and approved by the planning commission in accordance with section 62.108 before a permit is issued for any development on property wholly or partially located within the River Corridor District. For any development in the RC1 and RC2 districts, the site plan shall include the regulatory flood protection elevation; the proposed elevation of fill; the proposed elevation of the lowest floor of new structures, altered structures and additions to existing structures; and the proposed elevation to which structures will be floodproofed.

(e) *Review of building permits for adequate floodproofing.* All building permits for structures proposed to be floodproofed in the RC1 and RC2 districts shall be reviewed to determine whether the structures will be adequately floodproofed.

(f) *Certification.* Before a certificate of occupancy is issued for any development in the RC1 and RC2 districts, the applicant shall submit to the zoning administrator certification by a registered professional engineer, registered architect, registered landscape architect or registered land surveyor that the finished fill and building elevations were accomplished in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Finished fill and building elevations shall be verified by ground surveys. Floodproofing measures shall be certified by a registered professional engineer or registered architect.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

ARTICLE II. 68.200. RIVER CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICTS

Division 1. 68.210. RC1 River Corridor Floodway Overlay District

Sec. 68.211. Permitted uses.

(a) The following uses shall be permitted within the RC1 Floodway District to the extent that they are not prohibited by any other provision of the zoning code or other ordinances. The uses are subject to the conditions of the underlying zoning district, to the standards for permitted uses in the Floodway District, section 68.212 and to the River Corridor Standards and Criteria, section 68.212.

(1) Nonstructural industrial-commercial uses, such as open-loading areas, parking areas, interior service roads, airport service roads and airport runways.

(2) Public and private recreational uses such as golf courses, tennis courts, driving ranges, archery ranges, picnic and camp grounds, boat launching and beaching areas or ramps, swimming areas, parks, playgrounds,

wildlife and nature preserves, game farms, fish hatcheries, and hiking, bicycling, horseback or recreational vehicle areas and trails, and other open space uses.

(3) Accessory residential uses such as lawns, gardens, parking areas and play areas.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.212. Standards for permitted uses in the RC1 Floodway District.

(a) The use shall not obstruct flood flows to the point that it increases the one (1) percent chance flood elevation and shall not involve structures, fill, obstruction, excavations or storage of materials or equipment.

(b) The use shall have a low flood damage potential.

(c) The use shall not adversely affect the hydraulic capacity of the channel or floodway or any tributary to the main stream or of any ditch or other drainage facility or system.

(d) No use shall be permitted which is likely to cause pollution of waters, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 115.01, unless adequate safeguards, approved by the state pollution control agency, are provided.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.213. Conditional uses.

The following uses shall be permitted within the RC1 Floodway District to the extent they are not prohibited by any other provision of the zoning code or other ordinances. The uses shall be permitted only upon the application and issuance of a conditional use permit by the planning commission. The uses are subject to the conditions of the underlying zoning district, to the standards for conditional uses in the Floodway District, section 68.214 below, and to the River Corridor Standards and Criteria, section 68.400 below.

(a) Railroads, highways, streets, alleys, access roads, bridges, sewers, utilities, utility transmission lines and pipe lines.

(b) Marinas, boat rentals, docks, piers, mooring anchors, wharves, water-control structures and navigation facilities.

(c) Storage yards or areas for equipment, machinery or bulk materials.

(d) Structures accessory to permitted uses, section 68.212, or conditional uses of this section.

(e) Placement of fill.

(f) Structural works for flood control such as levees, dikes and floodwalls constructed to any height where the intent is to protect individual structures.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.214. Standards for conditional uses in the RC1 Floodway District.

(a) No structure (temporary or permanent), fill deposit (including fill for roads and levees), obstruction, storage of materials or equipment, or other use may be allowed which will cause an increase in the height of the regional flood or cause an increase in flood damages in the reach or reaches affected.

(b) Fill shall be protected from erosion by vegetative cover, mulching, riprap or other acceptable method.

(c) Accessory structures shall not be designed for human habitation.

(d) Accessory structures shall be constructed and placed on the building site so as to offer the minimum obstruction to the flow of floodwaters.

(1) Whenever possible, structures shall be constructed with the longitudinal axis parallel to the direction of flood flow; and

(2) So far as practicable, structures shall be placed approximately on the same flood flow lines as those of adjoining structures.

(c) All accessory structures must be elevated on fill so that the lowest floor, including basement floor, is at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation. The finished fill elevation for accessory structures shall be no lower than one (1) foot below the regulatory flood protection elevation and the fill shall extend at such elevation at least fifteen (15) feet beyond the outside limits of the structure erected thereon.

(f) As an alternative to elevation on fill, accessory structures may be structurally dry floodproofed in accordance with the FP-1 or FP-2 floodproofing classification in the state building code or floodproofed to the FP-3 or FP-4 floodproofing classification in the state building code, provided the accessory structure constitutes a minimal investment, does not exceed five hundred (500) square feet in size and for a detached garage, the detached garage must be used solely for parking of vehicles and limited storage. All floodproofed accessory structures must meet the following additional standards, as appropriate:

(1) The structure must be adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure and shall be designed to equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls; and

(2) Any mechanical and utility equipment in a structure must be elevated to or above the regulatory flood protection elevation or properly floodproofed.

(g) Storage of materials or equipment may be allowed if readily removable from the area within the time available after a flood warning and in accordance with a plan approved by the planning commission.

(h) Structural works for flood control that will change the course, current or cross-section of protected wetlands, or public waters shall be subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103.G. Community-wide structural works for flood control intended to remove areas from the regulatory floodplain shall not be allowed in the floodway.

(i) A levee, dike or floodwall constructed in the floodway shall not cause an increase to the regional flood and the technical analysis must assume equal conveyance or storage loss on both sides of a stream.

(j) No use shall be permitted which is likely to cause pollution of waters, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 115.01, unless adequate safeguards, approved by the state pollution control agency, are provided.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Division 2. 68.220. RC2 River Corridor Flood Fringe Overlay District

Sec. 68.221. Permitted uses.

Permitted uses in the RC2 Flood Fringe Overlay District shall be those uses of land or structures listed as permitted uses in the underlying zoning district, except that mining, extraction operations, the disposal of waste materials and landfills shall not be permitted. The uses are subject to the conditions of the underlying zoning district, to the standards for permitted uses in the Flood Fringe District, section 68.222 below, to the Standards for All Flood Fringe Uses, section 68.225 below, and River Corridor Standards and Criteria, section 68.400 below.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.222. Standards for permitted uses in the RC2 Flood Fringe District.

(a) All structures, including accessory structures, must be elevated on fill so that the lowest floor including basement floor is at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation. The finished fill elevation for structures shall be not lower than one foot below the regulatory flood protection elevation and the fill shall extend at such elevation at least 15 feet beyond the outside limits of the structure erected thereon.

(b) As an alternative to elevation on fill, accessory structures that constitute a minimal investment and that do not exceed 500 square feet for the outside dimension at ground level may be internally floodproofed in accordance with section 68.214(f).

(c) The storage of any materials or equipment shall be elevated on fill to the regulatory flood protection elevation.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.223. Conditional uses.

The following uses shall be permitted within the RC2 Flood Fringe District to the extent they are not prohibited by any other provision of the zoning code or other ordinances, except that mining, extraction operations, the disposal of waste materials and landfills shall not be permitted. The use shall be permitted only upon the application and issuance of a conditional use permit by the planning commission. The uses are subject to the conditions of the underlying zoning district, to the standards for conditional uses in the Flood Fringe District, section 68.224 below, to the Standards for All Flood Fringe Uses, section 68.224 below, and to the River Corridor Standards and Criteria, section 68.400.

(a) Any structure that is not elevated on fill or floodproofed in accordance with section 68.222(a) or (b) above.

(b) Any use of land that does not comply with the standards in section 68.222(c).

(c) Sewage treatment plants.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.224. Standards for conditional uses in the RC2 Flood Fringe District.

(a) Alternative elevation methods other than the use of fill may be utilized to elevate a structure's lowest floor above the regulatory flood protection elevation. These alternative methods may include the use of stilts, pilings, parallel walls or above grade, enclosed areas such as crawl spaces or tuck-under garages. The base or floor of an enclosed area shall be considered above grade and not a structure's basement or lowest floor if: 1) the enclosed area is above grade on at least one (1) side of the structure; 2) is designed to internally flood and is constructed with flood-resistant materials; and 3) is used solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage. The above-noted alternative elevation methods are subject to the following additional standards:

(1) *Design and certification*. The structure's design and as-built condition must be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect as being in compliance with the general design standards of the State Building Code and, specifically, that all electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities must be at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation or be designed to prevent floodwater from entering or accumulating within these components during times of flooding.

(2) *Specific standards for above grade, enclosed areas.* Above grade, fully enclosed areas such as crawl spaces or tuck-under garages must be designed to internally flood and the design plans must stipulate:

a. The minimum area of openings in the walls where internal flooding is to be used as a floodproofing technique. When openings are placed in a structure's walls to provide for entry of floodwaters to equalize pressures, the bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one (1) foot above grade. There shall be a minimum of two openings and the openings shall be placed on at least two walls of the structure. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves or other coverings or devices, provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

b. That the enclosed area will be designed of flood-resistant materials in accordance with the FP-3 or FP-4 classifications in the State Building Code and shall be used solely for building access, parking of vehicles or storage.

(b) Basements, as defined by section 60.203.B for this river corridor code, shall be subject to the following:

(1) Residential basement construction shall not be allowed below the regulatory flood protection elevation except as authorized in subsection (f) of this section.

(2) Nonresidential basements may be allowed below the regulatory flood protection elevation, provided the basement is protected in accordance with subsection (c) or (f) of this section.

(c) All areas of nonresidential structures including basements to be placed below the regulatory flood protection elevation shall be structurally dry floodproofed in accordance with the FP-1 or FP-2 floodproofing classifications in the State Building Code. This shall require making the structure watertight, with the walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting

hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effects of buoyancy. Structures floodproofed to the FP-3 or FP-4 classification shall not be permitted.

(d) The storage or processing of materials that are, in times of flooding, flammable, explosive or potentially injurious to human, animal or plant life is prohibited. Storage of other materials or equipment may be allowed if readily removable from the area within the time available after a flood warning and in accordance with a plan approved by the planning commission, or if elevated above the regulatory flood protection elevation by alternative methods which meet the requirements of subsection (a) above.

(e) No new construction, addition or modification to existing sewage treatment plants shall be permitted within the floodplain unless emergency plans and procedures for action to be taken in the event of flooding are prepared, filed with and approved by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The emergency plans and procedures must provide for measures to prevent introduction of any pollutant or toxic materials into the floodwaters.

(f) When the Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a conditional letter of map revision-fill (CLOMR-F) for vacant parcels of land elevated by fill to the one (1) percent chance flood elevation, the area elevated by fill remains subject to the provisions of this chapter. A structure may be placed on the area elevated by fill with the lowest floor below the regulatory flood protection elevation provided the structure meets the following provisions:

(1) No floor level or portion of a structure that is below the regulatory flood protection elevation shall be used as habitable space or for storage of any property, materials, or equipment that might constitute a safety hazard when contacted by floodwaters. Habitable space shall be defined as any space in a structure used for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet compartments, closets, halls, storage rooms, laundry or utility space, and similar areas are not considered habitable space.

(2) For residential and nonresidential structures, the basement floor may be placed below the regulatory flood protection elevation subject to the following standards:

a. The top of the immediate floor above any basement area shall be placed at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation.

b. Any area of the structure placed below the regulatory flood protection elevation shall meet the "reasonably safe from flooding" standards in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publication entitled "Ensuring that Structures Build on Fill In or Near Special Flood Hazard Areas Are Reasonably Safe From Flooding," Technical Bulletin 10-01, a copy of which is hereby adopted by reference and made part of this chapter. In accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and specifically section 68.504(g), the applicant shall submit documentation that the structure is designed and built in accordance with either the "Simplified Approach" or "Engineered Basement Option" found in FEMA Technical Bulletin 10-01.

c. If the ground surrounding the lowest adjacent grade to the structure is not at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation, then any portion of the structure that is below the regulatory flood protection elevation must be floodproofed consistent with any of the FP-1 through FP-4 floodproofing classifications found in the State Building Code.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03; C.F. No. 03-1028, § 1, 4-7-04)

Sec. 68.225. Standards for all RC2 Flood Fringe Uses.

(a) *Vehicular access.* All new principal structures must have vehicular access at or above an elevation not more than two (2) feet below the regulatory flood protection elevation. If a modification to this requirement is granted, the planning commission must specify limitations on the period of use or occupancy of the structure for times of flooding and only after determining that adequate flood warning time and local flood emergency response procedures exist.

(b) *Commercial uses.* Accessory land uses, such as yards, railroad tracks and parking lots may be at elevations lower than the regulatory flood protection elevation. However, a permit for such facilities to be used by the employees

or the general public shall not be granted in the absence of a flood warning system that provides adequate time for evacuation if the area would be inundated to a depth greater than two (2) feet or be subject to flood velocities greater than four (4) feet per second upon occurrence of the regional flood.

(c) *Manufacturing and industrial uses.* Measures shall be taken to minimize interference with normal plant operations. Certain accessory land uses such as yards and parking lots may be at lower elevation subject to requirements set out in subdivision (b) above. In considering permit applications, due consideration shall be given to needs of an industry whose business requires that it be located in floodplain areas.

(d) *Standards pertaining to fill.* Fill shall be properly compacted and the slopes shall be properly protected by the use of riprap, vegetative cover or other acceptable method. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has established criteria for removing the special flood hazard area designation for certain structures properly elevated on fill above the one (1) percent chance flood elevation. FEMA's requirements incorporate specific fill compaction and side slope protection standards for multistructure or multilot developments. These standards should be investigated prior to the initiation of site preparation if a change of special flood hazard area designation will be requested.

(e) *Developments not to affect hydraulic capacities.* Floodplain developments shall not adversely affect the hydraulic capacity of the channel and adjoining floodplain of any tributary watercourse or drainage system where a floodway or other encroachment limit has not been specified on the official zoning map.

(f) *Manufactured homes.* Manufactured homes must meet all the density, setback, flood protection and other requirements for residential use of the zoning code and all requirements of the housing and building code. All manufactured homes must be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system that resists flotation, collapse and lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This requirement is in addition to applicable state or local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces.

(g) *Travel trailers.* Travel trailers shall not be used for living quarters, and are exempt from the provisions of this ordinance if they have current licenses required for highway use, are highway ready meaning on wheels or the internal jacking system, are attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities commonly used in campgrounds and trailer parks, and the travel trailer/travel vehicle has no permanent structural type additions attached to it. Travel trailers and travel vehicles lose this exemption when development occurs on the parcel exceeding $500 dollars for a structural addition to the travel trailer/travel vehicle or and accessory structure such as a garage or storage building. The travel trailer/travel vehicle and all additions and accessory structures will then be treated as a new structure and shall be subject to the elevation/flood proofing requirements and use of land restrictions specified in this ordinance. No new commercial travel trailer or travel vehicle parks shall be allowed in the RC1 floodway or RC2 flood fringe overlay districts.

(h) *Pollution of waters.* No use shall be permitted which is likely to cause pollution of waters, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 115.01, unless adequate safeguards, approved by the state pollution control agency, are provided.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03; C.F. No. 03-1028, § 1, 4-7-04)

Division 3. 68.230. RC3 River Corridor Urban Open Overlay District

Sec. 68.231. Intent.

It is intended that lands and waters within this district shall be managed to conserve and protect the existing and potential recreational, scenic, natural and historic resources. Open space provided in the open river corridor is for public use and the protection of unique natural and scenic resources. The existing transportation role of the river in this district will be protected.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.232. Permitted uses.

In the RC3 River Corridor Urban Open Overlay District, use of the land, location and erection of new buildings or structures, and the alteration, enlargement and moving of existing buildings or structures from other locations or districts shall conform to those specified uses and standards of the corresponding underlying district as established in section 60.303 to the extent that they are not prohibited by any other provision of the zoning code. In addition, permitted uses shall be subject to the following applicable standards and those in section 68.400 et seq.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.233. Standards for permitted uses in the RC3 Urban Open District.

(a) Development shall be limited to forty (40) feet in height.

(b) The development of new and expansion of existing commercial and industrial uses shall only be on lands which are on the landward side of blufflines.

(c) Mining and extraction operations shall not be permitted.

(d) No use shall be permitted which is likely to cause pollution of water, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 115.01, unless adequate safeguards, approved by the state pollution control agency, are provided.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.234. Conditional uses.

(a) Conditional uses are those specified by the corresponding underlying district as established in section 60.303 to the extent that they are not prohibited by any other provision of the zoning code. They are subject to standards specified in the corresponding underlying district section and to those specified in sections 68.233 and 68.400 et seq.

(b) Such uses will be permitted only upon application and issuance of a conditional use permit by the planning commission.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Division 4. 68.240. RC4 River Corridor Urban Diversified Overlay District

Sec. 68.241. Intent.

It is intended that the lands and waters in this district be used and developed to maintain the present diversity of commercial, industrial, residential and public uses of the lands, including the existing transportation use of the river; to protect historical sites and areas, natural scenic and environmental resources; and to expand public access to and enjoyment of the river. New commercial, industrial, residential and other uses are permitted if they are compatible with these goals.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.242. Permitted uses.

In the RC4 River Corridor Urban Diversified overlay district, use of the land, location and erection of new buildings or structures and the alteration, enlargement and moving of existing buildings or structures from other locations or districts shall conform to those specified uses and standards of the corresponding underlying district as established in section 60.303 to the extent that they are not prohibited by any other provision of the zoning code. In addition, permitted uses shall be subject to the standards specified in section 68.400 et seq.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.243. Standards for permitted uses in the RC4 Urban Diversified District.

No use shall be permitted which is likely to cause pollution of waters, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 115.01, unless adequate safeguards, approved by the state pollution control agency, are provided.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.244. Conditional uses.

(a) Conditional uses are those specified by the corresponding underlying district as established in section 60.303 to the extent that they are not prohibited by any other provision of the zoning code. They are subject to standards specified in the corresponding underlying district section and to those specified in section 68.400 et seq.

(b) Such uses will be permitted only upon application and issuance of a conditional use permit by the planning commission.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

ARTICLE III. 68.300. PUBLIC UTILITIES, RAILROADS, ROADS AND BRIDGES

Sec. 68.301. Public utilities, railroads, roads and bridges.

(a) *Public utilities.* All public utilities and facilities such as gas, electrical, sewer and water supply systems to be located in the floodplain shall be floodproofed in accordance with the state building code or elevated to above the regulatory flood protection elevation.

(b) *Public transportation facilities.* Railroad tracks, roads and bridges to be located within the floodplain shall comply with sections 68.210 and 68.220 of this chapter. Elevation to the regulatory flood protection elevation may be required by the planning commission where the failure or interruption of these transportation facilities would result in danger to the public health or safety or where such facilities are essential to the orderly functioning of the area. Minor or auxiliary roads or railroads may be constructed at a lower elevation where failure or interruption of transportation services would not endanger the public health or safety.

(c) *On-site sewage treatment and water supply systems.* Where public utilities are not provided:

(1) On-site water supply systems must be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems; and

(2) New or replacement on-site sewage treatment systems must be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems and discharges from the systems into floodwaters and they shall not be subject to impairment or contamination during times of flooding.

Any sewage treatment system designed in accordance with the state's current statewide standards for on-site sewage treatment systems shall be determined to be in compliance with this section.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

ARTICLE IV. 68.400. RIVER CORRIDOR STANDARDS AND CRITERIA

Sec. 68.401. Objectives.

The objective of standards and criteria is to maintain the aesthetic integrity and natural environment of the river corridor in conformance to the St. Paul Mississippi River Corridor Plan by reducing the effects of poorly planned shoreline and bluffline development; providing sufficient setback for sanitary facilities; preventing pollution of surface and groundwater; minimizing flood damage; preventing soil erosion; and implementing metropolitan plans, policies and standards.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.402. Protection of shorelands, floodplains, wetlands and bluffs.

(a) *Generally.* Development shall be conducted so that the smallest practical area of land be developed at any one time and that each area be subjected to as little erosion or flood damage as possible during and after development.

(b) *Placement of structures.*

(1) The following minimum setbacks for each class of public waters as described in Minnesota Regulations NR-82 shall apply to all structures except those specified as exceptions in subsection (7) below.

a. For natural environment waters at least two hundred (200) feet from the normal high water mark for lots not served by public sewer and at least one hundred fifty (150) feet from the ordinary high water mark for lots served by public sewers.

b. For general development waters at least seventy five (75) feet from the normal high water mark for lots not served by public sewer and at least fifty (50) feet from the ordinary high water mark for lots served by public sewer.

(2) No commercial or industrial development shall be permitted on slopes greater than twelve (12) percent.

(3) No residential development shall be permitted on slopes greater than eighteen (18) percent.

(4) Bluff development shall take place at least forty (40) feet landward of all blufflines.

(5) Transportation, utility and other transmission service facilities and corridors shall avoid:

a. Steep slopes;

b. Intrusions into or over streams, valleys and open exposures of water;

c. Intrusions into ridge crests and high points;

d. Creating tunnel vistas;

e. Wetlands;

f. Forests by running along fringe rather than through them. If necessary, to route through forests, utilize open areas in order to minimize cutting;

g. Soils susceptible to erosion, which would create sedimentation and pollution problems;

h. Areas of unstable soils which would be subject to extensive slippages;

i. Areas with high water tables; and

j. Open space recreation areas.

(6) At river crossing points, public facilities, crossing corridors and other rights-of-way shall be consolidated, so that the smallest area possible is devoted to crossing.

(7) Exceptions:

a. Location of piers and docks shall be controlled by applicable state and local regulations.

b. Commercial, industrial or permitted open space uses requiring location on public waters may be closer to such waters than the setbacks specified in the standard set out in subsection (3) above.

(c) *Grading and filling.*

(1) A minimum amount of filling shall be allowed when necessary, but in no case shall the following restrictions on filling be exceeded. Furthermore, fill opportunities shall be fairly apportioned to riparian landowners. The developer shall evaluate ownership patterns, configuration and the bottom profile of each wetland basin before fill opportunities are apportioned.

(2) Grading and filling in shoreland areas (when allowable) or any other substantial alteration of the natural topography shall be controlled in accordance with the following criteria:

a. The smallest amount of bare ground shall be exposed for as short a time as feasible.

b. Temporary ground cover shall be used.

c. Methods to prevent erosion and trap sediment shall be employed.

d. Fill shall be stabilized.

(3) Only fill free of chemical pollutants and organic wastes shall be used.

(4) Total filling shall not cause the total natural flood storage capacity of the wetland to fall below the natural volume of runoff from the wetland and watershed generated by a 100-year storm, as defined by the National Weather Service.

(5) Solid waste disposal and landfill shall not be permitted in the River Corridor District.

(6) Development shall fit existing topography and vegetation with a minimum of clearing and grading.

(7) No rehabilitation slopes shall be steeper than eighteen (18) percent slope.

(8) Dredging of a shoreland or wetland shall be allowed only when it will not have adverse effect upon the wetland. Dredging when allowed shall be limited as follows:

a. It shall be located in the areas of minimum vegetation.

b. It shall not significantly change the water flow characteristics.

c. The size of the dredged area shall be limited to the absolute minimum.

d. Deposit of dredged material shall not result in a change in the current flow, or in destruction of vegetation or fish spawning areas, or in water pollution.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.403. Protection of wildlife and vegetation.

Development shall be conducted so as to avoid intrusion into animal and plant habitats.

(a) No alteration of the natural environment or removal of vegetation shall be permitted when such alteration or removal would diminish the ability of dependent wildlife to survive in the River Corridor.

(b) No wetland or bluffline vegetation shall be removed or altered except that required for the placement of structures.

(c) Clear cutting shall be prohibited except as necessary for placing approved public roads, utilities, structures and parking areas.

(d) Natural vegetation shall be restored after any construction project.

(e) Watering areas necessary for plant survival shall be maintained or provided.

(f) Development shall not cause extreme fluctuations of water levels or unnatural changes in water temperature, water quality, water currents or movements which may have an adverse impact on endangered or unique species of birds or wildlife.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.404. Protection of water quality.

(a) *Generally.* Development shall occur so that surface and subsurface water is not adversely affected by contaminants. Water quality should meet or exceed state standards.

(b) *Contamination.*

(1) Development shall not be permitted on wet soils, very shallow soils, soils with high shrink-swell or frost action potential unless it is shown that appropriate construction techniques capable of overcoming the restrictive condition will be utilized.

(2) Septic tanks and soil absorption systems shall not be permitted where public sewer systems are available. In areas where public sewers are not available, system shall be set back from the normal high water mark in accordance with the class of public waters as prescribed in Minnesota Regulations NR-82:

a. On natural environment waters, at least one hundred fifty (150) feet.

b. On general development waters, at least fifty (50) feet.

(3) Private wells shall be placed in areas not subject to flooding and up slope from any source of contamination. Wells already existing in areas subject to flooding shall be floodproofed in accordance with accepted engineering standards as defined in the Uniform State Building Code.

(4) Commercial or industrial land uses requiring the storage or production of materials or wastes that may create a pollution hazard for groundwater or surface water shall be prohibited unless the quality of both the groundwater and surface waters can conform to all applicable state and federal standards, criteria, rules and regulations.

(c) *Runoff.*

(1) The phases of development shall be planned so that only areas which are actively being developed are exposed. Other areas shall have cover of vegetation or mulch.

(2) Natural vegetation in shoreland and bluff areas shall be preserved to retard surface runoff and soil erosion and to utilize excess nutrients.

(3) Sediment shall be retained within the development site area either by filtering runoff as it flows through the development area or by detaining sediment-laden runoff in a sediment basin so that the soil particles settle out.

(4) Water released to a drainage system shall be directed in such a manner as to travel over natural areas rather than across established surfaces.

(5) Stormwater runoff may be directed to wetlands only when free of silt, debris and chemical pollutants and only at rates which will not disturb vegetation or increase turbidity.

(6) Development which takes place near slopes greater than twelve (12) percent shall not result in increased runoff onto those slopes sufficient to damage vegetation or structures thereon.

(7) Plans shall be submitted to the planning commission for any development placed landward from dikes, floodwalls or levees which is below the flood protection elevation of the dikes, floodwalls or levees. The plans must provide measures to ensure that floodwaters do not back up onto the development from stormwater drainage systems.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

ARTICLE V. 68.500. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

Sec. 68.501. Application.

Applications for conditional use permits shall be submitted and reviewed according to the provisions in section 64.300. The planning administrator shall determine whether to require any or all of the following six (6) items of information to be supplied by the applicant as a prerequisite to the consideration of the application:

(a) Plans in triplicate drawn to scale, prepared by and signed by a registered engineer, architect and/or land surveyor as applicable, showing the nature, location, dimensions and elevation of the land; existing surface contours, structures, streets and utilities; proposed surface contours, structures, fill and the location and elevations of proposed streets, water supply, sanitary facilities and other utilities showing the relationship of the above to the channel and to the designated River Corridor District limits.

(b) Specifications for building construction and materials, floodproofing, filling, dredging, grading, channel improvements, storage of materials, water supply and sanitary facilities.

(c) Typical valley cross-sections of areas to be occupied by the proposed development showing the channel of the stream, elevation of land areas, high water information, vegetation and soil types.

(d) Plan (surface view) of the proposed development showing the proposed use or uses of the area and structures and providing location, relationships and spatial arrangements of those uses and related structures to pertinent elevations, fill, storage location, utilities and other features.

(e) Profile showing the slope of the bottom of the channel and flow lines of the stream.

(f) A written evaluation by a registered engineer or other expert person or agency of the proposed project in relationship to flood heights and velocities, the seriousness of flood damage to the use, the adequacy of plans for flood protection and other technical matters.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.502. Other permits.

Applicable conditional use permits for lands in the designated River Corridor District must be obtained prior to application for all other permits required by law and ordinance. Conditional use permits for River Corridor areas are supplementary to other zoning and building permits.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.503. Factors considered.

In addition to the general standards and requirements in section 61.500 and all other relevant factors specified in other sections of this chapter, in reviewing conditional use permit applications, the planning commission or planning administrator shall consider the following:

(a) The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for the city.

(b) The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community.

(c) The ability of the existing topography, soils and geology to support and accommodate the proposed use.

(d) The compatibility of the proposed use with existing characteristics of biologic and other natural communities.

(e) The proposed water supply and sanitation systems and the ability of those systems to prevent disease, contamination and unsanitary conditions.

(f) The requirements of the facility for a river-dependent location, if applicable.

(g) The safety of access to the property for ordinary vehicles.

(h) The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner.

(i) The dangers to life and property due to increased flood heights or velocities caused by encroachments.

(j) The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise, and sediment transport of the floodwaters expected at the site.

(k) The danger that materials may be swept onto other lands or downstream to the injury of others.

(l) The availability of alternative locations or configurations for the proposed use.

(m) Such other factors as are relevant to the purposes of this chapter.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.504. Conditions imposed.

The planning commission or planning administrator may attach such conditions to the granting of conditional use permits as each deems necessary to fulfill the purposes of this chapter. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Modifications of design, site planning or site treatment.

(b) Requirements for implementation of erosion and sediment control, vegetation management, wildlife management and other protective measures.

(c) Modifications of waste disposal and water supply facilities or operations.

(d) Limitations on period of use and operation, a flood warning system and an evacuation plan.

(e) Imposition of operational controls, sureties and deed restrictions.

(f) Requirements for construction of channel improvements, modifications, dredging, dikes, levees and other protective measures.

(g) Floodproofing measures shall be designed consistent with state-established floodproofing standards and with the flood protection elevation for the particular area including flood velocities, duration and rate of rise, hydrostatic and hydrodynamic forces, and other factors associated with the regulatory flood. The commission shall require that the applicant submit a plan or documents certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the floodproofing measures are consistent with the regulatory flood elevation and associated flood factors for the particular area. The floodproofing measures that may be required include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Anchorage to resist flotation and lateral movement.

(2) Installation of watertight doors, bulkheads and shutters, or similar methods of construction.

(3) Reinforcement of walls to resist water pressure.

(4) Use of paints, membranes or mortars to reduce seepage of water through walls.

(5) Addition of mass or weight to structures to resist flotation.

(6) Installation of pumps to lower water levels in structures.

(7) Construction of water supply and waste treatment systems to prevent the entrance of floodwaters.

(8) Installation of pumping facilities or comparable practice for subsurface drainage systems for buildings to relieve external foundation wall and basement floor pressures.

(9) Construction to resist rupture or collapse caused by water pressure or floating debris.

(10) Installation of valves or controls on sanitary and storm drainage which will permit the drains to be closed to prevent backup of sewage and stormwaters into the buildings or structures. Gravity draining of basements may be eliminated by mechanical devices.

(11) Location of all electrical equipment, circuits and installed electrical appliances such that they are not subject to the regional flood.

(12) Location of any structural storage facilities for chemicals, explosives, buoyant materials, flammable liquids or other toxic materials, which could be hazardous to public health, safety and welfare, above the flood protection elevation or provision of adequate floodproofing to prevent flotation of or damage to storage containers which could result in the escape of toxic materials into floodwaters.

(h) Specifications for building construction and materials, filling and grading, water supply, sanitary facilities, utilities and other work or construction to be submitted to the city division of housing and building code enforcement for review and approval prior to any development.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

ARTICLE VI. 68.600. VARIANCES

Sec. 68.601. Variances.

(a) Applications for variance to the provisions of this chapter may be filed as provided in section 61.600. The burden of proof shall rest with the applicant to demonstrate conclusively that such variance will not result in a hazard to life or property and will not adversely affect the safety, use or stability of a public way, slope or drainage channel, or the natural environment; such proof may include soils, geology and hydrology reports which shall be signed by registered professional engineers. Variances shall be consistent with the general purposes of the standards contained in this chapter and state law and the intent of applicable state and national laws and programs. Although variances may be used to modify permissible methods of flood protection, no variance shall have the effect of allowing in any district uses prohibited in that district, permit a lower degree of flood

protection than the flood protection elevation for the particular area, or permit a lesser degree of flood protection than required by state law.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this river corridor code, variances may be granted for the repair or rehabilitation of historic structures upon a determination that the repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure, the variance is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure and the repair or rehabilitation will not cause an increase in the height of the regional flood or increase the flood damage potential of the structure.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

ARTICLE VII. 68.700. NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES

Sec. 68.701. Floodplain nonconforming structures.

Nonconforming use of structures and land and nonconforming structures shall be subject to the regulations in this section as well as provisions of chapter 62, Nonconforming Lots, Uses and Structures. A structure which was lawful before the passage or amendment of this chapter but which is not in conformity with the provisions of this chapter may be continued subject to the following conditions:

(a) No structure shall be expanded, changed, enlarged or altered in a way which increases its nonconformity.

(b) Any alteration or addition to a nonconforming structure which would result in increasing the flood damage potential of that structure or use shall be protected to the regulatory flood protection elevation in accordance with any of the elevation on fill or floodproofing techniques (i.e., FP-1 through FP-4, floodproofing classifications) allowable in the state building code, except as further restricted in subsection c. below.

(c) The cost of any structural alterations or additions to any nonconforming structure over the life of the structure shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure unless the conditions of this section are satisfied. The cost of all structural alterations and additions constructed since January 28, 1982, must be calculated into today's current cost which will include all costs such as construction materials and a reasonable cost placed on all manpower or labor. If the current cost of all previous and proposed alterations and additions exceeds fifty (50) percent of the current market value of the structure, then the structure must meet the standards of Section 68.210 or 68.220 of this chapter for new structures depending upon whether the structure is in the floodway or flood fringe, respectively.

(d) When the use of a nonconforming structure is discontinued or ceases to exist for three hundred sixty-five (365) days, the nonconforming structure shall not thereafter be reused until the nonconforming is made conforming to the flood protection measures of this chapter, unless the planning commission, pursuant to a public hearing, finds that the nonconforming structure cannot reasonable or economically be made into a conforming structure and that reuse of the nonconforming structure is consistent with the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community and is consistent with the reasonable use and enjoyment of adjacent property.

(e) If any nonconforming structure is destroyed by any means, including floods, to an extent of fifty (50) percent or more of its market value at the time of destruction, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformity with the provisions of this chapter. The applicable provisions for establishing new structures in Section 68.210 or 68.220 will apply depending upon whether the structure is in the floodway or flood fringe, respectively.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

ARTICLE VIII. 68.800. AMENDMENTS

Sec. 68.801. Amendments.

(a) All amendments shall be made in the manner set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.357. The floodplain designations established by this chapter shall not be removed from floodplain areas unless it can be shown that the designation is in error or that the areas are filled to an elevation at or above the flood protection elevation and are contiguous to other lands lying outside the floodplain district. Special exceptions to this rule may be permitted by the Commissioner of Natural Resources if he determines that, through other measure, lands are adequately protected for the intended use.

(b) All amendments to this chapter, including amendments to the River Corridor Overlay Districts maps, must be submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of Natural Resources prior to adoption. Changes to the flood plain boundaries must meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) technical conditions and criteria and must receive prior FEMA approval before adoption. The Commissioner of Natural Resources must be given ten (10) days' written notice of all hearings to consider an amendment to this chapter and such notice shall include a draft of the ordinance amendment or technical study under consideration.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.802. Areas protected by dikes, levies and floodwalls.

Areas which the Federal Emergency Management Agency has removed from the floodplain through a revision to the flood insurance rate map or a letter of map revision because the areas are protected by a dike, levee or floodwall shall be exempt from the flood protection regulations of this code after said FEMA action has been adopted as a formal amendment to this chapter.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

ARTICLE IX. 68.900. ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 68.901. Administration.

(a) *Record of elevation of lowest floor and floodproofing*. The zoning administrator shall maintain a record of the elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new structures, altered structures or additions to existing structures in the floodplain. The zoning administrator shall also maintain a record of the elevation to which all new structures and alterations or additions to structures are floodproofed.

(b) *State and federal permits.* Applicants for special condition use permits, modifications and site plan review approval are responsible for obtaining all necessary state and federal permits.

(c) *Warning and disclaimer of liability.* This chapter does not imply that areas outside the floodplain districts or land uses permitted within such districts will be free from flooding or flood damages. This chapter shall not create liability on the part of the City of Saint Paul or any officer or employee thereof for any flood damages that result from reliance on this chapter or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

(d) *Severability.* If any section, clause, provision or portion of this chapter is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this chapter shall not be affected thereby.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.902. Notify commissioner of natural resources.

A copy of the application for a conditional use permit or variance shall be submitted to the commissioner of natural resources sufficiently in advance so that the commissioner will receive at least ten (10) days' notice of the hearing. A copy of all decisions granting conditional use permits or variances shall be forwarded to the commissioner of natural resources within ten (10) days of such action.

(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)

Sec. 68.903. Notice of increased insurance costs.

Applicants for a conditional use permit or variance to construct a structure below the regulatory flood protection elevation shall be notified that:

(1) The issuance of a conditional use permit or variance to construct a structure below the regulatory flood protection elevation may result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for one hundred dollars ($100.00) of insurance coverage; and

(2) Such construction below the regulatory flood protection elevation increases risks to life and property. Such notification shall be maintained with a record of the conditional use permit or variance. The planning or zoning administrator shall report such conditional use permits or variances issued in the biennial report submitted to the administrator of the National Flood Insurance Program.

~~(C.F. No. 03-241, § 2, 3-26-03)~~

ARTICLE I. 68.100. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT OVERLAY DISTRICTS

Division 1. 68.110. General Provisions and Definitions

Sec. 68.111. Authority, intent and purpose.

(a) *Statutory authorization and purpose.* This chapter is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the municipality in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103F, which delegates responsibility to local government units to adopt regulations designed to minimize flood losses. It is the purpose of this chapter to guide floodplain development in order to lessen the adverse effects of floods and to minimize loss of life, threats to health, and private and public economic loss caused by flooding.

(b) *National Flood Insurance Program compliance.* This chapter is adopted to comply with the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program codified as 44 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 59—78, as amended, so as to maintain the community's eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.112. Applicability, other local, regional, state, and federal regulations.

In addition to the requirements of this chapter, all uses and development shall be subject to all other applicable local, regional, state, and federal permits and regulations. Applicants for city permits and approval are responsible for obtaining all other necessary permits.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.113. Warning and disclaimer of liability.

This chapter does not imply that areas outside the floodplain management overlay districts or land uses permitted within such districts will be free from flooding or flood damages. This chapter shall not create liability on the part of the city or any officer or employee thereof for any flood damages that result from reliance on this chapter or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.114. Definitions.

Terms defined elsewhere in the zoning code shall have the meanings as therein defined. The following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them herein.

Basement (floodplain management overlay districts only). Any area of a structure having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all four (4) sides.

Flood. A temporary increase in the flow or stage of a stream or in the stage of a wetland or lake that results in the inundation of normally dry areas.

Flood fringe. That portion of the floodplain outside of the floodway.

Flood proofing. Those methods of construction described in the Minnesota State Building Code which, when applied to structures or properties, will prevent or mitigate damage from floods.

Flood, regional. A flood which is representative of large floods known to have occurred and characteristic of what can be statistically expected to have a one (1) percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. Regional flood is synonymous with the term "base flood" in the Flood Insurance Study and is commonly referred to as the "one hundred-year flood" or "one (1) percent chance flood."

Floodplain. The areas adjoining a lake or watercourse at or below the water surface elevation associated with the regional flood that have been or hereafter may be covered by the regional flood.

Floodway. The bed of a lake or the channel of a watercourse and those portions of the adjoining floodplain which have been determined necessary to carry or store the discharge the regional flood. The floodway has been determined in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103F, and Minnesota Regulations Part 6120.5700, Subp. 4.

Historic structure (floodplain management overlay districts only). Any structure that is:

(1) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the department of interior) or preliminarily determined by the secretary of the interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;

(2) Certified or preliminarily determined by the secretary of the interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the secretary to qualify as a registered historic district; or

(3) Designated by the city as a heritage preservation site.

Lowest floor (floodplain management overlay districts only). The lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, used solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or storage in an area other than a basement area, is not considered a building's lowest floor.

Manufactured home. A structure, transportable in one (1) or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include the term "recreational vehicle."

Obstruction (floodplain management overlay districts only). Any dam, wall, wharf, embankment, levee, dike, pile, abutment, projection, excavation, channel modification, culvert, building, wire, fence, stockpile, refuse, fill, structure or matter in, along, across or projecting into any channel, watercourse or regulatory floodplain which may impede, retard or change the direction of the flow of water, either by itself or by catching or collecting debris carried by such water.

Reach. A hydraulic engineering term to describe a longitudinal segment of a stream or river influenced by a natural or man-made obstruction. In an urban area, the segment of a stream or river between two (2) consecutive bridge crossings would most typically constitute a reach.

Recreational vehicle. A vehicle that is built on a single chassis, is four hundred (400) square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection, is designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck, and is designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use. For the purposes of this article, the term recreational vehicle shall be synonymous with the term travel trailer/travel vehicle.

Regulatory flood protection elevation. That elevation not less than two (2) feet above the water surface profile associated with the regional flood plus any increase in flood heights attributable to encroachments on the floodplain.

Substantial damage. Damage of any origin sustained by a structure where the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

Substantial improvement (floodplain management overlay districts only). Within any consecutive three hundred sixty-five-day period, any reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair after damage, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage," regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:

(a) Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions~~.~~; or

(b) Any alteration of a "historic structure," provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure."

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.115. Establishment.

(a) This chapter applies to all lands within the city shown on the flood insurance rate map as being located within the boundaries of zones A and AE for the Mississippi River and zone A for Lake Phalen and Beaver Lake.

(b) The following materials are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this code as if the material and information set forth therein were fully described herein: the Flood Insurance Study, Ramsey County, Minnesota (All Jurisdictions), Flood Insurance Rate Map Panels numbered 27123C0080G, 27123C0087G, 27123C0089G, 27123C0092G, 27123C0093G, 27123C0094G, 27123C0101G, 27123C0102G, 27123C0103G, 27123C0104G, 27123C0108G, 27123C0110G, 27123C0111G, 27123C0112G, 27123C0116H, 27123C0117G, 27123C0118G, and 27123C0119G, and the Flood Insurance Rate Map Index numbered 27123CIND0B, all of these documents being prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and dated June 4, 2010 except FIRM Panel No. 27123C0116H containing revised flood hazard information that became effective September 16, 2015 and Flood Insurance Rate Map Index Panel No. 27123CIND0B reflecting the changes to FIRM Panel No. 27123C0116H effective September 16, 2015, and the Flood Insurance Study.

(c) The FW floodway district shall include those zone AE areas designated as floodway on the flood insurance rate map and those zone A areas for Lake Phalen and Beaver Lake on the flood insurance rate map that are below the respective ordinary high water elevations as defined in Minnesota Statutes, § 103G.005, Subd. 14.

(d) The FF flood fringe district shall include:

(1) Those zone A areas for Lake Phalen and Beaver Lake on the flood insurance rate map that are located below the one hundred-year flood elevations (National Vertical Datum of 1988) of 861.36 for Lake Phalen and 951.58 for Beaver Lake and above the respective ordinary high water elevations as defined in Minnesota Statutes, § 103G.005, Subd. 14; and

(2) All other areas designated as zone A or AE and outside of the floodway on the flood insurance rate map.

(e) Within these districts all uses not allowed as permitted or conditional uses shall be and are hereby prohibited. Legal nonconforming structures or uses existing on the effective date of this chapter or amendment thereto will be permitted to continue as provided in chapter 62 and section 68.141.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10; Ord 15-41, § 2, 9-23-15)

Sec. 68.116. District boundaries interpreted.

Decisions on floodway and flood fringe overlay district boundaries shall be based on the regional flood profile; examination of the floodway delineation on the flood insurance rate map and other supporting technical data in the flood insurance study as adopted in section 68.115, and the ground elevations that existed on the site on the date of the first National Flood Insurance Program map, dated February 9, 1973, showing the area in the floodplain.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Division 2. 68.120. Administration

Sec. 68.121. Compliance.

(a) *Permit required.* A building permit issued by the building official in conformance with the provisions of this chapter shall be secured as required by the Minnesota State Building Code prior to the erection, addition, modification, rehabilitation (including normal maintenance and repair), or alteration of any building, structure, or portion thereof; prior to the construction of a dam or on-site septic system; and prior to the repair of a structure that has been damaged by flood, fire, tornado, or any other source. A permit approved by the zoning administrator in conformance with the provisions of this chapter shall be secured prior to the use or change of use of a building, structure or land; prior to construction of a detached accessory structure, detached deck or platform, fence, retaining wall, or tank; and prior to the placement of fill, excavation of materials, or the storage of materials or equipment within the floodplain. A permit issued by the planning commission in conformance with the provisions of this chapter shall be secured prior to the change or expansion of a nonconforming use.

(b) *Compliance of uses or occupations required.* No use or occupation of any lands, for any purpose whatsoever, shall hereafter be permitted within the floodplain management overlay districts without full compliance with the terms of this chapter and other applicable laws.

(c) *Compliance of structures, fill, etc.* No structure, fill, material or object shall hereafter be placed on or removed from lands within the floodplain management overlay districts, and no structures or other object shall hereafter be located, used, occupied, constructed, erected, converted, altered, or enlarged within the district without full compliance with this chapter and other applicable laws.

(d) *Review of building permits for adequate floodproofing.* All building permits for structures proposed to be floodproofed shall be reviewed to determine whether the structures will be adequately floodproofed.

(e) *Certification.* Before a certificate of occupancy is issued for any development in the floodplain management overlay districts, the applicant shall submit to the zoning administrator certification by a registered professional engineer, registered architect, registered landscape architect or registered land surveyor that the finished fill and building elevations were accomplished in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Finished fill and building elevations shall be verified by ground surveys. Floodproofing measures shall be certified by a registered professional engineer or registered architect.

(f) *Record of elevation of lowest floor and floodproofing.* The zoning administrator shall maintain a record of the elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new structures, altered structures or additions to existing structures in the floodplain. The zoning administrator shall also maintain a record of the elevation to which all new structures and alterations or additions to structures are floodproofed.

(g) *Notifications for watercourse alterations.* The zoning administrator shall notify, in riverine situations, adjacent communities and the commissioner of the department of natural resources prior to the community authorizing any alteration or relocation of a watercourse. If the applicant has applied for a permit to work in the beds of public waters pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Chapter 103G, this shall suffice as adequate notice to the commissioner of natural resources. A copy of said notification shall also be submitted to the Chicago Regional Office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

(h) *Notification to FEMA when physical changes increase or decrease the one hundred-year flood elevation.* As soon as is practicable, but not later than six (6) months after the date such supporting information becomes available, the zoning administrator shall notify the Chicago Regional Office of FEMA of the changes by submitting a copy of said technical or scientific data.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.122. Site plan review.

A site plan shall be submitted to and approved by the planning commission in accordance with section 61.402 before a permit is issued for any development on property wholly or partially located within the floodplain management overlay districts. The site plan shall include the regulatory flood protection elevation; the proposed elevation of fill; the proposed elevation of the lowest floor of new structures, altered structures and additions to existing structures; and the proposed elevation to which structures will be floodproofed.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.123. Notify commissioner of natural resources.

A copy of the application for a floodplain conditional use permit or variance shall be submitted to the commissioner of natural resources sufficiently in advance so that the commissioner will receive at least ten (10) days notice of the hearing. A copy of all decisions granting floodplain conditional use permits or variances shall be forwarded to the commissioner of natural resources within ten (10) days of such action.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.124. Notice of increased insurance costs.

Applicants for a conditional use permit or variance to construct a structure below the regulatory flood protection elevation shall be notified that:

(a) The issuance of a conditional use permit or variance to construct a structure below the regulatory flood protection elevation may result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for one hundred dollars ($100.00) of insurance coverage; and

(b) Such construction below the regulatory flood protection elevation increases risks to life and property. Such notification shall be maintained with a record of the conditional use permit or variance. The planning or zoning administrator shall report such conditional use permits or variances issued in the biennial report submitted to the administrator of the National Flood Insurance Program.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.125. Variances.

(a) The burden of proof shall rest with the applicant to demonstrate conclusively that a variance to the provisions of this chapter will not result in a hazard to life or property and will not adversely affect the public health and safety; such proof may include soils, geology and hydrology reports signed by registered professional engineers. Variances shall be consistent with the general purposes of the standards contained in this chapter and state law and the intent of applicable state and national laws and programs. In granting a variance, the board of zoning appeals shall make written findings, consistent with the criteria specified in this article, stating the grounds upon which the variance is justified. Although variances may be used to modify permissible methods of flood protection, no variance shall have the effect of allowing in any district uses prohibited in that district, permit a lower degree of flood protection than the flood protection elevation for the particular area, or permit a lesser degree of flood protection than required by state law.

(b) Variances shall not be granted within the floodway if any increase in flood levels during the regional flood discharge would result.

(c) Variances shall only be granted upon:

(1) A showing of good and sufficient cause;

(2) A determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship to the applicant; and

(3) A determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisances, cause fraud on or victimization of the public, or conflict with existing local laws or ordinances.

(d) Variances shall only be granted upon a determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.126. Amendments.

(a) All amendments shall be made in the manner set forth in Minnesota Statutes, § 462.357. The floodplain designations established by this chapter shall not be removed from floodplain areas unless it can be shown that the designation is in error or that the areas are filled to an elevation at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation and are contiguous to other lands lying outside the floodplain. Special exceptions to this rule may be permitted by the commissioner of natural resources if it is determined that, through other measures, lands are adequately protected for the intended use.

(b) All amendments to this chapter, including amendments to the floodplain management overlay districts maps, must be submitted to and approved by the commissioner of natural resources prior to adoption. Changes to the floodplain boundaries must meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) technical conditions and criteria and must receive prior FEMA approval before adoption. The commissioner of natural resources must be given ten (10) days' written notice of all hearings to consider an amendment to this chapter and such notice shall include a draft of the amendment or technical study under consideration.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Division 3. 68.130. Conditional Use Permits

Sec. 68.131. Application.

The planning administrator shall determine whether to require any or all of the following six (6) items of information to be supplied by the applicant as a prerequisite to the consideration of the application:

(a) Plans drawn to scale, prepared by and signed by a registered engineer, architect and/or land surveyor as applicable, showing the nature, location, dimensions and elevation of the land; existing surface contours, structures, streets and utilities; proposed surface contours, structures, fill and the location and elevations of proposed streets, water supply, sanitary facilities and other utilities showing the relationship of the above to the channel or lake shoreline and to the designated floodplain management overlay districts limits.

(b) Specifications for building construction and materials, floodproofing, filling, dredging, grading, channel improvements, storage of materials, water supply and sanitary facilities.

(c) Typical valley cross-sections of areas to be occupied by the proposed development showing the channel of the stream, elevation of land areas, high water information, vegetation and soil types.

(d) Plan (surface view) of the proposed development showing the proposed use or uses of the area and structures and providing location, relationships and spatial arrangements of those uses and related structures to pertinent elevations, fill, storage location, utilities and other features.

(e) Profile showing the slope of the bottom of the channel and flow lines of the stream.

(f) A written evaluation by a registered engineer or other expert person or agency of the proposed project in relationship to flood heights and velocities, the seriousness of flood damage to the use, the adequacy of plans for flood protection and other technical matters.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.132. Factors considered.

In addition to the general standards and requirements in section 61.500 and all other relevant factors specified in other sections of this chapter, in reviewing conditional use permit applications, the planning commission or planning administrator shall consider the following:

(a) The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for the city.

(b) The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community.

(c) The ability of the existing topography, soils and geology to support and accommodate the proposed use.

(d) The compatibility of the proposed use with existing characteristics of biologic and other natural communities.

(e) The proposed water supply and sanitation systems and the ability of those systems to prevent disease, contamination and unsanitary conditions.

(f) The requirements of the facility for a river-dependent location, if applicable.

(g) The safety of access to the property for ordinary vehicles.

(h) The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner.

(i) The dangers to life and property due to increased flood heights or velocities caused by encroachments.

(j) The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise, and sediment transport of the floodwaters expected at the site.

(k) The danger that materials may be swept onto other lands or downstream to the injury of others.

(l) The availability of alternative locations or configurations for the proposed use.

(m) Such other factors as are relevant to the purposes of this chapter.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.133. Conditions imposed.

The planning commission or planning administrator may attach such conditions to the granting of conditional use permits as are deemed necessary to fulfill the purposes of this chapter. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Modifications of design, site planning or site treatment.

(b) Requirements for implementation of erosion and sediment control, vegetation management, wildlife management and other protective measures.

(c) Modifications of waste disposal and water supply facilities or operations.

(d) Limitations on period of use and operation, a flood warning system and an evacuation plan.

(e) Imposition of operational controls, sureties and deed restrictions.

(f) Requirements for construction of channel improvements, modifications, dredging, dikes, levees and other protective measures.

(g) Floodproofing measures shall be designed consistent with state-established floodproofing standards in the Minnesota State Building Code and with the flood protection elevation for the particular area including flood velocities, duration and rate of rise, hydrostatic and hydrodynamic forces, and other factors associated with the regulatory flood. The planning commission shall require that the applicant submit a plan or documents certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the floodproofing measures are consistent with the regulatory flood elevation and associated flood factors for the particular area. The floodproofing measures that may be required include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Anchorage to resist flotation and lateral movement.

(2) Installation of watertight doors, bulkheads and shutters, or similar methods of construction.

(3) Reinforcement of walls to resist water pressure.

(4) Use of paints, membranes or mortars to reduce seepage of water through walls.

(5) Addition of mass or weight to structures to resist flotation.

(6) Installation of pumps to lower water levels in structures.

(7) Construction of water supply and waste treatment systems to prevent the entrance of floodwaters.

(8) Installation of pumping facilities or comparable practice for subsurface drainage systems for buildings to relieve external foundation wall and basement floor pressures.

(9) Construction to resist rupture or collapse caused by water pressure or floating debris.

(10) Installation of valves or controls on sanitary and storm drainage which will permit the drains to be closed to prevent backup of sewage and stormwaters into the buildings or structures. Gravity draining of basements may be eliminated by mechanical devices.

(11) Location of all electrical equipment, circuits and installed electrical appliances such that they are not subject to the regional flood.

(12) Location of any structural storage facilities for chemicals, explosives, buoyant materials, flammable liquids or other toxic materials that could be hazardous to public health, safety and welfare (if permissible under the Minnesota State Building Code) above the flood protection elevation or provision of adequate floodproofing to prevent flotation of or damage to storage containers which could result in the escape of toxic materials into floodwaters.

(h) Specifications for building construction and materials, filling and grading, water supply, sanitary facilities, utilities and other work or construction to be submitted to the city department of safety and inspections for review and approval prior to any development.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Division 4. 68.140. Nonconforming Uses and Structures

Sec. 68.141. Floodplain nonconforming uses and structures.

Nonconforming structures and use of structures or land shall be subject to the regulations in this section as well as provisions of chapter 62, nonconforming lots, uses and structures. A structure or the use of a structure or premises which was lawful before the passage or amendment of this chapter, but which is not in conformity with the provisions of this chapter may be continued subject to the following conditions:

(a) No structure shall be expanded, changed, enlarged or altered in a way which increases its nonconformity.

(b) Any structural alteration or addition to a nonconforming structure which would result in increasing the flood damage potential of that structure or use shall be protected to the regulatory flood protection elevation in accordance with any of the elevation on fill or floodproofing techniques (i.e., FP-1 through FP-4 floodproofing classifications) allowable in the Minnesota State Building Code, except as further restricted in subsection c. below.

(c) Except for historic structures, if a substantial improvement (defined in section 68.114) occurs from any combination of a building addition to the outside dimensions of an existing building or a rehabilitation, reconstruction, alteration, or other improvement to the inside of an existing nonconforming building, then the building addition and the existing nonconforming building must meet the requirements of section 68.160 or 68.170 for new structures, depending upon whether the structure is in the floodway or flood fringe, respectively. If a substantial improvement occurs only from a building addition, then the building addition must meet the elevation on fill or floodproofing requirements of section 68.160 or 68.170 for new structures and the existing structure must also meet the requirements of section 68.160 or 68.170 for new structures if any alteration is made to the common wall in excess of installing a standard doorway.

(d) When a nonconforming use is discontinued or ceases to exist for a continuous period of three hundred sixty-five (365) days, the building and premises shall thereafter be used in conformance with this chapter, unless the planning commission approves a permit to reestablish the nonconforming use as set forth in section 62.109(e).

(e) If any nonconforming structure is substantially damaged, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformity with the provisions of this chapter. The applicable provisions for establishing new structures in section 68.160 or 68.170 will apply depending upon whether the structure is in the floodway or flood fringe, respectively.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Division 5. 68.150. General Standards and Regulation

Sec. 68.151. Public utilities, railroads, roads and bridges.

(a) *Public utilities.* All public utilities and facilities such as gas, electrical, sewer and water supply systems to be located in the floodplain shall be floodproofed in accordance with the Minnesota State Building Code or elevated to above the regulatory flood protection elevation.

(b) *Public transportation facilities.* Railroad tracks, roads and bridges to be located within the floodplain shall comply with sections 68.160 and 68.170 of this chapter. Elevation to the regulatory flood protection elevation shall be provided where the failure or interruption of these transportation facilities would result in danger to the public health or safety or where such facilities are essential to the orderly functioning of the area. Minor or

auxiliary roads or railroads may be constructed at a lower elevation where failure or interruption of transportation services would not endanger the public health or safety.

(c) *On-site sewage treatment and water supply systems.* Where public utilities are not provided: 1) on-site water supply systems must be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems; and 2) new or replacement on-site sewage treatment systems must be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems and discharges from the systems into floodwaters and they shall not be subject to impairment or contamination during times of flooding. Any sewage treatment system designed in accordance with the state's current statewide standards for on-site sewage treatment systems shall be determined to be in compliance with this section.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Division 6. 68.160. FW Floodway Overlay District

Sec. 68.161. Permitted uses.

(a) The following uses shall be permitted within the FW Floodway District to the extent that they are not prohibited by any other provision of the zoning code or other ordinances. The uses are subject to the conditions of the underlying zoning district and to the standards for permitted uses in the Floodway District.

(1) Nonstructural industrial-commercial uses, such as open-loading areas, parking areas, interior service roads, airport service roads and airport runways.

(2) Public and private recreational uses such as golf courses, tennis courts, driving ranges, archery ranges, picnic and camp grounds, boat launching and beaching areas or ramps, swimming areas, parks, playgrounds, wildlife and nature preserves, game farms, fish hatcheries, and hiking, bicycling, horseback or recreational vehicle areas and trails, and other open space uses.

(3) Accessory residential uses such as lawns, gardens, parking areas and play areas.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.162. Standards for permitted uses in the FW floodway district.

(a) The use shall not obstruct flood flows to the point that it increases the one (1) percent chance flood elevation and shall not involve structures, fill, obstruction, excavations or storage of materials or equipment.

(b) The use shall have a low flood damage potential.

(c) The use shall not adversely affect the hydraulic capacity of the channel or floodway or any tributary to the main stream or of any ditch or other drainage facility or system.

(d) No use shall be permitted which is likely to cause pollution of waters, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 115.01, unless adequate safeguards, approved by the state pollution control agency, are provided.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.163. Conditional uses.

The following uses shall be permitted within the FW floodway district to the extent they are not prohibited by any other provision of the zoning code or other ordinances, subject to issuance of a conditional use permit by the planning commission according to the provisions for conditional use permits in chapter 61. The uses are subject to the conditions of the underlying zoning district and to the standards for conditional uses in the floodway district.

(a) Railroads, highways, streets, alleys, access roads, bridges, sewers, utilities, utility transmission lines and pipe lines.

(b) Marinas, boat rentals, docks, piers, mooring anchors, wharves, water-control structures and navigation facilities.

(c) Storage yards or areas for equipment, machinery or bulk materials.

(d) Structures accessory to permitted uses in section 68.161 ~~72.61~~ or conditional uses of this section.

(e) Placement of fill.

(f) Structural works for flood control such as levees, dikes and floodwalls constructed to any height where the intent is to protect individual structures.

(g) Fences.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.164. Standards for conditional uses in the FW floodway district.

(a) No structure (temporary or permanent), fill deposit (including fill for roads and levees), obstruction, storage of materials or equipment, or other use may be allowed that will cause an increase in the height of the regional flood or cause an increase in flood damages in the reach or reaches affected. The use shall not adversely affect the hydraulic capacity of the channel or floodway or any tributary to the main stream or of any ditch or other drainage facility or system. For Lake Phalen and Beaver Lake, compensating flood water storage volume shall be provided below the 100-year flood elevation for any obstruction placed in the floodplain.

(b) Fill shall be protected from erosion by vegetative cover, mulching, riprap or other acceptable method.

(c) Accessory structures shall not be designed for human habitation.

(d) Accessory structures shall be constructed and placed on the building site so as to offer the minimum obstruction to the flow of floodwaters:

(1) Whenever possible, structures shall be constructed with the longitudinal axis parallel to the direction of flood flow; and

(2) So far as practicable, structures shall be placed approximately on the same flood flow lines as those of adjoining structures.

(e) Accessory structures shall be elevated on fill or structurally dry floodproofed in accordance with the FP-1 or FP-2 floodproofing classification in the Minnesota State Building Code. As an alternative, an accessory structure may be floodproofed to the FP-3 or FP-4 floodproofing classification in the Minnesota State Building Code, provided the accessory structure constitutes a minimal investment, does not exceed five hundred (500) square feet in size, and for a detached garage, the detached garage must be used solely for parking of vehicles and limited storage. All floodproofed accessory structures must meet the following additional standards:

(1) The structure must be adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure and shall be designed to equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls;

(2) Any mechanical and utility equipment in a structure must be elevated to or above the regulatory flood protection elevation or properly floodproofed; and

(3) To allow for the equalization of hydrostatic pressure, there must be a minimum of two "automatic" openings in the outside walls of the structure having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding. There must be openings on at least two sides of the structure and the bottom of all openings must be no higher than one foot above the lowest adjacent grade to the structure. Using human intervention to open a garage door prior to flooding will not satisfy this requirement for automatic openings.

(f) The storage or processing of materials that are, in time of flooding, flammable, explosive, or potentially injurious to human, animal, or plant life is prohibited. Storage of materials or equipment may be allowed if readily removable from the area within the time available after a flood warning and in accordance with a plan approved by the planning commission.

(g) Structural works for flood control that will change the course, current or cross-section of protected wetlands, or public waters shall be subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103.G. Structural works for flood control intended to remove areas from the regulatory floodplain shall not be allowed in the floodway.

(h) A levee, dike or floodwall constructed in the floodway shall not cause an increase to the regional flood and the technical analysis must assume equal conveyance or storage loss on both sides of a stream.

(i) No use shall be permitted which is likely to cause pollution of waters, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, § 115.01, unless adequate safeguards, approved by the state pollution-control agency, are provided.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Division 7. 68.170. FF Flood Fringe Overlay District

Sec. 68.171. Permitted uses.

Permitted uses in the FF flood fringe overlay district shall be those uses of land or structures listed as permitted uses in the underlying zoning district. These uses are subject to the conditions of the underlying zoning district, to the standards for permitted uses in the flood fringe district in section 68.172, and to the standards for all flood fringe uses in section 68.175.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.172. Standards for permitted uses in the FF flood fringe district.

(a) All structures with a roof and a wall or attachment to utilities, including gas and liquid storage tanks and accessory structures, must be elevated on fill so that the lowest floor including basement floor is at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation. The finished fill elevation for such structures shall be not lower than one (1) foot below the regulatory flood protection elevation and the fill shall extend at such elevation at least fifteen (15) feet beyond the outside limits of the structure erected thereon.

(b) As an alternative to elevation on fill, accessory structures that constitute a minimal investment and that do not exceed five hundred (500) square feet for the outside dimension at ground level may be internally floodproofed in accordance with section 68.164(e).

(c) The storage of any materials or equipment shall be elevated on fill to the regulatory flood protection elevation.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.173. Conditional uses.

Any structure in the FF flood fringe district that is not elevated on fill or floodproofed in accordance with section 68.172(a) or (b), and any use of land that does not comply with section 68.172(c), shall only be allowable as a conditional use, subject to issuance of a conditional use permit by the planning commission according to the provisions for conditional use permits in chapter 61. The uses are subject to the conditions of the underlying zoning district, to the standards for conditional uses in the flood fringe district in section 68.174, and to the standards for all flood fringe uses in section 68.175.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.174. Standards for conditional uses in the FF flood fringe district.

(a) Alternative elevation methods other than the use of fill may be utilized to elevate a structure's lowest floor above the regulatory flood protection elevation. These alternative methods may include the use of stilts, pilings, parallel walls or above grade, enclosed areas such as crawl spaces or tuck-under garages. The base or floor of an enclosed area shall be considered above grade and not a structure's basement or lowest floor if: 1) the enclosed area is above grade on at least one (1) side of the structure; 2) is designed to internally flood and is constructed with flood-resistant materials; and 3) is used solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage. The above-noted alternative elevation methods are subject to the following additional standards:

(1) *Design and certification.* The structure's design and as-built condition must be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect as being in compliance with the general design standards of the Minnesota State Building Code and, specifically, that all electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities must be at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation or be designed to prevent floodwater from entering or accumulating within these components during times of flooding.

(2) *Specific standards for above grade, enclosed areas.* Above grade, fully enclosed areas such as crawl spaces or tuck-under garages must be designed to internally flood and the design plans must stipulate:

a. A minimum area of "automatic" openings in the walls where internal flooding is to be used as a floodproofing technique. There shall be a minimum of two (2) openings on at least two (2) sides of the structure and the bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one (1) foot above grade. The automatic openings shall have a minimum net area of not less than one (1) square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding unless a registered professional engineer or architect certifies that a smaller net area would suffice. The automatic openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves or other coverings or devices, provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters without any form of intervention.

b. That the enclosed area will be designed of flood-resistant materials in accordance with the FP-3 or FP-4 classifications in the Minnesota State Building Code and shall be used solely for building access, parking of vehicles or storage.

(b) Basements, as defined in section 68.114, shall be subject to the following:

(1) Residential basement construction shall not be allowed below the regulatory flood protection elevation except as authorized in subsection (e) of this section.

(2) Nonresidential basements may be allowed below the regulatory flood-protection elevation, provided the basement is protected in accordance with subsection (c) or (e) of this section.

(c) All areas of nonresidential structures including basements to be placed below the regulatory flood protection elevation shall be structurally dry floodproofed in accordance with the FP-1 or FP-2 floodproofing classifications in the Minnesota State Building Code. This shall require making the structure watertight, with the walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effects of buoyancy. Structures floodproofed to the FP-3 or FP-4 classification shall not be permitted.

(d) The storage or processing of materials that are, in times of flooding, flammable, explosive or potentially injurious to human, animal or plant life is prohibited. Storage of other materials or equipment may be allowed if readily removable from the area within the time available after a flood warning and in accordance with a plan approved by the planning commission, or if elevated above the regulatory flood protection elevation by alternative methods which meet the requirements of subsection (a) above. Storage of bulk materials may be allowed provided an erosion/sedimentation control plan is submitted which clearly specifies methods to be used to stabilize the materials on site for a regional flood event. The plan must be prepared and certified by a registered professional engineer or other qualified individual acceptable to the planning commission.

(e) When the Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a letter of map revision-fill (LOMR-F) for vacant parcels of land elevated by fill to the one (1) percent chance flood elevation, the area elevated by fill remains subject to the provisions of this chapter. A structure may be placed on the area elevated by fill with the lowest floor below the regulatory flood protection elevation provided the structure meets the following provisions:

(1) No floor level or portion of a structure that is below the regulatory flood protection elevation shall be used as habitable space or for storage of any property, materials, or equipment that might constitute a safety hazard when contacted by floodwaters. Habitable space shall be defined as any space in a structure used for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet compartments, closets, halls, storage rooms, laundry or utility space, and similar areas are not considered habitable space.

(2) For residential and nonresidential structures, the basement floor may be placed below the regulatory flood protection elevation subject to the following standards:

a. The top of the immediate floor above any basement area shall be placed at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation.

b. Any area of the structure placed below the regulatory flood protection elevation shall meet the "reasonably safe from flooding" standards in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publication entitled "Ensuring that Structures Built on Fill In or Near Special Flood Hazard Areas Are Reasonably Safe From Flooding," Technical Bulletin 10-01, a copy of which is hereby adopted by reference and made part of this chapter. In accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and specifically section 68.133(g), the applicant shall submit documentation that the structure is designed and built in accordance with either the "Simplified Approach" or "Engineered Basement Option" found in FEMA Technical Bulletin 10-01.

c. If the ground surrounding the lowest adjacent grade to the structure is not at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation, then any portion of the structure that is below the regulatory flood protection elevation must be floodproofed consistent with any of the FP-1 through FP-4 floodproofing classifications found in the Minnesota State Building Code.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 68.175. Standards for all FF flood fringe uses.

(a) *Vehicular access.* All new principal structures must have vehicular access at or above an elevation not more than two (2) feet below the regulatory flood protection elevation. If a variance to this requirement is granted, limitations on the period of use or occupancy of the structure for times of flooding must be specified and only after determining that adequate flood warning time and local flood emergency response procedures exist.

(b) *Commercial uses.* Accessory land uses, such as yards, railroad tracks and parking lots may be at elevations lower than the regulatory flood protection elevation. However, a permit for such facilities to be used by the employees or the general public shall not be granted in the absence of a flood warning system that provides adequate time for evacuation if the area would be inundated to a depth and velocity such that when multiplying the depth (in feet) times velocity (in feet per second) the product number exceeds four (4) upon occurrence of the regional flood.

(c) *Manufacturing and industrial uses.* Measures shall be taken to minimize interference with normal plant operations. Certain accessory land uses such as yards and parking lots may be at lower elevation subject to requirements set out in subdivision (b) above. In considering permit applications, due consideration shall be given to needs of an industry whose business requires that it be located in floodplain areas.

(d) *Standards pertaining to fill.* Fill shall be properly compacted and the slopes shall be properly protected by the use of riprap, vegetative cover or other acceptable method. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has established criteria for removing the special flood hazard area designation for certain structures properly elevated on fill above the one (1) percent chance flood elevation. FEMA's requirements incorporate specific fill compaction and side slope protection standards for multi-structure or multi-lot developments. These

standards should be investigated prior to the initiation of site preparation if a change of special flood hazard area designation will be requested.

(e) *Developments not to affect hydraulic capacities.* Floodplain developments shall not adversely affect the hydraulic capacity of the channel and adjoining floodplain of any tributary watercourse or drainage system where a floodway or other encroachment limit has not been specified on the official zoning map. For Lake Phalen and Beaver Lake, compensating flood water storage volume shall be provided below the one hundred-year flood elevation for any obstruction placed in the floodplain.

(f) *Manufactured homes.* Manufactured homes must meet all the density, setback, flood protection and other requirements of the zoning code and all requirements of the housing and building code. All manufactured homes must be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system that resists flotation, collapse and lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This requirement is in addition to applicable state or local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces. New manufactured home parks shall be subject to the provisions placed on subdivisions by section 69.510.

(g) *Recreational vehicles.* Recreational vehicles shall not be used for living quarters, and are exempt from the provisions of this chapter if they have current licenses required for highway use, are highway ready meaning on wheels or the internal jacking system, are attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities commonly used in campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks, and the recreational vehicle has no permanent structural type additions attached to it. Recreational vehicles lose this exemption when development occurs on the parcel exceeding five hundred dollars ($500.00) for a structural addition to the recreational vehicle or an accessory structure such as a garage or storage building. The recreational vehicle and all additions and accessory structures will then be treated as a new structure and shall be subject to the elevation/flood proofing requirements and use of land restrictions specified in this chapter. There shall be no development or improvement on the parcel or attachment to the recreational vehicle that hinders the removal of the recreational vehicle to a flood free location should flooding occur. No new commercial recreational vehicle parks shall be allowed in the FW floodway or FF flood fringe overlay districts.

(h) *Pollution of waters.* No use shall be permitted which is likely to cause pollution of waters, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, § 115.01, unless adequate safeguards, approved by the state pollution control agency, are provided. No new construction, addition or modification to existing sewage treatment plants shall be permitted within the floodplain unless emergency plans and procedures for action to be taken in the event of flooding are prepared, filed with and approved by the state pollution control agency. The emergency plans and procedures must provide for measures to prevent introduction of any pollutant or toxic materials into the floodwaters.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

ARTICLE II. 68.200. MRCCA MISSISSIPPI RIVER CORRIDOR CRITICAL AREA OVERLAY DISTRICTS

Division 1. 68.210. General Provisions and Definitions

Sec. 68.211. Statutory Authorization.

This Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) article is adopted pursuant to the authorization and policies contained in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116G, Minnesota Rules, Parts 6106.0010 - 6106.0180, and the planning and zoning enabling legislation in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462 and 473.

Sec. 68.212. Policy.

The Legislature of Minnesota has delegated responsibility to local governments of the state to manage the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area as a multipurpose resource in a way that:

(a) provides for the continuation, development, and redevelopment of a variety of urban uses, including industrial and commercial uses, and recreational and residential uses, where appropriate, within the Mississippi River corridor;
(b) conserves the scenic, environmental, recreational, mineral, economic, cultural, and historic resources and functions of the river corridor;
(c) maintains the river channel for transportation by providing and maintaining barging and fleeting areas in appropriate locations consistent with the character of the Mississippi River and riverfront;
(d) utilizes certain reaches of the river as a source of water supply and as a receiving water for properly treated sewage, stormwater, and industrial waste effluents; and
(e) protects and preserves the biological and ecological functions of the corridor.

Sec. 68.213. Jurisdiction.

The provisions of this article apply to land within the river corridor boundary as described in the State Register, volume 43, pages 508 to 519 and shown on the MRCCA Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Overlay Districts zoning maps accompanying this code, which are hereby adopted by reference.

Sec. 68.214. Definitions.

Unless specifically defined below or in chapter 60, article II. 60.200 general definitions of this code, words or phrases used in this article shall be interpreted to give them the same meaning they have in common usage and to give this article its most reasonable application. For the purpose of this article, the words "must" and "shall" are mandatory and not permissive. All distances, unless otherwise specified, are measured horizontally.

Access path. An area designated to provide ingress and egress to public waters.

Agricultural use. A use having the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 40A.02.

Alternative design. Subdivision design methods such as conservation design, transfer of development density, or similar zoning and site design techniques that protect open space and natural areas.

Biological and ecological functions. The functions of vegetation in stabilizing soils and slopes, retaining and filtering runoff, providing habitat, and recharging groundwater.

Bluff. A natural topographic feature meeting one of the following definitions:

(a) A slope that rises at least 25 feet where the grade of the slope averages 18 percent or greater, measured over a horizontal distance of 25 feet, from the toe of the slope to the top of the slope. Where the slope begins below the ordinary high water level, the ordinary high water level is the toe of the slope. See Figure 68.214(a).
(b) A natural escarpment or cliff with a slope that rises at least ten feet above the ordinary high water level or toe of the slope, whichever is applicable, to the top of the slope, with a slope of 75 degrees or greater. See Figure 68.214(b).

Figure 68.214(a). Bluff and Bluff Impact Zone

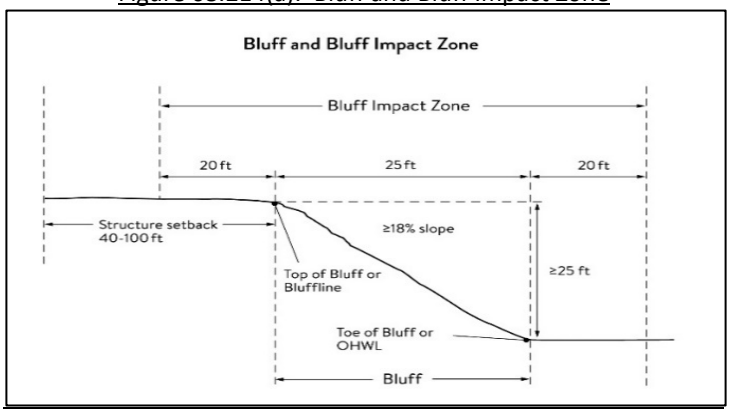
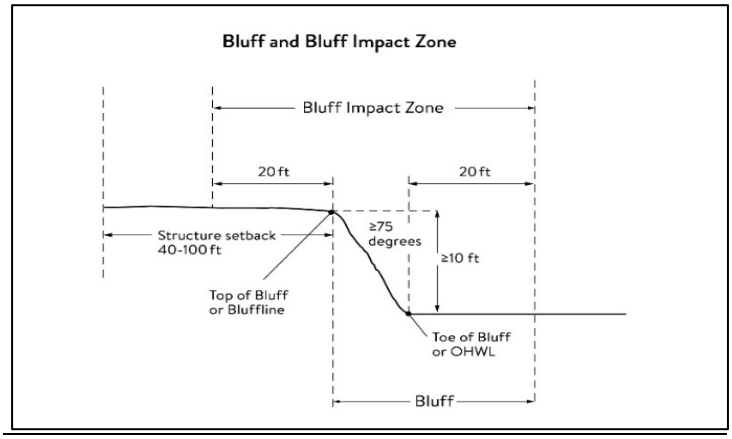


Figure 68.214(b). Natural Escarpment Bluff and Bluff Impact Zone



Bluff impact zone. A bluff and land located within 20 feet of the bluff. See Figures 68.214(a) and 68.214(b).

Bluffline. A line delineating the top of the bluff. More than one bluffline may be encountered proceeding landward from the river. See Figures 68.214(a) and 68.214(b).

Bluff, Toe of. A line along the bottom of a bluff, requiring field verification, such that the slope above the line exceeds 18 percent and the slope below the line is 18 percent or less, measured over a horizontal distance of 25 feet. See Figures 68.214(a) and 68.214(b).

Bluff, Top of. A line along the top of a bluff, requiring field verification, such that the slope below the line exceeds 18 percent and the slope above the line is 18 percent or less, measured over a horizontal distance of 25 feet. See Figures 68.214(a) and 68.214(b).

Buildable area. The area upon which structures may be placed on a lot or parcel of land and excludes areas needed to meet requirements for setback, rights-of-way, bluff impact zones, wetlands, designated floodways, land below the ordinary high water level of public waters, and other unbuildable areas.

Building. A structure with two or more outside rigid walls and a fully secured roof and affixed to a permanent site.

Certificate of compliance. A document written after a compliance inspection, certifying that the development complies with applicable requirements at the time of the inspection.

Commissioner. The commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Conservation design. A pattern of subdivision that is characterized by grouping lots within a portion of a parcel, where the remaining portion of the parcel is permanently protected as open space.

Conventional subdivision. A pattern of subdivision that is characterized by lots that are spread regularly throughout a parcel in a lot and block design.

Deck. A horizontal, unenclosed, aboveground level structure open to the sky, with or without attached railings, seats, trellises, or other features, attached or functionally related to a principal use or site.

Developer. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 116G.03.

Development. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 116G.03.

Discretionary action. An action under this chapter related to land use that requires a public hearing by local ordinance or statute, such as preliminary plats, final subdivision plats, planned unit developments, conditional use permits, interim use permits, variances, appeals, and rezonings.

Dock. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Rules, chapter 6115.

Electric power facilities. Equipment and associated facilities for generating electric power or devices for converting wind energy to electrical energy as identified and defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 216E.

Floodplain. Having the meaning given the meaning given under Minnesota Rules chapter 6120.

Fully reconstructs. The reconstruction of an existing impervious surface that involves site grading and subsurface excavation so that soil is exposed. Mill and overlay and other resurfacing activities are not considered fully reconstructed.

Hard-surface trail. A trail surfaced in asphalt, crushed aggregate, or other hard surface, for multi-purpose use, as determined by local, regional, or state agency plans.

Historic property. An archaeological site, standing structure, site, district, or other property that is:

(a) Listed in the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register of Historic Places or locally designated as a historic site under Minnesota Statutes, section 471;

(b) Determined to meet the criteria for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register of Historic Places as determined by the director of the Minnesota Historical Society; or

(c) An unplatted cemetery that falls under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 307, in consultation with the Office of the State Archaeologist.

Impervious surface. A constructed hard surface that either prevents or retards the entry of water into the soil and causes water to run off the surface in greater quantities and at an increased rate of flow than prior to development. Examples include rooftops, decks, sidewalks, patios, parking lots, storage areas, and driveways, including those with concrete, asphalt, or gravel surfaces.

Intensive vegetation clearing. The removal of all or a majority of the trees or shrubs in a contiguous patch, strip, row, or block.

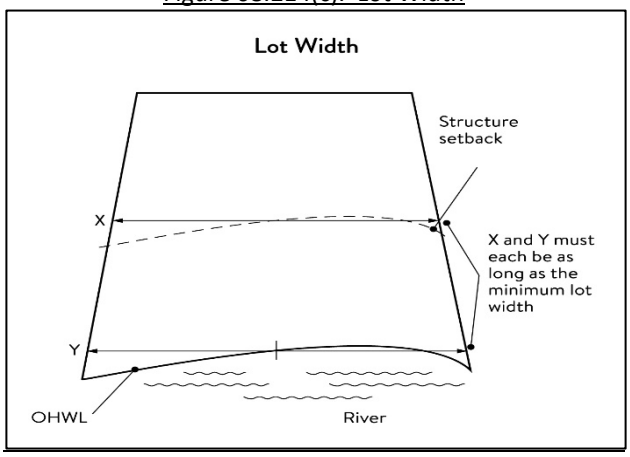
Land alteration. An activity that exposes the soil or changes the topography, drainage, or cross section of the land, excluding gardening or similar minor soil disturbances.

Local government. Counties, cities, and townships.

Lot. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Rules chapter 6120.

Lot width. The shortest distance between lot lines measured at both the ordinary high water level and at the required structure setback from the ordinary high water level. See Figure 68.214(c).

Figure 68.214(c). Lot Width



Marina. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Rules chapter 6115.

Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) Plan. A chapter of the Saint Paul comprehensive plan.

Mooring facility. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Rules chapter 6115.0170.

Native plant community. A plant community identified by the Minnesota Biological Survey or biological survey issued or adopted by a local, state, or federal agency.

Natural-surface trail. A trail composed of native soil and rock or compacted granular stone, primarily intended for hiking, equestrian, or mountain bike use, as determined by local, regional, or state agency plans.

Natural vegetation. Any combination of ground cover, understory, and tree canopy that, while it may have been altered by human activity, continues to stabilize soils, retain and filter runoff, provide habitat, and recharge groundwater.

Nonconformity. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 394.22.

Nonmetallic mining. Construction, reconstruction, repair, relocation, expansion, or removal of any facility for the extraction, stockpiling, storage, disposal, or reclamation of nonmetallic minerals such a stone, sand, and gravel. Nonmetallic mining does not include ancillary facilities such as access roads, bridges, culverts, and water level control structures. For purposes of this subpart, "facility" includes all mine pits, quarries, stockpiles, basins, processing structures and equipment, and any structures that drain or divert public waters to allow mining.

Off-premises advertising signs. Those signs that direct attention to a product, service, business, or entertainment venue that is not exclusively related to the premises where the sign is located.

Ordinary high water level (OHWL). Having the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005.

Overlay district. A zoning district applied over one or more previously established zoning districts, establishing additional or stricter standards and criteria for covered properties in addition to those of the underlying zoning district.

Parcel. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 116G.03.

Patio. A constructed hard surface located at ground level with no railings and open to the sky.

Picnic shelter. A roofed structure open on all sides, accessory to a recreational use.

Planned unit development. A method of land development that merges zoning and subdivision controls, allowing developers to plan and develop a large area as a single entity, characterized by a unified site design, a mix of structure types and land uses, and phasing of development over multiple years. Planned unit development includes any conversion of existing structures and land uses that utilize this method of development.

Plat. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, sections 505 and 515B.

Port. A water transportation complex established and operated under the jurisdiction of a port authority according to Minnesota Statutes, section 458.

Primary conservation areas. Key resources and features, including shore impact zones, bluff impact zones, floodplains, wetlands, gorges, areas of confluence with tributaries, natural drainage routes, unstable soils and bedrock, native plant communities, cultural and historic properties, significant existing vegetative stands, tree canopies, and other resources identified in local government plans.

Private facilities. Private roads, driveways, and parking areas, private water access and viewing facilities, decks and patios in setback areas, and private signs.

Professional engineer. An engineer licensed to practice in Minnesota.

Public facilities. Public utilities, public transportation facilities, and public recreational facilities.

Public recreation facilities. Recreational facilities provided by the state or a local government and dedicated to public use, including parks, scenic overlooks, observation platforms, trails, docks, fishing piers, picnic shelters, water access ramps, and other similar water-oriented public facilities used for recreation.

Public river corridor views. Views toward the river from public parkland, historic properties, and public overlooks, as well as views toward bluffs from the ordinary high-water level of the opposite shore, as seen during the summer months and documented in the MRCCA plan/chapter of the comprehensive plan.

Public transportation facilities. All transportation facilities provided by federal, state, or local government and dedicated to public use, such as roadways, transit facilities, railroads, and bikeways.

Public utilities. Electric power facilities, essential services, and transmission services.

Public waters. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005.

Readily visible. Land and development that are easily seen from the ordinary high water level of the opposite shore during summer months.

Resource agency. A federal, state, regional, or local agency that engages in environmental, natural, or cultural resource protection or restoration activities, including planning, implementation, and monitoring.

Retaining wall. A vertical or nearly vertical structures constructed of mortar and rubble masonry, rock, or stone regardless of size, vertical timber pilings, horizontal timber planks with piling supports, sheet pilings, poured concrete, concrete blocks, or other durable materials.

River corridor boundary. The boundary approved and adopted by the Metropolitan Council under Minnesota Statutes, section 116G.06, as approved and adopted by the legislature in Minnesota Statutes, section 116G.15, and as legally described in the Sate Register, volume 43, pages 508 to 518.

River-dependent use. The use of land for commercial, industrial, or utility purposes, where access to and use of a public water feature is an integral part of the normal conduct of business and where the use is dependent on shoreline facilities.

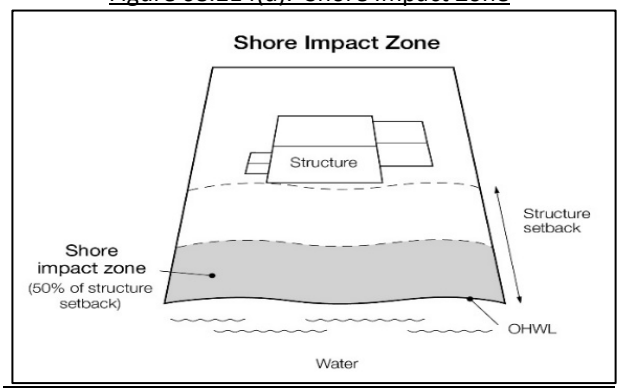
Rock riprap. Natural coarse rock placed or constructed to armor shorelines, streambeds, bridge abutments, pilings and other shoreline structures against scour, or water or ice erosion.

Selective vegetation removal. The removal of isolated individual trees or shrubs that are not in a contiguous patch, strip, row, or block and that does not substantially reduce the tree canopy or understory cover.

Setback. A separation distance measured horizontally.

Shore impact zone. Land located between the ordinary high water level of public waters and a line parallel to it at a setback of 50 percent of the required structure setback or, for agricultural use, 50 feet landward of the ordinary high water level. See Figure 68.214(d).

Figure 68.214(d). Shore Impact Zone



Shoreline facilities. Facilities that require a location adjoining public waters for ingress and egress, loading and unloading, and public water intake and outflow, such as barge facilities, port facilities, commodity loading and unloading equipment, watercraft lifts, marinas, short-term watercraft mooring facilities for patrons, and water access ramps. Structures that would be enhanced by a shoreline location, but do not require a location adjoining public waters as part of their function, are not shoreline facilities, such as restaurants, bait shops, and boat dealerships.

Steep slope. A natural topographic feature with an average slope of 12 to 18 percent, measured over a horizontal distance equal to or greater than 50 feet, and any slopes greater than 18 percent that are not bluffs.

Storm water management facilities. Facilities for the collection, conveyance, treatment, or disposal of storm water.

Structure. A building, sign, or appurtenance thereto, except for aerial or underground utility lines, such as sewer, electric, telephone, or gas lines, and utility line towers, poles, and other supporting appurtenances.

Subdivision. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 462.352.

Subsurface sewage treatment system. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Rules, part 7080.1100

Transmission services.

(a) Electric power lines, cables, pipelines, or conduits that are:

(1) Used to transport power between two points, as identified and defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 216E.01, subdivision 4; or

(2) For mains or pipelines for gas, liquids, or solids in suspension, used to transport gas, liquids, or solids in suspension between two points; and

(b) Telecommunication lines, cables, pipelines, or conduits.

Treeline. The mostly continuous line formed by the tree canopy when viewed from a particular point. Regardless of season, the treeline is determined as if under full foliage.

Water access ramp. A boat ramp, carry-down site, boarding dock, and approach road, or other access that allows launching and removal of a boat, canoe, or other watercraft with or without a vehicle and trailer.

Water-oriented accessory structure. A small building or other improvement, except stairways, fences, docks, and retaining walls, that, because of the relationship of its use to public waters, needs to be located closer to public waters than the normal structure setback. Examples include gazebos, screen houses, fish houses, pump houses, and detached decks and patios.

Water quality impact zone. Land within the shore impact zone or within 50 feet of the OHWL of the river, whichever is greater, and land within 50 feet of a public water, wetland, or natural drainage route.

Wetland. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005.

Wharf. Having the meaning given under Minnesota Rules, part 6115.0170.

Division 2. 68.220. Administration

Sec. 68.221. Purpose.

The purpose of this division is to identify administrative provisions to ensure this article is administered consistent with its purpose.

Sec. 68.222. Permits.

A permit is required for the construction of buildings or building additions (including construction of decks and signs), the installation and/or alteration of sewage treatment systems, vegetation removal consistent with division 6 and land alterations consistent with division 7.

Sec. 68.223. Variances.

Variances to the requirements under this article may only be granted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.357. The board of zoning appeals or planning commission must evaluate the potential impacts of variances on primary conservation areas, public river corridor views, and other resources identified in the MRCCA plan, and in addition to the requirements in section 61.601 of this code must make written findings that the variance is consistent with the purpose of this article.

Sec. 68.224. Conditional and interim use permits.

All conditional use permits required under this article must comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 462.3595. All interim use permits must comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 462.3597. The planning commission or city council must evaluate the potential impacts on primary conservation areas, public river corridor views, and other resources identified in the MRCCA plan.

Sec. 68.225. Conditions of approval.

If a conditional or interim use permit or variance is found to have potential negative impacts on primary conservation areas, public river corridor views, or other resources identified in the MRCCA Plan, the board of zoning appeals, planning commission, or city council must require conditions to mitigate the impacts that are related to and proportional to the impacts. Mitigation may include restoration of vegetation identified as "vegetation restoration priorities" in the MRCCA plan, preservation of existing vegetation, stormwater runoff management, reducing impervious surface, increasing structure setbacks, wetland and drainage route restoration and/or preservation, limiting the height of structures, modifying structure design to limit visual impacts on public river corridor views, and other conservation measures.

Sec. 68.226. Application materials.

Applications for permits and discretionary actions required under this article must include the following information unless the zoning administrator or planning administrator determines that the information is not needed:

(a) A detailed project description.

(b) Scaled maps and plans, dimensional renderings, maintenance agreements, and other materials that identify and describe:

  (1) Primary conservation areas, public river corridor views, and buildable area.

  (2) Ordinary high water level, blufflines, and all required setbacks.

  (3) Existing and proposed topography and drainage patterns.

  (4) Proposed storm water and erosion and sediment control practices.

  (5) Existing and proposed vegetation to be removed and established.

  (6) Existing and proposed structures and impervious surfaces.

  (7) Existing and proposed subsurface sewage treatment systems.

Sec. 68.227. Nonconformities.

All legally established nonconformities as of the date of this ordinance may continue consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 462.357 Subd. 1e .and are subject to the following additional parameters:

(a) New structures erected in conformance with the setback averaging provisions of section 68.236(d) are conforming structures.

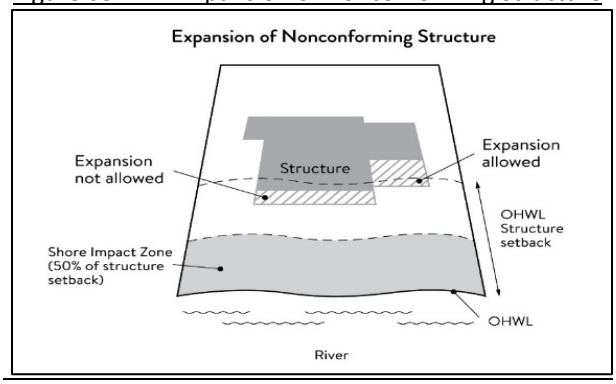
(b) Nonstructural site alterations, including, but not limited to vegetation, erosion control, storm water control measures, and expansion of such site alterations that were legally made prior to the effective date of this ordinance are conforming.

(c) Legally nonconforming principal structures that do not meet the setback requirements of section 68.236 may be expanded laterally provided that:

(1) The expansion does not extend into the shore or bluff impact zone or further into the required setback than the building line of the existing principal structure (See Figure 68.227); and

(2) The expanded structure's scale and bulk is consistent with that of the original structure and existing surrounding development.

Figure 68.227. Expansion of Nonconforming Structure



Sec. 68.228. Notifications.

The following notification requirements apply in addition to requirements listed elsewhere in this code:

(a) Amendments to this article and to the MRCCA plan must be submitted to the commissioner as provided in Minnesota Rules, part 6106.0070, Subp. 3, Items B – I.

(b) Notice of public hearings for discretionary actions, including conditional and interim use permits, variances, appeals, rezonings, preliminary and final subdivision plats, and master plans must be sent to the following entities at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing:

(1) The commissioner in a format prescribed by the DNR.

(2) National Park Service.

(3) For a conditional use permit or variance to exceed the height limits specified in section 68.234, local governments within the MRCCA adjacent to the site, including those with overlapping jurisdiction and those across the river.

(c) Notice of final decisions for actions in section 68.228(b), including findings of fact, must be sent to the commissioner, the National Park Service, and adjoining local governments within the MRCCA within ten (10) days of the final decision.

(d) Requests to amend district boundaries must follow the provisions in Minnesota Rules, part 6106.0100, Subp. 9, Item C.

Sec. 68.229. Accommodating disabilities.

Reasonable accommodations for ramps or other facilities to provide persons with disabilities access to the persons' property, as required by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and the federal Fair Housing Act and as provided by Minnesota Rules, chapter 1341, must comply with divisions 3 to 9. If divisions 3 to 9 cannot be complied with, ramps or other facilities are allowed with an administrative permit provided that the permit terminates on either a specific date or upon occurrence of a particular event related to the person requiring accommodation, and that upon expiration of the permit, the ramp or other facilities must be removed.

Division 3. 68.230. MRCCA Districts, Dimensional Standards, and Special Use Provisions

Sec. 68.231. Purpose.

The purposes of this division are to:

(a) Establish districts under which building height and structure placement are regulated to protect and enhance the Mississippi River's resources and features consistent with the natural and built character of each district.

(b) Establish standards that protect primary conservation areas and public river corridor views from development impacts inconsistent with the purpose of the MRCCA and ensure that new development is sited consistent with the purpose of the MRCCA.

(c) Identify development standards and considerations for land uses that have potential to negatively impact primary conservation areas and public river corridor views.

Sec. 68.232. District description and management purpose.

The MRCCA Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area is divided into the following MRCCA overlay districts.

(a) *ROS rural and open space overlay district.*

(1) *Description.* The ROS district is characterized by rural and low-density development patterns and land uses. It includes land that is riparian or visible from the river, as well as large, undeveloped tracts of high ecological and scenic value, floodplain, and undeveloped islands. Many primary conservation areas exist in the district.

(2) *Management purpose.* The ROS District must be managed to sustain and restore the rural and natural character of the corridor and to protect and enhance habitat, parks and open space, public river corridor views, and scenic, natural, and historic areas.

(b) *RN river neighborhood overlay district.*

(1) *Description.* The RN District is characterized by primarily residential neighborhoods that are riparian or readily visible from the river or that abut riparian parkland. The district includes parks and open space, limited commercial development, marinas, and related land uses.

(2) *Management purpose.* The RN District must be managed to maintain the character of the river corridor within the context of existing residential and related neighborhood development, and to protect and enhance habitat, parks and open space, public river corridor views, and scenic, natural, and historic areas. Minimizing erosion and the flow of untreated storm water into the river and enhancing habitat and shoreline vegetation are priorities in the district.

(c) *RTC river towns and crossings overlay district.*

(1) *Description.* The RTC District is characterized by historic downtown areas and limited nodes of intense development at specific river crossings, as well as institutional campuses that predate designation of the MRCCA, and that include taller buildings.

(2) *Management purpose.* The RTC district must be managed in a manner that allows continued growth and redevelopment in historic downtowns and more intensive redevelopment in limited areas at river crossings to accommodate compact walkable development patterns and

connections to the river. Minimizing erosion and the flow of untreated storm water into the river, providing public access to and public views of the river, and restoring natural vegetation in riparian areas and tree canopy are priorities in the district.

(d) *SR separated from river overlay district.*

(1) *Description.* The SR District is characterized by its physical and visual distance from the Mississippi River. The district includes land separated from the river by distance, topography, development, or a transportation corridor. The land in this district is not readily visible from the Mississippi River.

(2) *Management purpose.* The SR district provides flexibility in managing development without negatively affecting the key resources and features of the river corridor. Minimizing negative impacts to primary conservation areas and minimizing erosion and flow of untreated storm water into the Mississippi River are priorities in the district.

(e) *UM urban mixed overlay district.*

(1) *Description.* The UM District includes large areas of highly urbanized mixed use that are a part of the urban fabric of the river corridor, including institutional, commercial, industrial, and residential areas and parks and open space.

(2) *Management purpose.* The UM District must be managed in a manner that allows for future growth and redevelopment, and intensely developed areas, that do not negatively affect public river corridor views and protect bluffs and floodplains. Accommodating urban growth while restoring and enhancing bluff and shoreline habitat, minimizing erosion and flow of untreated storm water into the river, and providing public access to and public views of the river are priorities in the district.

(f) *UC urban core overlay district.*

(1) *Description.* The UC District includes downtown.

(2) *Management purpose.* The UC District must be managed with the greatest flexibility to protect commercial, industrial, and other high-intensity urban uses, while minimizing negative impacts to primary conservation areas and minimizing erosion and flow of untreated storm water into the river. Providing public access to and public views of the river are priorities in the district.

Sec. 68.233. MRCCA district map.

The locations and boundaries of the MRCCA overlay districts established by this article are shown on the MRCCA Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Overlay Districts zoning maps accompanying this code, which are incorporated herein by reference. The district boundary lines are intended to follow the centerlines of rivers and streams, highways, streets, lot lines, and municipal boundaries, unless a boundary line is otherwise indicated on the map. Where district boundaries cross unsubdivided property, the district boundary line is determined by use of dimensions or the scale appearing on the map.

Sec. 68.234. Structure height.

Structures and facilities must comply with the following maximum height standards unless identified as exempt in division 9. Height is measured on the side of the structure facing the Mississippi River. The following height standards, including additional height allowed with a conditional use permit, are subject to the requirement that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views.

(a) *ROS District*: 35 feet.

(b) *RN District*: 35 feet.

(c) *RTC District*: 35 feet at the district boundary line closest to the river plus 1 foot for every 10 feet the structure or portion of the structure is set back from said boundary line, to a maximum of 48 feet. Additional height may be permitted with a conditional use permit according to section 68.235.

(d) *SR District*: Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development as viewed from the OHWL of the opposite shore.

(e) *UM District*: 35 feet at the river shoreline OHWL and blufflines plus 1 foot for every 5 feet the structure or portion of the structure is set back from the river shoreline OHWL or bluffline, to a maximum of 65 feet. Additional height may be permitted with a conditional use permit according to section 68.235.

(f) *UC District*: 35 feet at the river shoreline OHWL plus 1 foot for every 5 feet the structure or portion of the structure is set back from the river shoreline OHWL. Additional height may be permitted with a conditional use permit according to section 68.235.

Sec. 68.235. Conditional use permit for additional height.

In addition to the conditional use permit requirements of Section 68.224, criteria for considering whether to grant a conditional use permit for additional height under the provisions of section 68.234 must include the following:

(a) Assessment of the visual impact of the proposed structure on public river corridor views, including views from other communities;

(b) Determination that the proposed structure is consistent with the requirements in Minnesota Rules Part 6106.0120 for prioritizing tiering of structure heights away from the Mississippi River and blufflines, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views;

(c) Identification and application of techniques to minimize the perceived bulk of the proposed structure, such as:

(1) Placing the long axis of the building perpendicular to the river;

(2) Stepping back of portions of the facade;

(3) Lowering the roof pitch or use of a flat roof;

(4) Using building materials or mitigation techniques that will blend in with the natural surroundings such as green roofs, green walls, or other green and brown building materials;

(5) Narrowing the profile of upper floors of the building; and

(6) Increasing the setbacks of the building from the Mississippi River or blufflines;

(d) Identification of other techniques for reduction of impact to identified public river corridor views; and

(e) Opportunities for creation or enhancement of public river corridor views.

Sec. 68.236. Structure and impervious surface placement.

(a) Structures and impervious surfaces must not be placed in the shore or bluff impact zones unless identified as an exemption in division 9.

(b) Structures, impervious surfaces, and facilities must comply with the following OHWL setback provisions unless identified as exempt in division 9.

(1) *ROS District:* 200 feet from the Mississippi River and 150 feet from the Minnesota River.

(2) *RN District:* 100 feet from the Mississippi River.

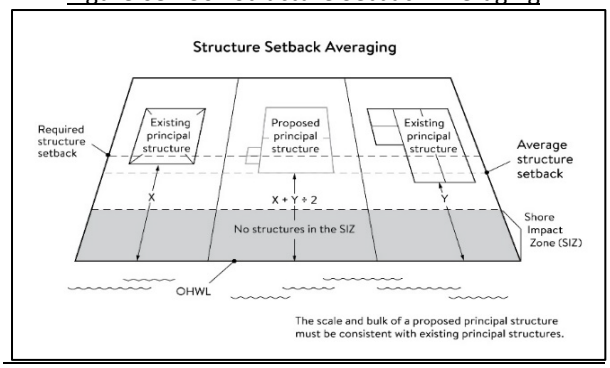
(3) *RTC District:* 75 feet from the Mississippi River.

(4) *UM District:* 50 feet from the Mississippi River.

(c) Structures, impervious surfaces, and facilities must comply with the following bluffline setback provisions unless identified as exempt in division 9: 100 feet in the ROS district; 40 feet in all other districts.

(d) Where principal structures exist on the adjoining lots on both sides of a proposed building site, the minimum setback may be altered to conform to the average of the adjoining setbacks, if the new structure's scale and bulk riverward or bluffward of the setbacks required under section 68.237(b) and (c) are consistent with adjoining development. See Figure 68.236.

Figure 68.236. Structure Setback Averaging



(e) Subsurface sewage treatment systems, including the septic tank and absorption area, must be located at least 75 feet from the ordinary high water level of the Mississippi River and all other public waters.

Sec. 68.237. Lot size and buildable area.

(a) The width of lots abutting the Mississippi River in the ROS district must be at least 200 feet, unless alternative design methods are used that provide greater protection of the riparian area.

(b) All new lots must have adequate buildable area to comply with the setback requirements of section 68.237(b) and (c) so as not to require variances to use the lots for their intended purpose.

Sec. 68.238. Special land use provisions.

The purpose of this section is to identify development standards and considerations for land uses that have potential to negatively impact primary conservation areas and public river corridor views. Uses within the MRCCA are generally determined by underlying zoning, with additional provisions for the following land uses.

(a) *Agricultural use.* Perennial ground cover is required within 50 feet of the ordinary high water level and within the bluff impact zone.

(b) *Forestry.* Tree harvesting and biomass harvesting within woodlands, and associated reforestation, must be consistent with recommended practices in Conserving Wooded Areas in Developing Communities: Best Management Practices in Minnesota.

(c) *Nonmetallic mining.* Nonmetallic mining requires a conditional use permit or interim use permit issued by the local government, subject to the following:

(1) New nonmetallic mining is prohibited within the shore impact zone and bluff impact zone and within the required structure setback from the bluffline and OHWL.

(2) Processing machinery must be located consistent with setback standards for structures as provided in section 68.237.

(3) Only one barge loading area, which must be limited to the minimum size practicable, is permitted for each mining operation.

(4) New and, where practicable, existing nonmetallic mining operations must not be readily visible and must be screened by establishing and maintaining natural vegetation. The unscreened boundaries of nonmetallic mining areas are limited to only the barge loading area.

(5) A site management plan must be developed by the operator and approved by the local government before new nonmetallic mining commences. Operations must be consistent with the site plan throughout the duration of operations at the site. The site management plan must:

a. Describe how the site will be developed over time with an emphasis on minimizing environmental risk to public waters;

b. Explain where staged reclamation may occur at certain points during the life of the site;

c. Address dust, noise, storm water management, possible pollutant discharges, days and hours of operation, and duration of operations; and

d. Describe any anticipated vegetation and topographic alterations outside the pit, and reclamation plans consistent with the stated end use for the land.

(6) Existing and new nonmetallic mining operations must submit land reclamation plans to the local government compatible with the purposes of this ordinance.

(d) *River-dependent uses.* River-dependent uses must comply with the following design standards.

(1) Structures and parking areas, except shoreline facilities and private roads and conveyances serving river-dependent uses as provided in division 9, must meet the dimensional and performance standards in this article, must be designed so that they are not *readily visible* (defined in section 68.214), and must be screened by establishing and maintaining natural vegetation.

(2) Shoreline facilities must comply with Minnesota Rules, chapter 6115 and must:

a. Be designed in a compact fashion to minimize the shoreline area affected; and

b. Minimize the surface area of land occupied in relation to the number of watercraft or barges to be served.

(3) Dredging and placement of dredged material are subject to existing federal and state permit requirements and agreements.

(e) *Wireless communication towers.* Wireless communication towers require a conditional or interim use permit and are subject to the following design standards.

(1) The applicant must demonstrate that functional coverage cannot be provided through collocation, a tower at a lower height, or a tower at a location outside of the MRCCA.

(2) The tower must not be located in a bluff or shore impact zone.

(3) Placement of the tower must minimize impacts on public river corridor views.

(4) The tower must comply with the general design standards in section 68.252.

Division 4. 68.240. Performance Standards for Private Facilities

Sec. 68.241. Purpose.

The purpose of this division is to establish design standards for private facilities that are consistent with best management practices and that minimize impacts on primary conservation areas, public river corridor views and other resources identified in the MRCCA plan.

Sec. 68.242. General design standards.

All private facilities must be developed in accordance with the vegetation management and land alteration requirements in divisions 6 and 7.

Sec. 68.243. Private roads, driveways, and parking areas.

Except as provided in division 9, private roads, driveways and parking areas must:

(a) Be designed to take advantage of natural vegetation and topography so that they are not *readily visible* (defined in section 68.214);

(b) Comply with structure setback requirements according to Section 68.236; and

(c) Not be placed within the bluff impact zone or shore impact zone, unless exempt under division 9 and designed consistent with section 68.252.

Sec. 68.244. Private water access and viewing facilities.

(a) Private access paths must be no more than eight feet wide if placed within the shore impact zone, and no more than four feet wide if placed within the bluff impact zone.

(b) Private water access ramps must comply with Minnesota Rules, chapters 6115.0210 and 6280.0250, and must be designed and constructed consistent with the applicable standards in Design Handbook for Recreational Boating and Fishing Facilities.

(c) Design and construction of private stairways, lifts, and landings are subject to the following standards.

(1) Stairways and lifts must not exceed four feet in width on residential lots. Wider stairways may be used for commercial properties and residential facilities held in common if approved by the zoning administrator.

(2) Landings for stairways and lifts on residential lots must not exceed 32 square feet in area. Landings larger than 32 square feet area allowed for commercial properties and residential facilities held in common if approved by the zoning administrator.

(3) Canopies or roofs are prohibited on stairways, lifts, or landings.

(4) Stairways, lifts, and landings must be located in the least visible portion of the lot whenever practical.

(5) Ramps, lifts, mobility paths, or other facilities for persons with physical disabilities are allowed for achieving access to shore areas according to section 68.244(c)(1-4), and as provided under section 68.229.

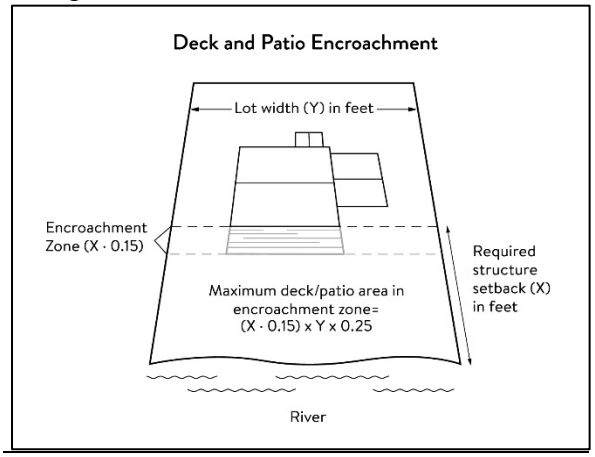
(d) One water-oriented accessory structure is allowed for each riparian lot or parcel less than 300 feet in width at the ordinary high water level, with one additional water-oriented accessory structure allowed for each additional 300 feet of shoreline on the same lot or parcel. Water-oriented accessory structures are prohibited in the bluff impact zone, must not exceed 12 feet in height, must not exceed 120 square feet in area, and must be placed a minimum of 10 feet from the ordinary high water level.

Sec. 68.245. Decks and patios in setback areas.

Decks and at-grade patios may encroach into the required setbacks from the ordinary high water level and blufflines when consistent with divisions 6 and 7, provided that the deck or patio does not extend into the bluff impact zone, the encroachment of the deck or patio into the required setback area does not exceed 15 percent of the required structure setback, and the area of the deck or patio that extends into the required setback area occupies no more than 25 percent of the total area between the required setback and the 15 percent using the

formula: [Required setback depth (feet) x 0.15 x lot width (feet) at the required structure setback x 0.25 = maximum total area]. See Figure 68.245.

Figure 68.245. Deck and Patio Encroachment



Sec. 68.246. Off-premise and directional signs.

(a) Off-premise advertising signs must meet required structure placement and height standards in sections 68.234 and 68.236, and must not be *readily visible* (defined in section 68.214).

(b) Directional signs for patrons arriving at a business by watercraft must be consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 86B.115, must be no greater than ten feet in height and 32 square feet in surface area, and if located in a shore impact zone must only convey the location and name of the establishment and the general types of goods and services available. If illuminated, the lighting must be fully shielded and directed downward to prevent illumination out across the river or to the sky.

Division 5. 68.250. Performance Standards for Public Facilities

Sec. 68.251. Purpose.

The purpose of this division is to establish design standards for public facilities that are consistent with best management practices and that minimize impacts on primary conservation areas, public river corridor views and other resources identified in the MRCCA plan. Public facilities serve the public interest by providing public access to the Mississippi River corridor or require locations in or adjacent to the river corridor and therefore require some degree of flexibility.

Sec. 68.252. General design standards.

All public facilities must be designed and constructed to do the following:

(a) Minimize visibility of the facility from the river to the extent consistent with the purpose of the facility.

(b) Comply with the structure placement and height standards in division 3, except as provided in division 9.

(c) Be consistent with the vegetation management standards in division 6 and the land alteration and storm water management standards in division 7, including use of practices identified in Best Practices for Meeting DNR General Public Waters Work Permit GP 2004-0001, where applicable.

(d) Avoid primary conservation areas unless no alternative exists. If no alternative exists, then disturbance to primary conservation areas must be avoided to the greatest extent practicable, and design and construction must minimize impacts.

(e) Minimize disturbance of spawning and nesting by scheduling construction that could impact spawning and nesting areas to be at times when local birds, fish and wildlife are not spawning or nesting.

Sec. 68.253. Right-of-way maintenance standards.

Right-of-way maintenance must comply with the following standards:

(a) Vegetation currently in a natural state must be maintained to the extent feasible.

(b) Where vegetation in a natural state has been removed, native plants must be planted and maintained on the right-of-way.

(c) Chemical control of vegetation must be avoided when practicable, but when chemical control is necessary, chemicals used must be in accordance with the regulations and other requirements of all state and federal agencies with authority over the chemical's use.

Sec. 68.254. Crossings of public water or public land.

Crossings of public waters or land controlled by the commissioner are subject to approval by the commissioner according to Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.415 and 103G.245.

Sec. 68.255. Public utilities.

Public utilities must comply with the following standards.

(a) High-voltage transmission lines, wind energy conversion systems greater than five megawatts, and pipelines are regulated according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216E, 216F, and 216G respectively.

(b) If overhead placement is necessary, utility facility crossings must minimize visibility of the facility from the river and follow other existing rights of way as much as practicable.

(c) The appearance of structures with regard to height, width, materials and color must be as compatible as practicable with the surrounding area in a natural state.

(d) Wireless communication facilities, according to section 68.238(f).

Sec. 68.256. Public transportation facilities.

Public transportation facilities must comply with structure placement and height standards in division 3. Where such facilities intersect or abut two or more MRCCA districts, the least restrictive standards apply. Public transportation facilities must be designed and constructed to give priority to providing scenic overlooks for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians; providing safe pedestrian crossings and facilities along the river corridor; providing access to the riverfront in public ownership; and allowing for use of the land between the river and the transportation facility.

Sec. 68.257. Public recreational facilities.

Public recreational facilities must comply with the following standards:

(a) Buildings and parking associated with public recreational facilities must comply with the structure placement and height standards in division 3, except as provided in division 9.

(b) Roads and driveways associated with public recreational facilities must not be placed in the bluff or shore impact zones unless no other placement alternative exists. If no alternative exists, then design

and construction must minimize impacts to shoreline vegetation, erodible soils and slopes, and other sensitive resources.

(c) Trails, access paths, and viewing areas associated with public recreational facilities and providing access to or views of the Mississippi River are allowed within the bluff and shore impact zones if design, construction, and maintenance methods are consistent with the best management practice guidelines in Trail Planning, Design, and Development Guidelines.

(1) Hard-surface trails are not allowed on the face of bluffs with a slope exceeding 30 percent. Natural surface trails are allowed, provided they do not exceed eight feet in width.

(2) Trails, paths, and viewing areas must be designed and constructed to minimize visibility from the river, visual impacts on public river corridor views, and disturbance to and fragmentation of primary conservation areas.

(d) Public water access facilities must comply with the following requirements:

(1) Watercraft access ramps must comply with Minnesota Rules chapters 6115.0210 and 6280.0250.

(2) Facilities must be designed and constructed consistent with the standards in Design Handbook for Recreational Boating and Fishing Facilities.

(e) Public signs and kiosks for interpretive or directional purposes are allowed in the bluff or shore impact zones, provided they are placed and constructed to minimize disturbance to these areas and avoid visual impacts on public river corridor views. If illuminated, the lighting must be fully shielded and be directed downward.

(f) Public stairways, lifts, and landings must be designed as provided in section 68.244(c).

Division 6. 68.260. Vegetation Management

Sec. 68.261. Purpose.

The purpose of this division is to establish standards that sustain and enhance the biological and ecological functions of vegetation, preserve the natural character and topography of the MRCCA, and maintain stability of bluffs and steep slopes and ensure stability of other erosion-prone areas.

Sec. 68.262. Applicability.

This section applies to shore impact zones, areas within 50 feet of a wetland or natural drainage route, bluff impact zones, areas of native plant communities, and significant existing vegetative stands identified in the MRCCA plan.

Sec. 68.263. Activities allowed without a vegetation permit.

(a) Maintenance of existing lawns, landscaping and gardens;

(b) Removal of vegetation in emergency situations as determined by the City;

(c) Right-of-way maintenance for public facilities meeting the standards section 68.253;

(d) Agricultural and forestry activities meeting the standards of sections 68.238(a) and (c);

(e) Selective vegetation removal, provided that vegetative cover remains consistent with the management purpose of the MRCCA District, including removal of vegetation that is dead, diseased, dying, or hazardous; vegetation to prevent the spread of diseases or insect pests; individual trees and shrubs; and invasive non-native species.

Sec. 68.264. Activities allowed with a vegetation permit.

(a) Only the following intensive vegetation clearing activities are allowed with a vegetation permit:

(1) Clearing of vegetation that is dead, diseased, dying, or hazardous;
(2) Clearing to prevent the spread of diseases or insect pests;
(3) Clearing to remove invasive non-native species.
(4) Clearing to prepare for restoration and erosion control management activities consistent with a plan approved by the zoning administrator.
(5) The minimum necessary for development that is allowed with a building permit or as an exemption under division 9.

(b) *General Performance Standards.* The following standards must be met, in addition to a restoration plan under section 68.266, in order to approve a vegetation permit:
(1) Development is sited to minimize removal of or disturbance to natural vegetation;
(2) Soil, slope stability, and hydrologic conditions are suitable for the proposed work as determined by a professional engineer;
(3) Clearing is the minimum necessary and designed to blend with the natural terrain and minimize visual impacts to public river corridor views;
(4) Vegetation removal activities are conducted so as to expose the smallest practical area of soil to erosion for the least possible time; and
(5) Any other condition determined necessary to achieve the purpose of this section.

Sec. 68.265. Prohibited activities.

All other intensive vegetation clearing is prohibited.

Sec. 68.266. Vegetation restoration plan.

(a) Development of a vegetation restoration plan and reestablishment of natural vegetation is required for any vegetation removed with a permit under section 68.264(a), upon failure to comply with any provisions in this division, or as part of the planning process for subdivisions as provided in division 8.
(b) *Restoration Plan Performance Standards.* The vegetation restoration plan must satisfy the application submittal requirements in section 68.226 and the following standards.
(1) Vegetation must be restored in one or more of the following restoration priority areas:
a. Areas with soils showing signs of erosion, especially on or near the top and bottom of steep slopes and bluffs.
b. Shoreline areas within 25 feet of the water with no natural vegetation, degraded vegetation, or planted with turf grass.
c. Areas on steep slopes and bluffs that are visible from the river with no natural vegetation, degraded vegetation, or planted with turf grass.
d. Other approved priority opportunity area, including priorities identified in the MRCCA plan, if none of the above exist.
(2) Include vegetation that provides suitable habitat and effective soil stability, runoff retention, and infiltration capability. Vegetation species, composition, density, and diversity must be guided by nearby patches of native plant communities and by Native Vegetation Establishment and Enhancement Guidelines.
(3) Any highly erodible soils disturbed during removal and/or restoration must be stabilized with deep-rooted vegetation with a high stem density.
(4) Vegetation removed must be restored with native vegetation to the greatest extent practicable. The area (square feet) of the restored vegetation should be similar to that removed to the greatest extent practicable.

(5) For restoration of removed native plant communities, restored vegetation must also provide biological and ecological function equivalent to the removed native plant communities. The area (square feet) of the restored vegetation should be equivalent to that removed.

(6) The plan must be prepared by a professional ecologist, arborist, landscape architect, or person with demonstrable experience and knowledge related to vegetation management.

(7) Include a maintenance plan that includes management provisions for controlling invasive species and replacement of plant loss for three years.

(c) A certificate of compliance will be issued after the vegetation restoration plan requirements have been satisfied.

Division 7. 68.270. Land Alteration Standards and Stormwater Management

Sec. 68.271. Purpose.

The purpose of this division is to establish standards that protect water quality from pollutant loadings of sediment, nutrients, bacteria, and other contaminants; and maintain stability of bluffs, shorelines, and other areas prone to erosion.

Sec. 68.272. Land alteration.

(a) Within the bluff impact zone, land alteration is prohibited except for the following, which are allowed by permit:

(1) Erosion control consistent with a plan approved by the local government or resource agency and consistent with section 68.276;

(2) The minimum necessary for development that is allowed as an exception under division 9; and

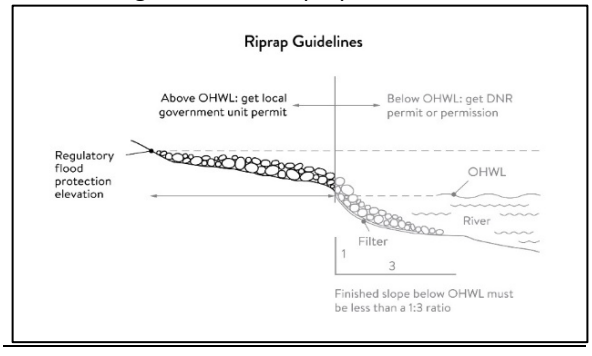
(3) Repair and maintenance of existing buildings and facilities.

(b) Within the water quality impact zone, land alteration that involves more than ten cubic yards of material or affects an area greater than 1,000 square feet requires a permit.

Sec. 68.273. Rock riprap, retaining walls, and other erosion control structures.

(a) Construction, repair, or replacement of rock riprap, retaining walls, and other erosion control structures located at or below the OHWL must comply with Minnesota Rules, chapters 6115.0215, subpart 4, item E, and 6115.0216, subpart 2. Work must not proceed until approved by the commissioner, permitted by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and any other permits are obtained. See Figure 68.273.

Figure 68.273. Riprap Guidelines



(b) **Construction or replacement of rock riprap, retaining walls, and other erosion control structures within the bluff impact zone and the water quality impact zone are allowed with a permit consistent with provisions of section 68.276 provided that:**

(1) If the project includes work at or below the OHWL, the commissioner has already approved or permitted the project.

(2) The structures are used only to correct an established erosion problem as determined by the zoning administrator.

(3) The size and extent of the structures are the minimum necessary to correct the erosion problem and are not larger than the following, unless a professional engineer determines that a larger structure is needed to correct the erosion problem. Retaining walls must not exceed five feet in height and must be placed a minimum horizontal distance of ten feet apart. Riprap must not exceed the height of the regulatory flood protection elevation.

(c) Repair of existing rock riprap, retaining walls, and other erosion control structures above the OHWL does not require a permit provided it does not involve any land alteration.

Sec. 68.274. Stormwater management.

(a) In the bluff impact zone, storm water management facilities are prohibited, except by permit if:

(1) There are no alternatives for storm water treatment outside the bluff impact zone on the subject site;

(2) The site generating runoff is designed so that the amount of runoff reaching the bluff impact zone is reduced to the greatest extent practicable;

(3) The construction and operation of the facility does not affect slope stability on the subject property or adjoining properties; and

(4) Mitigation based on the best available engineering and geological practices is required and applied to eliminate or minimize the risk of slope failure.

(b) In the water quality impact zone, development that creates new impervious surface, as allowed by exemption in division 9, or fully reconstructs existing impervious surface of more than 10,000 square feet requires a storm water permit. Multipurpose trails and sidewalks are exempt if there is down gradient vegetation or a filter strip that is at least five feet wide.

(c) In all other areas, storm water runoff must be directed away from the bluff impact zones and unstable areas.

Sec. 68.275. Development on steep slopes.

Construction of structures, impervious surfaces, land alteration, vegetation removal, or other construction activities are allowed on steep slopes if the development can be accomplished without increasing erosion or storm water runoff, the soil types and geology are suitable for the proposed development, and vegetation is managed according to the requirements of division 6.

Sec. 68.276. Conditions of land alteration permit approval.

Land alteration permit approval is subject to the following conditions.

(a) Temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control measures must retain sediment onsite consistent with best management practices in the Minnesota Stormwater Manual.

(b) Natural site topography, soil, and vegetation conditions must be used to control runoff and reduce erosion and sedimentation.

(c) Construction activity must be phased when possible.

(d) All erosion and sediment controls must be installed before starting any land disturbance activity.
(e) Erosion and sediment controls must be maintained to ensure effective operation.
(f) The proposed work must be consistent with the vegetation standards in division 6.
(g) Best management practices for protecting and enhancing ecological and water resources identified in Best Practices for Meeting DNR General Public Waters Work Permit GP 2004-0001.

Sec. 68.277. Compliance with other plans and programs.

All development must be consistent with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103B, and local water management plans completed under chapter 8410; meet or exceed the wetland protection standards under Minnesota Rules, chapter 8420; and meet or exceed the floodplain management standards under Minnesota Rules, chapter 6120. 5000 – 6120.6200.

Division 8. 68.280. Subdivision and Land Development Standards

Sec. 68.281. Purpose.

The purposes of this division are to protect and enhance the natural and scenic values of the MRCCA during development or redevelopment of large sites, establish standards for protecting and restoring biological and ecological functions of primary conservation areas on large sites, and encourage restoration of natural vegetation during development or redevelopment of large sites where restoration opportunities have been identified in MRCCA Plans.

Sec. 68.282. Applicability.

The design standards in this section apply to subdivisions and master-planned development and redevelopment of land involving ten or more acres for parcels that abut the Mississippi River and 20 or more acres for all other parcels, including smaller individual sites within subdivisions, planned unit developments and master-planned developments that are part of a common plan of development that may be constructed at different times.

The following activities are exempt from the requirements of this section: minor subdivisions consisting of three or fewer lots, minor boundary line corrections, resolutions of encroachments, additions to existing lots of record, placement of essential services, and activities involving river-dependent commercial and industrial uses.

Sec. 68.283. Application materials.

Project information listed in section 68.226 must be submitted for all proposed developments.

Sec. 68.284. Design standards.

(a) Primary conservation areas, where they exist, must be set aside and designated as protected open space in quantities meeting the following as a percentage of total parcel area:
    (1) *ROS District:* 50%.
    (2) *RN District:* 20%.
    (3) *RTC, UM, and UC Districts:* 10%.
    (4) *SR District:* 10% if the parcel includes native plant communities or provides feasible connections to a regional park or trail system, otherwise no requirement.
(b) If the primary conservation areas exceed the amounts specified in section 68.284(a), then protection of native plant communities and natural vegetation in riparian areas must be prioritized.
(c) If primary conservation areas exist but do not have natural vegetation (identified as restoration priorities in the MRCCA Plan), then a vegetation assessment must be completed to evaluate the unvegetated

primary conservation areas and determine whether vegetation restoration is needed. If restoration is needed, vegetation must be restored according to section 68.266(b).

(d) If primary conservation areas do not exist on the parcel and portions of the parcel have been identified in the MRCCA plan as a restoration area, vegetation must be restored in the identified areas according to section 68.266(b) and the area must be set aside and designated as protected open space.

(e) Storm water treatment areas or other green infrastructure may be used to meet the protected open space requirements if the vegetation provides biological and ecological functions.

(f) Land dedicated under sections 63.700 or 69.511 for public river access, parks, or other open space or public facilities may be counted toward the protected open space requirement.

(g) Protected open space areas must connect open space, natural areas, and recreational areas, where present on adjoining parcels, as much as possible to form an interconnected network.

Sec. 68.285. Permanent protection of designated open space.

(a) Designated open space areas must be protected through one or more of the following methods:
  (1) Public acquisition by a government entity for conservation purposes.
  (2) A permanent conservation easement, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84C.
  (3) A deed restriction.
  (4) Other arrangements that achieve an equivalent degree of protection.

(b) Permanent protection methods must ensure the long-term management of vegetation to meet its biological and ecological functions, prohibit structures, and prohibit land alteration, except as needed to provide public recreational facilities and access to the river.

Sec. 68.286. Alternative design standards.

Alternative design standards may be considered under the provisions for master-planned development in sections 66.344(b), 66.543, and 66.951, and under the provisions of 66.800 PD planned development district. Individual parcels in such master-planned development or PD planned development district are not required to meet the design standards of this division if the overall development is in compliance with the standards and purposes of this division.

Division 9. 68.290. Exemptions

Sec. 68.291. Purpose.

The purpose of this division is to provide exemptions to structure placement, height and other standards for specific river or water access dependent facilities as provided in Minnesota Statutes 116G.15 Subd. 4.

Sec. 68.292. Applicability.

(a) Uses and activities not specifically exempted must comply with this article. Uses and activities exempted under shore impact zone and bluff impact zone must comply with the vegetation management and land alteration standards in divisions 6 and 7.

(b) Uses and activities in section 68.293 are categorized as:
  (1) **Exempt - E.** This means that the use or activity is allowed.
  (2) **Exempt if no alternative - (E).** This means that the use or activity is allowed only if no alternatives exist.
  (3) **Not exempt - N.** This means that a use or activity is not exempt and must meet the standards.

Sec. 68.293. Use and activity exemptions classification.

(a) *General uses and activities.*

Use or Activity	Set backs	Height Limits	SIZ	BIZ	Applicable standards with which the use or activity must comply
Industrial and utility structures requiring greater height for operational reasons (such as elevators, refineries and railroad signaling towers)	N	E	N	N	Structure design and placement must minimize interference with public river corridor views.
Barns, silos, and farm structures	N	E	N	N	
Bridges and bridge approach roadways	E	E	E	(E)	Division 5
Wireless communication towers	E	E	N	N	68.239(e)
Chimneys, church spires, flag poles, public monuments, and mechanical service stacks and similar mechanical equipment	N	E	N	N	
Historic properties and contributing properties in historic districts	E	E	E	E	Exemptions do not apply to additions or site alterations
Buildings and structures on the face of or abutting the bluff in the UC district	E	n/a	n/a	E	

(b) *Public utilities.*

Use or Activity	Set backs	Height Limits	SIZ	BIZ	Applicable standards with which the use or activity must comply
Electrical power facilities	E	E	E	(E)	Division 5
Essential services (other than storm water facilities)	E	E	E	(E)	Division 5
Storm water facilities	E	N	E	(E)	Division 7
Wastewater treatment	E	N	E	N	Division 5
Public transportation facilities	E	N	(E)	(E)	Division 5

(c) *Public recreational facilities.*

Use or Activity	Set backs	Height Limits	SIZ	BIZ	Applicable standards with which the use or activity must comply
Accessory structures, such as monuments, flagpoles, light standards, and similar park features	E	E	(E)	(E)	Division 5; within BIZ, only on slopes averaging less than 30%. Exemptions do not apply to principal structures.
Picnic shelters and other open-sided structures	E	N	(E)	N	Division 5
Parking lots	(E)	N	(E)	(E)	Division 5; within BIZ, only within 20 feet of toe of bluff; not on face of bluff; and must not affect stability of bluff
Roads and driveways	(E)	N	(E)	(E)	Division 5
Natural-surfaced trails, access paths, and viewing areas	E	N	E	E	Division 5

Use or Activity	Set backs	Height Limits	SIZ	BIZ	Applicable standards with which the use or activity must comply
Hard-surfaced trails and viewing platforms	E	N	E	(E)	Division 5; within BIZ, only on slopes averaging less than 30%
Water access ramps	E	N	E	(E)	Division 5
Public signs and kiosks for interpretive or directional purposes	E	N	E	(E)	Division 5

(d) *River-dependent uses.*

Use or Activity	Set backs	Height Limits	SIZ	BIZ	Applicable standards with which the use or activity must comply
Shoreline facilities	E	N[1]	E	(E)	Section 68.238(e). Exemptions do not apply to buildings, structures, and parking areas that are not part of a shoreline facility
Private roads and conveyance structures serving river-dependent uses	E	N[1]	E	(E)	Section 68.238(e)

[1] River-dependent commercial, industrial, and utility structures are exempt from height limits only if greater height is required for operational reasons.

(e) *Private residential and commercial water access and use facilities.*

Use or Activity	Set backs	Height Limits	SIZ	BIZ	Applicable standards with which the use or activity must comply
Private roads serving 3 or more lots	(E)	N	N	(E)	Division 4; in BIZ, only on slopes averaging less than 30%. Exemption does not apply to private roads serving fewer 3 lots or to private driveways and parking areas
Access paths	E	N	E	E	Division 4
Water access ramps	E	N	E	N	Division 4
Stairways, lifts, and landings	E	N	E	E	Division 4
Water-oriented accessory structures	E	N	E	N	Division 4
Patios and decks	E	N	N	N	Section 68.245
Directional signs for watercraft (private)	E	N	E	N	Section 68.246; exemption does not apply to off-premise advertising signs
Temporary storage of docks, boats, and other equipment during the winter months	E	N	E	N	
Erosion control structures, such as rock riprap and retaining walls	E	N	E	(E)	Sections 68.273, 68.275 and 68.276

Use or Activity	Set backs	Height Limits	SIZ	BIZ	Applicable standards with which the use or activity must comply
Flood control structures	E	N	E	(E)	Division 7

Chapter 72. Reserved

~~*Chapter 72. Floodplain Management Overlay Districts*~~[2]

~~*ARTICLE I. 72.10. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS*~~

~~Sec. 72.11. Authority, intent and purpose.~~

~~(a) *Statutory authorization and purpose.* This chapter is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the municipality in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103F, which delegates responsibility to local government units to adopt regulations designed to minimize flood losses. It is the purpose of this chapter to guide floodplain development in order to lessen the adverse effects of floods and to minimize loss of life, threats to health, and private and public economic loss caused by flooding.~~

~~(b) *National Flood Insurance Program compliance.* This chapter is adopted to comply with the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program codified as 44 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 59—78, as amended, so as to maintain the community's eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program.~~

~~(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)~~

~~Sec. 72.12. Applicability, other local, regional, state, and federal regulations.~~

~~(a) In addition to the requirements of this chapter, all uses and development shall be subject to all other applicable local, regional, state, and federal permits and regulations. Applicants for city permits and approval are responsible for obtaining all other necessary permits.~~

~~(b) For any development application received on or after the effective date of this chapter, to the extent that the development application requires conformance with city regulations pertaining to floodplain management, it is the city's specific intent that the floodplain management regulations set forth under this chapter shall control and otherwise take precedence over any regulation set forth in chapter 68, river corridor overlay districts, that pertains to floodplain management.~~

~~(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)~~

~~Sec. 72.13. Warning and disclaimer of liability.~~

~~This chapter does not imply that areas outside the floodplain management overlay districts or land uses permitted within such districts will be free from flooding or flood damages. This chapter shall not create liability on the part of the city or any officer or employee thereof for any flood damages that result from reliance on this chapter or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.~~

[2]Editor's note(s)—C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, adopted April 14, 2010, amended the Code by repealing former ch. 72, §§ 72.01 and 72.02, and adding a new ch. 72. Former ch. 72 pertained to floodplain management regulations, and derived from the Code of 1956, §§ 57.01 and 57.02.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 72.14. Definitions.

Terms defined elsewhere in the zoning code shall have the meanings as therein defined. The following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them herein.

Basement (floodplain management overlay districts only). Any area of a structure having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all four (4) sides.

Flood. A temporary increase in the flow or stage of a stream or in the stage of a wetland or lake that results in the inundation of normally dry areas.

Flood fringe. That portion of the floodplain outside of the floodway.

Flood proofing. Those methods of construction described in the Minnesota State Building Code which, when applied to structures or properties, will prevent or mitigate damage from floods.

Flood, regional. A flood which is representative of large floods known to have occurred and characteristic of what can be statistically expected to have a one (1) percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. Regional flood is synonymous with the term "base flood" in the Flood Insurance Study, and is commonly referred to as the "one hundred-year flood" or "one (1) percent chance flood."

Floodplain. The areas adjoining a lake or watercourse at or below the water surface elevation associated with the regional flood that have been or hereafter may be covered by the regional flood.

Floodway. The bed of a lake or the channel of a watercourse and those portions of the adjoining floodplain which have been determined necessary to carry or store the discharge the regional flood. The floodway has been determined in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103F, and Minnesota Regulations Part 6120.5700, Subp. 4.

Historic structure (floodplain management overlay districts only). Any structure that is:

(1) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the department of interior) or preliminarily determined by the secretary of the interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;

(2) Certified or preliminarily determined by the secretary of the interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the secretary to qualify as a registered historic district; or

(3) Designated by the city as a heritage preservation site.

Lowest floor (floodplain management overlay districts only). The lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement). An unfinished or flood-resistant enclosure, used solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or storage in an area other than a basement area, is not considered a building's lowest floor.

Manufactured home. A structure, transportable in one (1) or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include the term "recreational vehicle."

Obstruction (floodplain management overlay districts only). Any dam, wall, wharf, embankment, levee, dike, pile, abutment, projection, excavation, channel modification, culvert, building, wire, fence, stockpile, refuse, fill, structure or matter in, along, across or projecting into any channel, watercourse or regulatory floodplain which may impede, retard or change the direction of the flow of water, either by itself or by catching or collecting debris carried by such water.

Reach. A hydraulic engineering term to describe a longitudinal segment of a stream or river influenced by a natural or man-made obstruction. In an urban area, the segment of a stream or river between two (2) consecutive bridge crossings would most typically constitute a reach.

Recreational vehicle. A vehicle that is built on a single chassis, is four hundred (400) square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection, is designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck, and is designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use. For the purposes of this article, the term recreational vehicle shall be synonymous with the term travel trailer/travel vehicle.

Regulatory flood protection elevation. That elevation not less than two (2) feet above the water surface profile associated with the regional flood plus any increase in flood heights attributable to encroachments on the floodplain.

Substantial damage. Damage of any origin sustained by a structure where the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

Substantial improvement (floodplain management overlay districts only). Within any consecutive three hundred sixty-five-day period, any reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair after damage, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage," regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:

(a) Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions.

(b) Any alteration of a "historic structure," provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure."

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 72.15. Establishment.

(a) This chapter applies to all lands within the city shown on the flood insurance rate map as being located within the boundaries of zone AE for the Mississippi River and zone A for Lake Phalen and Beaver Lake. If any of these floodplain land areas included on the flood insurance rate map are annexed into the city, they shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter immediately upon the date of annexation.

(b) The following materials are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this code as if the material and information set forth therein were fully described herein: the Flood Insurance Study, Ramsey County, Minnesota (All Jurisdictions), Flood Insurance Rate Map Panels numbered 27123C0080G, 27123C0087G, 27123C0089G, 27123C0092G, 27123C0093G, 27123C0094G, 27123C0101G, 27123C0102G, 27123C0103G, 27123C0104G, 27123C0108G, 27123C0110G, 27123C0111G, 27123C0112G, 27123C0116H, 27123C0117G, 27123C0118G, 27123C0119G, and the Flood Insurance Rate Map Index numbered 27123CIND0B, all of these documents being prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and dated June 4, 2010 except FIRM Panel No. 27123C0116H containing revised flood hazard information which shall became effective as of September 16, 2015 and Flood Insurance Rate Map Index Panel No. 27123CIND0B reflecting the changes to FIRM Panel No. 27123C0116H effective as of September 16, 2015, and the Flood Insurance Study.

(c) The FW floodway district shall include those zone AE areas designated as floodway on the flood insurance rate map and those zone A areas for Lake Phalen and Beaver Lake on the flood insurance rate map that are below the respective ordinary high water elevations as defined in Minnesota Statutes, § 103G.005, Subd. 14. The FF flood fringe district shall include those areas designated as zone AE and outside of the floodway on the flood insurance rate map and those zone A areas for Lake Phalen and Beaver Lake on the flood insurance rate map that are located below the one hundred-year flood elevation of 861.36 (National Vertical Datum of 1988) for Lake Phalen and below the one hundred-year flood elevation of 951.58 (National Vertical Datum of

1988) for Beaver Lake and above the respective ordinary high water elevations as defined in Minnesota Statutes, § 103G.005, Subd. 14.

(d) Within these districts all uses not allowed as permitted or conditional uses shall be and are hereby prohibited. Legal nonconforming structures or uses existing on the effective date of this chapter or amendment thereto will be permitted to continue as provided in chapter 62 and section 72.41.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10; Ord 15-41, § 2, 9-23-15)

Sec. 72.16. District boundaries interpreted.

Decisions on floodway and flood fringe overlay district boundaries shall be based on the regional flood profile; examination of the floodway delineation on the flood insurance rate map and other supporting technical data in the flood insurance study as adopted in section 72.15, and the ground elevations that existed on the site on the date of the first National Flood Insurance Program map, dated February 9, 1973, showing the area in the floodplain.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

ARTICLE II. 72.20. ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 72.21. Compliance.

(a) *Permit required.* A building permit issued by the building official in conformance with the provisions of this chapter shall be secured as required by the Minnesota State Building Code prior to the erection, addition, modification, rehabilitation (including normal maintenance and repair), or alteration of any building, structure, or portion thereof; prior to the construction of a dam or on-site septic system; and prior to the repair of a structure that has been damaged by flood, fire, tornado, or any other source. A permit approved by the zoning administrator in conformance with the provisions of this chapter shall be secured prior to the use or change of use of a building, structure or land; prior to construction of a detached accessory structure, detached deck or platform, fence, retaining wall, or tank; and prior to the placement of fill, excavation of materials, or the storage of materials or equipment within the floodplain. A permit issued by the planning commission in conformance with the provisions of this chapter shall be secured prior to the change or expansion of a nonconforming use.

(b) *Compliance of uses or occupations required.* No use or occupation of any lands, for any purpose whatsoever, shall hereafter be permitted within the floodplain management overlay districts without full compliance with the terms of this chapter and other applicable laws.

(c) *Compliance of structures, fill, etc.* No structure, fill, material or object shall hereafter be placed on or removed from lands within the floodplain management overlay districts, and no structures or other object shall hereafter be located, used, occupied, constructed, erected, converted, altered, or enlarged within the district without full compliance with this chapter and other applicable laws.

(d) *Review of building permits for adequate floodproofing.* All building permits for structures proposed to be floodproofed shall be reviewed to determine whether the structures will be adequately floodproofed.

(e) *Certification.* Before a certificate of occupancy is issued for any development in the floodplain management overlay districts, the applicant shall submit to the zoning administrator certification by a registered professional engineer, registered architect, registered landscape architect or registered land surveyor that the finished fill and building elevations were accomplished in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Finished fill and building elevations shall be verified by ground surveys. Floodproofing measures shall be certified by a registered professional engineer or registered architect.

(f) *Record of elevation of lowest floor and floodproofing.* The zoning administrator shall maintain a record of the elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new structures, altered structures or additions to existing structures in the floodplain. The zoning administrator shall also maintain a record of the elevation to which all new structures and alterations or additions to structures are floodproofed.

(g) *Notifications for watercourse alterations.* The zoning administrator shall notify, in riverine situations, adjacent communities and the commissioner of the department of natural resources prior to the community authorizing any alteration or relocation of a watercourse. If the applicant has applied for a permit to work in the beds of public waters pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Chapter 103G, this shall suffice as adequate notice to the commissioner of natural resources. A copy of said notification shall also be submitted to the Chicago Regional Office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

(h) *Notification to FEMA when physical changes increase or decrease the one hundred-year flood elevation.* As soon as is practicable, but not later than six (6) months after the date such supporting information becomes available, the zoning administrator shall notify the Chicago Regional Office of FEMA of the changes by submitting a copy of said technical or scientific data.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 72.22. Site plan review.

A site plan shall be submitted to and approved by the planning commission in accordance with section 61.402 before a permit is issued for any development on property wholly or partially located within the floodplain management overlay districts. The site plan shall include the regulatory flood protection elevation; the proposed elevation of fill; the proposed elevation of the lowest floor of new structures, altered structures and additions to existing structures; and the proposed elevation to which structures will be floodproofed.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 72.23. Notify commissioner of natural resources.

A copy of the application for a floodplain conditional use permit or variance shall be submitted to the commissioner of natural resources sufficiently in advance so that the commissioner will receive at least ten (10) days notice of the hearing. A copy of all decisions granting floodplain conditional use permits or variances shall be forwarded to the commissioner of natural resources within ten (10) days of such action.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 72.24. Notice of increased insurance costs.

Applicants for a conditional use permit or variance to construct a structure below the regulatory flood protection elevation shall be notified that:

(1) The issuance of a conditional use permit or variance to construct a structure below the regulatory flood protection elevation may result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for one hundred dollars ($100.00) of insurance coverage; and

(2) Such construction below the regulatory flood protection elevation increases risks to life and property. Such notification shall be maintained with a record of the conditional use permit or variance. The planning or zoning administrator shall report such conditional use permits or variances issued in the biennial report submitted to the administrator of the National Flood Insurance Program.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

~~Sec. 72.25. Variances.~~

~~(a) The burden of proof shall rest with the applicant to demonstrate conclusively that a variance to the provisions of this chapter will not result in a hazard to life or property and will not adversely affect the public health and safety; such proof may include soils, geology and hydrology reports signed by registered professional engineers. Variances shall be consistent with the general purposes of the standards contained in this chapter and state law and the intent of applicable state and national laws and programs. In granting a variance, the board of zoning appeals shall make written findings, consistent with the criteria specified in this article, stating the grounds upon which the variance is justified. Although variances may be used to modify permissible methods of flood protection, no variance shall have the effect of allowing in any district uses prohibited in that district, permit a lower degree of flood protection than the flood protection elevation for the particular area, or permit a lesser degree of flood protection than required by state law.~~

~~(b) Variances shall not be granted within the floodway if any increase in flood levels during the regional flood discharge would result.~~

~~(c) Variances shall only be granted upon:~~

~~(1) A showing of good and sufficient cause;~~

~~(2) A determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship to the applicant; and~~

~~(3) A determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisances, cause fraud on or victimization of the public, or conflict with existing local laws or ordinances.~~

~~(d) Variances shall only be granted upon a determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.~~

~~(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)~~

~~Sec. 72.26. Amendments.~~

~~(a) All amendments shall be made in the manner set forth in Minnesota Statutes, § 462.357. The floodplain designations established by this chapter shall not be removed from floodplain areas unless it can be shown that the designation is in error or that the areas are filled to an elevation at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation and are contiguous to other lands lying outside the floodplain. Special exceptions to this rule may be permitted by the commissioner of natural resources if it is determined that, through other measures, lands are adequately protected for the intended use.~~

~~(b) All amendments to this chapter, including amendments to the floodplain management overlay districts maps, must be submitted to and approved by the commissioner of natural resources prior to adoption. Changes to the floodplain boundaries must meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) technical conditions and criteria and must receive prior FEMA approval before adoption. The commissioner of natural resources must be given ten (10) days' written notice of all hearings to consider an amendment to this chapter and such notice shall include a draft of the amendment or technical study under consideration.~~

~~(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)~~

~~*ARTICLE III. 72.30. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS*~~

~~Sec. 72.31. Application.~~

~~The planning administrator shall determine whether to require any or all of the following six (6) items of information to be supplied by the applicant as a prerequisite to the consideration of the application:~~

~~(a) Plans in triplicate drawn to scale, prepared by and signed by a registered engineer, architect and/or land surveyor as applicable, showing the nature, location, dimensions and elevation of the land; existing surface contours, structures, streets and utilities; proposed surface contours, structures, fill and the location and elevations of proposed streets, water supply, sanitary facilities and other utilities showing the relationship of the above to the channel or lake shoreline and to the designated floodplain management overlay districts limits.~~

~~(b) Specifications for building construction and materials, floodproofing, filling, dredging, grading, channel improvements, storage of materials, water supply and sanitary facilities.~~

~~(c) Typical valley cross-sections of areas to be occupied by the proposed development showing the channel of the stream, elevation of land areas, high water information, vegetation and soil types.~~

~~(d) Plan (surface view) of the proposed development showing the proposed use or uses of the area and structures and providing location, relationships and spatial arrangements of those uses and related structures to pertinent elevations, fill, storage location, utilities and other features.~~

~~(e) Profile showing the slope of the bottom of the channel and flow lines of the stream.~~

~~(f) A written evaluation by a registered engineer or other expert person or agency of the proposed project in relationship to flood heights and velocities, the seriousness of flood damage to the use, the adequacy of plans for flood protection and other technical matters.~~

~~(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)~~

~~Sec. 72.32. Factors considered.~~

~~In addition to the general standards and requirements in section 61.500 and all other relevant factors specified in other sections of this chapter, in reviewing conditional use permit applications, the planning commission or planning administrator shall consider the following:~~

~~(a) The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for the city.~~

~~(b) The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community.~~

~~(c) The ability of the existing topography, soils and geology to support and accommodate the proposed use.~~

~~(d) The compatibility of the proposed use with existing characteristics of biologic and other natural communities.~~

~~(e) The proposed water supply and sanitation systems and the ability of those systems to prevent disease, contamination and unsanitary conditions.~~

~~(f) The requirements of the facility for a river-dependent location, if applicable.~~

~~(g) The safety of access to the property for ordinary vehicles.~~

~~(h) The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner.~~

~~(i) The dangers to life and property due to increased flood heights or velocities caused by encroachments.~~

(j) The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise, and sediment transport of the floodwaters expected at the site.

(k) The danger that materials may be swept onto other lands or downstream to the injury of others.

(l) The availability of alternative locations or configurations for the proposed use.

(m) Such other factors as are relevant to the purposes of this chapter.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 72.33. Conditions imposed.

The planning commission or planning administrator may attach such conditions to the granting of conditional use permits as are deemed necessary to fulfill the purposes of this chapter. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Modifications of design, site planning or site treatment.

(b) Requirements for implementation of erosion and sediment control, vegetation management, wildlife management and other protective measures.

(c) Modifications of waste disposal and water supply facilities or operations.

(d) Limitations on period of use and operation, a flood warning system and an evacuation plan.

(e) Imposition of operational controls, sureties and deed restrictions.

(f) Requirements for construction of channel improvements, modifications, dredging, dikes, levees and other protective measures.

(g) Floodproofing measures shall be designed consistent with state-established floodproofing standards in the Minnesota State Building Code and with the flood protection elevation for the particular area including flood velocities, duration and rate of rise, hydrostatic and hydrodynamic forces, and other factors associated with the regulatory flood. The planning commission shall require that the applicant submit a plan or documents certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the floodproofing measures are consistent with the regulatory flood elevation and associated flood factors for the particular area. The floodproofing measures that may be required include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Anchorage to resist flotation and lateral movement.

(2) Installation of watertight doors, bulkheads and shutters, or similar methods of construction.

(3) Reinforcement of walls to resist water pressure.

(4) Use of paints, membranes or mortars to reduce seepage of water through walls.

(5) Addition of mass or weight to structures to resist flotation.

(6) Installation of pumps to lower water levels in structures.

(7) Construction of water supply and waste treatment systems to prevent the entrance of floodwaters.

(8) Installation of pumping facilities or comparable practice for subsurface drainage systems for buildings to relieve external foundation wall and basement floor pressures.

(9) Construction to resist rupture or collapse caused by water pressure or floating debris.

(10) Installation of valves or controls on sanitary and storm drainage which will permit the drains to be closed to prevent backup of sewage and stormwaters into the buildings or structures. Gravity draining of basements may be eliminated by mechanical devices.

(11) Location of all electrical equipment, circuits and installed electrical appliances such that they are not subject to the regional flood.

(12) Location of any structural storage facilities for chemicals, explosives, buoyant materials, flammable liquids or other toxic materials that could be hazardous to public health, safety and welfare (if permissible under the Minnesota State Building Code) above the flood protection elevation or provision of adequate floodproofing to prevent flotation of or damage to storage containers which could result in the escape of toxic materials into floodwaters.

(h) Specifications for building construction and materials, filling and grading, water supply, sanitary facilities, utilities and other work or construction to be submitted to the city department of safety and inspections for review and approval prior to any development.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

ARTICLE IV. 72.40. NONCONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES

Sec. 72.41. Floodplain nonconforming uses and structures.

Nonconforming structures and use of structures or land shall be subject to the regulations in this section as well as provisions of chapter 62, nonconforming lots, uses and structures. A structure or the use of a structure or premises which was lawful before the passage or amendment of this chapter but which is not in conformity with the provisions of this chapter may be continued subject to the following conditions:

(a) No structure shall be expanded, changed, enlarged or altered in a way which increases its nonconformity.

(b) Any structural alteration or addition to a nonconforming structure which would result in increasing the flood damage potential of that structure or use shall be protected to the regulatory flood protection elevation in accordance with any of the elevation on fill or floodproofing techniques (i.e., FP-1 through FP-4 floodproofing classifications) allowable in the Minnesota State Building Code, except as further restricted in subsection c. below.

(c) Except for historic structures, if a substantial improvement (defined in section 72.14) occurs from any combination of a building addition to the outside dimensions of an existing building or a rehabilitation, reconstruction, alteration, or other improvement to the inside of an existing nonconforming building, then the building addition and the existing nonconforming building must meet the requirements of section 72.60 or 72.70 for new structures, depending upon whether the structure is in the floodway or flood fringe, respectively. If a substantial improvement occurs only from a building addition, then the building addition must meet the elevation on fill or floodproofing requirements of section 72.60 or 72.70 for new structures and the existing structure must also meet the requirements of section 72.60 or 72.70 for new structures if any alteration is made to the common wall in excess of installing a standard doorway.

(d) When a nonconforming use is discontinued or ceases to exist for a continuous period of three hundred sixty-five (365) days, the building and premises shall thereafter be used in conformance with this chapter, unless the planning commission approves a permit to reestablish the nonconforming use as set forth in section 62.109(e).

(e) If any nonconforming structure is substantially damaged, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformity with the provisions of this chapter. The applicable provisions for establishing new structures in section 72.60 or 72.70 will apply depending upon whether the structure is in the floodway or flood fringe, respectively.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

ARTICLE V. 72.50. GENERAL STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 72.51. Public utilities, railroads, roads and bridges.

(a) *Public utilities.* All public utilities and facilities such as gas, electrical, sewer and water supply systems to be located in the floodplain shall be floodproofed in accordance with the Minnesota State Building Code or elevated to above the regulatory flood protection elevation.

(b) *Public transportation facilities.* Railroad tracks, roads and bridges to be located within the floodplain shall comply with sections 72.60 and 72.70 of this chapter. Elevation to the regulatory flood protection elevation shall be provided where the failure or interruption of these transportation facilities would result in danger to the public health or safety or where such facilities are essential to the orderly functioning of the area. Minor or auxiliary roads or railroads may be constructed at a lower elevation where failure or interruption of transportation services would not endanger the public health or safety.

(c) *On-site sewage treatment and water supply systems.* Where public utilities are not provided: 1) on-site water supply systems must be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems; and 2) new or replacement on-site sewage treatment systems must be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems and discharges from the systems into floodwaters and they shall not be subject to impairment or contamination during times of flooding. Any sewage treatment system designed in accordance with the state's current statewide standards for on-site sewage treatment systems shall be determined to be in compliance with this section.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

ARTICLE VI. 72.60. FW FLOODWAY OVERLAY DISTRICT

Sec. 72.61. Permitted uses.

(a) The following uses shall be permitted within the FW Floodway District to the extent that they are not prohibited by any other provision of the zoning code or other ordinances. The uses are subject to the conditions of the underlying zoning district and to the standards for permitted uses in the Floodway District.

(1) Nonstructural industrial-commercial uses, such as open-loading areas, parking areas, interior service roads, airport service roads and airport runways.

(2) Public and private recreational uses such as golf courses, tennis courts, driving ranges, archery ranges, picnic and camp grounds, boat launching and beaching areas or ramps, swimming areas, parks, playgrounds, wildlife and nature preserves, game farms, fish hatcheries, and hiking, bicycling, horseback or recreational vehicle areas and trails, and other open space uses.

(3) Accessory residential uses such as lawns, gardens, parking areas and play areas.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 72.62. Standards for permitted uses in the FW floodway district.

(a) The use shall not obstruct flood flows to the point that it increases the one (1) percent chance flood elevation and shall not involve structures, fill, obstruction, excavations or storage of materials or equipment.

(b) The use shall have a low flood damage potential.

(c) The use shall not adversely affect the hydraulic capacity of the channel or floodway or any tributary to the main stream or of any ditch or other drainage facility or system.

(d) No use shall be permitted which is likely to cause pollution of waters, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 115.01, unless adequate safeguards, approved by the state pollution control agency, are provided.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 72.63. Conditional uses.

The following uses shall be permitted within the FW floodway district to the extent they are not prohibited by any other provision of the zoning code or other ordinances, subject to issuance of a conditional use permit by the planning commission according to the provisions for conditional use permits in chapter 61. The uses are subject to the conditions of the underlying zoning district and to the standards for conditional uses in the floodway district.

(a) Railroads, highways, streets, alleys, access roads, bridges, sewers, utilities, utility transmission lines and pipe lines.

(b) Marinas, boat rentals, docks, piers, mooring anchors, wharves, water control structures and navigation facilities.

(c) Storage yards or areas for equipment, machinery or bulk materials.

(d) Structures accessory to permitted uses in section 72.61 or conditional uses of this section.

(e) Placement of fill.

(f) Structural works for flood control such as levees, dikes and floodwalls constructed to any height where the intent is to protect individual structures.

(g) Fences.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 72.64. Standards for conditional uses in the FW floodway district.

(a) No structure (temporary or permanent), fill deposit (including fill for roads and levees), obstruction, storage of materials or equipment, or other use may be allowed that will cause an increase in the height of the regional flood or cause an increase in flood damages in the reach or reaches affected. The use shall not adversely affect the hydraulic capacity of the channel or floodway or any tributary to the main stream or of any ditch or other drainage facility or system. For Lake Phalen and Beaver Lake, compensating flood water storage volume shall be provided below the 100-year flood elevation for any obstruction placed in the floodplain.

(b) Fill shall be protected from erosion by vegetative cover, mulching, riprap or other acceptable method.

(c) Accessory structures shall not be designed for human habitation.

(d) Accessory structures shall be constructed and placed on the building site so as to offer the minimum obstruction to the flow of floodwaters:

(1) Whenever possible, structures shall be constructed with the longitudinal axis parallel to the direction of flood flow; and

(2) So far as practicable, structures shall be placed approximately on the same flood flow lines as those of adjoining structures.

(e) Accessory structures shall be elevated on fill or structurally dry floodproofed in accordance with the FP-1 or FP-2 floodproofing classification in the Minnesota State Building Code. As an alternative, an accessory structure may be floodproofed to the FP-3 or FP-4 floodproofing classification in the Minnesota State Building Code, provided the accessory structure constitutes a minimal investment, does not exceed five

hundred (500) square feet in size, and for a detached garage, the detached garage must be used solely for parking of vehicles and limited storage. All floodproofed accessory structures must meet the following additional standards:

(1) The structure must be adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure and shall be designed to equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls;

(2) Any mechanical and utility equipment in a structure must be elevated to or above the regulatory flood protection elevation or properly floodproofed; and

(3) To allow for the equalization of hydrostatic pressure, there must be a minimum of two "automatic" openings in the outside walls of the structure having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding. There must be openings on at least two sides of the structure and the bottom of all openings must be no higher than one foot above the lowest adjacent grade to the structure. Using human intervention to open a garage door prior to flooding will not satisfy this requirement for automatic openings.

(f) The storage or processing of materials that are, in time of flooding, flammable, explosive, or potentially injurious to human, animal, or plant life is prohibited. Storage of materials or equipment may be allowed if readily removable from the area within the time available after a flood warning and in accordance with a plan approved by the planning commission.

(g) Structural works for flood control that will change the course, current or cross-section of protected wetlands, or public waters shall be subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103.G. Structural works for flood control intended to remove areas from the regulatory floodplain shall not be allowed in the floodway.

(h) A levee, dike or floodwall constructed in the floodway shall not cause an increase to the regional flood and the technical analysis must assume equal conveyance or storage loss on both sides of a stream.

(i) No use shall be permitted which is likely to cause pollution of waters, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, § 115.01, unless adequate safeguards, approved by the state pollution control agency, are provided.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

ARTICLE VII. 72.70. FF FLOOD FRINGE OVERLAY DISTRICT

Sec. 72.71. Permitted uses.

Permitted uses in the FF flood fringe overlay district shall be those uses of land or structures listed as permitted uses in the underlying zoning district. These uses are subject to the conditions of the underlying zoning district, to the standards for permitted uses in the flood fringe district in section 72.72, and to the standards for all flood fringe uses in section 72.75.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 72.72. Standards for permitted uses in the FF flood fringe district.

(a) All structures with a roof and a wall or attachment to utilities, including gas and liquid storage tanks and accessory structures, must be elevated on fill so that the lowest floor including basement floor is at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation. The finished fill elevation for such structures shall be not lower than one (1) foot below the regulatory flood protection elevation and the fill shall extend at such elevation at least fifteen (15) feet beyond the outside limits of the structure erected thereon.

(b) As an alternative to elevation on fill, accessory structures that constitute a minimal investment and that do not exceed five hundred (500) square feet for the outside dimension at ground level may be internally floodproofed in accordance with section 72.64(e).

(c) The storage of any materials or equipment shall be elevated on fill to the regulatory flood protection elevation.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 72.73. Conditional uses.

Any structure in the FF flood fringe district that is not elevated on fill or floodproofed in accordance with section 72.72(a) or (b), and any use of land that does not comply with section 72.72(c), shall only be allowable as a conditional use, subject to issuance of a conditional use permit by the planning commission according to the provisions for conditional use permits in chapter 61. The uses are subject to the conditions of the underlying zoning district, to the standards for conditional uses in the flood fringe district in section 72.74, and to the standards for all flood fringe uses in section 72.75.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

Sec. 72.74. Standards for conditional uses in the FF flood fringe district.

(a) Alternative elevation methods other than the use of fill may be utilized to elevate a structure's lowest floor above the regulatory flood protection elevation. These alternative methods may include the use of stilts, pilings, parallel walls or above grade, enclosed areas such as crawl spaces or tuck-under garages. The base or floor of an enclosed area shall be considered above grade and not a structure's basement or lowest floor if: 1) the enclosed area is above grade on at least one (1) side of the structure; 2) is designed to internally flood and is constructed with flood-resistant materials; and 3) is used solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage. The above-noted alternative elevation methods are subject to the following additional standards:

(1) *Design and certification.* The structure's design and as-built condition must be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect as being in compliance with the general design standards of the Minnesota State Building Code and, specifically, that all electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities must be at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation or be designed to prevent floodwater from entering or accumulating within these components during times of flooding.

(2) *Specific standards for above grade, enclosed areas.* Above grade, fully enclosed areas such as crawl spaces or tuck-under garages must be designed to internally flood and the design plans must stipulate:

a. A minimum area of "automatic" openings in the walls where internal flooding is to be used as a floodproofing technique. There shall be a minimum of two (2) openings on at least two (2) sides of the structure and the bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one (1) foot above grade. The automatic openings shall have a minimum net area of not less than one (1) square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding unless a registered professional engineer or architect certifies that a smaller net area would suffice. The automatic openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves or other coverings or devices, provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters without any form of intervention.

b. That the enclosed area will be designed of flood-resistant materials in accordance with the FP-3 or FP-4 classifications in the Minnesota State Building Code and shall be used solely for building access, parking of vehicles or storage.

(b) Basements, as defined in section 72.14, shall be subject to the following:

(1) Residential basement construction shall not be allowed below the regulatory flood protection elevation except as authorized in subsection (c) of this section.

(2) Nonresidential basements may be allowed below the regulatory flood-protection elevation, provided the basement is protected in accordance with subsection (c) or (e) of this section.

(c) All areas of nonresidential structures including basements to be placed below the regulatory flood protection elevation shall be structurally dry floodproofed in accordance with the FP-1 or FP-2 floodproofing classifications in the Minnesota State Building Code. This shall require making the structure watertight, with the walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effects of buoyancy. Structures floodproofed to the FP-3 or FP-4 classification shall not be permitted.

(d) The storage or processing of materials that are, in times of flooding, flammable, explosive or potentially injurious to human, animal or plant life is prohibited. Storage of other materials or equipment may be allowed if readily removable from the area within the time available after a flood warning and in accordance with a plan approved by the planning commission, or if elevated above the regulatory flood protection elevation by alternative methods which meet the requirements of subsection (a) above. Storage of bulk materials may be allowed provided an erosion/sedimentation control plan is submitted which clearly specifies methods to be used to stabilize the materials on site for a regional flood event. The plan must be prepared and certified by a registered professional engineer or other qualified individual acceptable to the planning commission.

(e) When the Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a letter of map revision fill (LOMR-F) for vacant parcels of land elevated by fill to the one (1) percent chance flood elevation, the area elevated by fill remains subject to the provisions of this chapter. A structure may be placed on the area elevated by fill with the lowest floor below the regulatory flood protection elevation provided the structure meets the following provisions:

(1) No floor level or portion of a structure that is below the regulatory flood protection elevation shall be used as habitable space or for storage of any property, materials, or equipment that might constitute a safety hazard when contacted by floodwaters. Habitable space shall be defined as any space in a structure used for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet compartments, closets, halls, storage rooms, laundry or utility space, and similar areas are not considered habitable space.

(2) For residential and nonresidential structures, the basement floor may be placed below the regulatory flood protection elevation subject to the following standards:

a. The top of the immediate floor above any basement area shall be placed at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation.

b. Any area of the structure placed below the regulatory flood protection elevation shall meet the "reasonably safe from flooding" standards in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publication entitled "Ensuring that Structures Built on Fill In or Near Special Flood Hazard Areas Are Reasonably Safe From Flooding," Technical Bulletin 10-01, a copy of which is hereby adopted by reference and made part of this chapter. In accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and specifically section 72.33(g), the applicant shall submit documentation that the structure is designed and built in accordance with either the "Simplified Approach" or "Engineered Basement Option" found in FEMA Technical Bulletin 10-01.

c. If the ground surrounding the lowest adjacent grade to the structure is not at or above the regulatory flood protection elevation, then any portion of the structure that is below the regulatory flood protection elevation must be floodproofed consistent with any of the FP-1 through FP-4 floodproofing classifications found in the Minnesota State Building Code.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

~~Sec. 72.75. Standards for all FF flood fringe uses.~~

~~(a) *Vehicular access.* All new principal structures must have vehicular access at or above an elevation not more than two (2) feet below the regulatory flood protection elevation. If a variance to this requirement is granted, limitations on the period of use or occupancy of the structure for times of flooding must be specified and only after determining that adequate flood warning time and local flood emergency response procedures exist.~~

~~(b) *Commercial uses.* Accessory land uses, such as yards, railroad tracks and parking lots may be at elevations lower than the regulatory flood protection elevation. However, a permit for such facilities to be used by the employees or the general public shall not be granted in the absence of a flood warning system that provides adequate time for evacuation if the area would be inundated to a depth and velocity such that when multiplying the depth (in feet) times velocity (in feet per second) the product number exceeds four (4) upon occurrence of the regional flood.~~

~~(c) *Manufacturing and industrial uses.* Measures shall be taken to minimize interference with normal plant operations. Certain accessory land uses such as yards and parking lots may be at lower elevation subject to requirements set out in subdivision (b) above. In considering permit applications, due consideration shall be given to needs of an industry whose business requires that it be located in floodplain areas.~~

~~(d) *Standards pertaining to fill.* Fill shall be properly compacted and the slopes shall be properly protected by the use of riprap, vegetative cover or other acceptable method. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has established criteria for removing the special flood hazard area designation for certain structures properly elevated on fill above the one (1) percent chance flood elevation. FEMA's requirements incorporate specific fill compaction and side slope protection standards for multistructure or multilot developments. These standards should be investigated prior to the initiation of site preparation if a change of special flood hazard area designation will be requested.~~

~~(e) *Developments not to affect hydraulic capacities.* Floodplain developments shall not adversely affect the hydraulic capacity of the channel and adjoining floodplain of any tributary watercourse or drainage system where a floodway or other encroachment limit has not been specified on the official zoning map. For Lake Phalen and Beaver Lake, compensating flood water storage volume shall be provided below the one hundred-year flood elevation for any obstruction placed in the floodplain.~~

~~(f) *Manufactured homes.* Manufactured homes must meet all the density, setback, flood protection and other requirements of the zoning code and all requirements of the housing and building code. All manufactured homes must be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system that resists flotation, collapse and lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This requirement is in addition to applicable state or local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces. New manufactured home parks shall be subject to the provisions placed on subdivisions by section 69.510.~~

~~(g) *Recreational vehicles.* Recreational vehicles shall not be used for living quarters, and are exempt from the provisions of this chapter if they have current licenses required for highway use, are highway ready meaning on wheels or the internal jacking system, are attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities commonly used in campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks, and the recreational vehicle has no permanent structural type additions attached to it. Recreational vehicles lose this exemption when development occurs on the parcel exceeding five hundred dollars ($500.00) for a structural addition to the recreational vehicle or an accessory structure such as a garage or storage building. The recreational vehicle and all additions and accessory structures will then be treated as a new structure and shall be subject to the elevation/flood proofing requirements and use of land restrictions specified in this chapter. There shall be no development or improvement on the parcel or attachment to the recreational vehicle that hinders the removal of the recreational vehicle to a flood free location should flooding occur. No new commercial recreational vehicle parks shall be allowed in the FW floodway or FF flood fringe overlay districts.~~

(h) *Pollution of waters.* No use shall be permitted which is likely to cause pollution of waters, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, § 115.01, unless adequate safeguards, approved by the state pollution control agency, are provided. No new construction, addition or modification to existing sewage treatment plants shall be permitted within the floodplain unless emergency plans and procedures for action to be taken in the event of flooding are prepared, filed with and approved by the state pollution control agency. The emergency plans and procedures must provide for measures to prevent introduction of any pollutant or toxic materials into the floodwaters.

(C.F. No. 10-277, § 1, 4-14-10)

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September 25, 2025

TO: **The Planning Commission**

FROM: **The Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee**

SUBJECT: **MRCCA Public Hearing Response and Revisions**

In the 1970s, the State of Minnesota created the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) to protect the Mississippi River's natural, cultural, and scenic resources through coordinated land planning and regulations within the seven-county metropolitan area. In 2017, new MRCCA rules were adopted by the state, which include specific zoning code provisions, definitions, and regulations that local units of government within the seven-county metropolitan area are required to adopt, along with new overlay zoning districts. This study was initiated by the Planning Commission in 2022 (PC Resolution 22-39) in response to those 2017 state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) changes to the MRCCA rules requiring cities in seven county metro area to adopt new zoning code provisions as amendments to the zoning code. In 2019 the DNR released a model ordinance that included both mandatory provisions, which cities are required to adopt, and optional provisions, which were intended to clarify processes that may otherwise be difficult to administer.

In January 2023, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on a draft set of amendments, which included optional provisions not required by the DNR model ordinance. Following the public hearing on the initial draft amendments and further consideration and staff revised the proposed amendments, removing many of the optional provisions in response to public testimony received during the 2023 public hearing. Because of the substantial changes to the draft ordinance since the 2023 public hearing, the planning commission released a new draft of amendments for public review in March of 2025.

Adoption Process:

Following the Planning Commission recommendation, the ordinance will be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council for their consideration and for final adoption. Once adopted and signed by the Mayor, the ordinance must be submitted to the DNR for final review and approval for conformance with the MRCCA Rules. The MRCCA Rules provide that the DNR Commissioner may

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then grant the ordinance final approval or return the ordinance for modification with a written explanation of the need for modification.

Overview of Proposed River Corridor & Floodplain Amendments:

Most of the proposed amendments are in Chapter 68 – Floodplain Management and River Corridor Overlay Districts. All existing Zoning Code Chapter 68 River Corridor Overlay District language, originally adopted in 1982, will need to be deleted and replaced with provisions that are consistent with the 2017 MRCCA rules. All existing Chapter 72 – Floodplain Management Overlay District language is proposed to be incorporated into Chapter 68 and renumbered as Chapter 68, Article I, 68.100, Floodplain Management Overlay Districts. The new MRCCA ordinance is proposed as Chapter 68, Article II, 68.200, MRCCA Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Overlay Districts.

Chapters 60 and 61 include general provisions and definitions required in the MRCCA Rules. Outdated definitions are also removed from Chapter 60 based on changes to the MRCCA ordinance.

The temporary "River Corridor" language in Chapter 66 is now obsolete with the new Critical Area regulations in Chapter 68 and is deleted in the draft ordinance.

May 2nd Public Hearing Summary:

On Friday, May 2nd, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the revised MRCCA amendments being proposed. Two individuals spoke in support of the proposed amendments, while 14 spoke in opposition. The Planning Commission also received one written comment in support of the amendments as drafted and 34 written comments opposing them, including a petition with 155 signatures.

Testimony in support of the proposed amendments generally favored the increased development flexibility they offer compared to the 2023 draft amendments, particularly the proposed height standard for the Urban Core (UC) overlay district, in downtown Saint Paul. Supporters noted that this change, which would allow building heights up to the district standards, would help facilitate new development in downtown.

Testimony opposing the proposed amendments generally advocated for the following changes:

1. Inclusion of the requirement for bird-safe glass on buildings constructed in the MRCCA;
2. Adoption of the model ordinance's additional optional findings for conditional use/interim use permits and variances;
3. Revisions to the methodology for prioritizing tiering; and

4. Lowering base building heights, with increases in height allowed through specific, formulaic setbacks from the shoreline, bluffs, and district boundaries to replace subjective tiring standards in the RTC, UM, UC overlay districts.

Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee recommendations to the full planning commission in response to public testimony:

In response to the public testimony submitted during the public hearing and staff report to CNPC dated September 10, 2025, the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee is recommending the following changes/additional studies:

1. **Bird safe glass.** Recommend the adoption of the attached MRCCA amendments without bird-safe glass provisions and initiating a separate study to evaluate bird-safe glass policy options in Saint Paul.
2. **Additional findings for MRCCA conditional use permits and variances.** Recommend the attached language related to variances and conditional use permits that cross-references required findings of Saint Paul Zoning Code, rather than cross referencing to state statutes. The committee is not recommending additional optional findings that would be specific to MRCCA variances and conditional use permits.
3. **Revisions to tiering.** Recommend deleting the tiering definition from section 68.214, deleting the site plan review standards for tiering in section 68.236, and replacing language for additional standards for conditional use permits to exceed the maximum MRCCA height in in section 68.236 with language that more closely resembles language in the DNR's model ordinance.
4. **Replacing vague tiering standards with formulaic tiering standards in section 68.234, structure heights.** Recommend replacing subjective tiering standards in the RTC, UM, and UC districts with objective formulaic tiering standards. These objective tiering standards have a base height of 35 feet at bluff lines, shoreline ordinary high-water levels, or district boundary lines, with allowances for height increases based on setbacks from the features. Structures set back far enough from these features can be constructed up to least restrictive maximum height possible in their respective overlay districts by-right. Height can be increased beyond the maximum height in the overlay districts subject to a conditional use permit and subjective tiering analysis. Under this recommended methodology and proposed height language, most parcels would be permitted to build to the maximum height permitted in their overlay districts without triggering objective or subjective tiering analysis.

CNPC Recommendation

The Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee recommends that the Planning Commission recommend approval of the draft ordinance as proposed in

the attached resolution and zoning text amendments and forward it to the City Council for final adoption.

Saint Paul Planning Commission
City Hall Conference Center Room 40
15 Kellogg Boulevard West
Action Minutes
October 17, 2025
8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes from September 19 and October 9, 2025, Planning Commission meetings.

Minutes for the September 19 and October 9, 2025, Planning Commission were approved.

II. Chair's Announcements

None.

III. Planning Director's Announcements

None.

IV. Zoning Committee

The October 23, 2025, Zoning Committee meeting is cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2025.

V. Comprehensive & Neighborhood Planning Committee

Mississippi River Critical Corridor Area – Review the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee recommendation and make a recommendation to the City Council. *(Tony Johnson, 651-266-6620)*

MOTION: A motion was made and passed to recommend approval of the draft ordinance as proposed and forward to the City Council for final adoption.

Initiate bird safe glass study – *(Tony Johnson, 651-266-6620)*

MOTION: A motion was made and passed to initiate a bird safe glass study with a friendly amendment to the language in the resolution.

Public Hearing: Congregate Living Zoning Study – *(Bill Dermody, 651-266-6617)*

Chair Grill opened the public hearing by reading the chair script. There were six speakers who voiced concerns and presented questions on the study. One person submitted written testimony as well.

MOTION: A motion was made and passed to close the public hearing and hold the record open for additional written testimony until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025. The matter has been referred to the Comprehensive & Neighborhood Planning Committee.

VI-. Transportation Committee

None.

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX Adjournment

9:22 a.m.

Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Zoning Study

Tony Johnson, Principal City Planner

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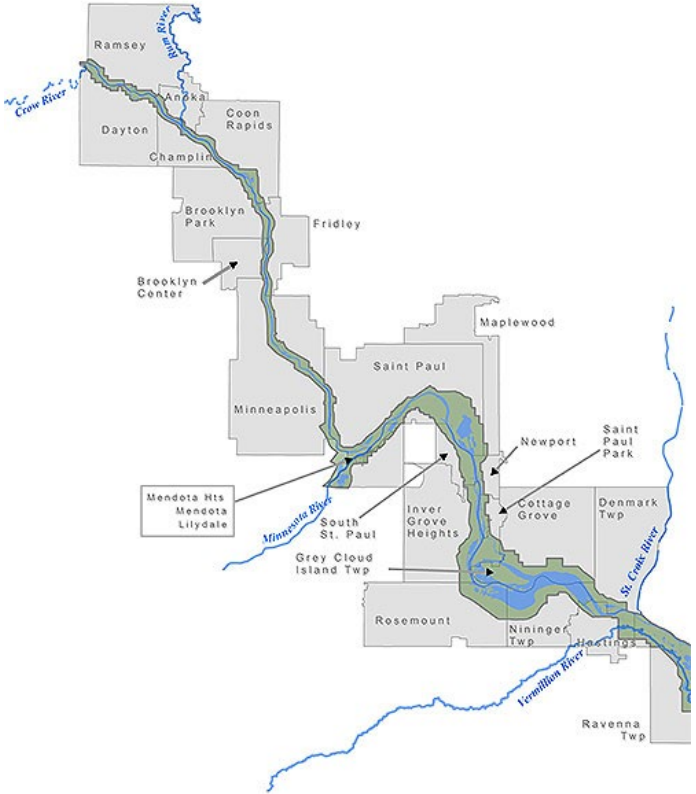
What is MRCCA?

- The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) program is a joint state, regional and local program that provides **coordinated land use planning and zoning regulations** for the 72-mile stretch of the Mississippi River through the seven-county metropolitan area.

- The MRCCA was designated a state critical area in 1976 to protect its natural, cultural and scenic resources. These resources are protected through development standards **administered through local government land use plans and zoning ordinances.**



Why are we here?

- State MRCCA Rules adopted in **2017.**
- In 2019 the DNR developed a model MRCCA ordinance.
    - Specific zoning code provisions, definitions, and regulations that local units are **required to adopt** to comply with the MRCCA Rules.
    - The model ordinance includes **optional language** that are intended to provide better resource protection either through higher standards than the minimum in the MRCCA Rules or by clarifying rule provisions that may otherwise be difficult to administer.

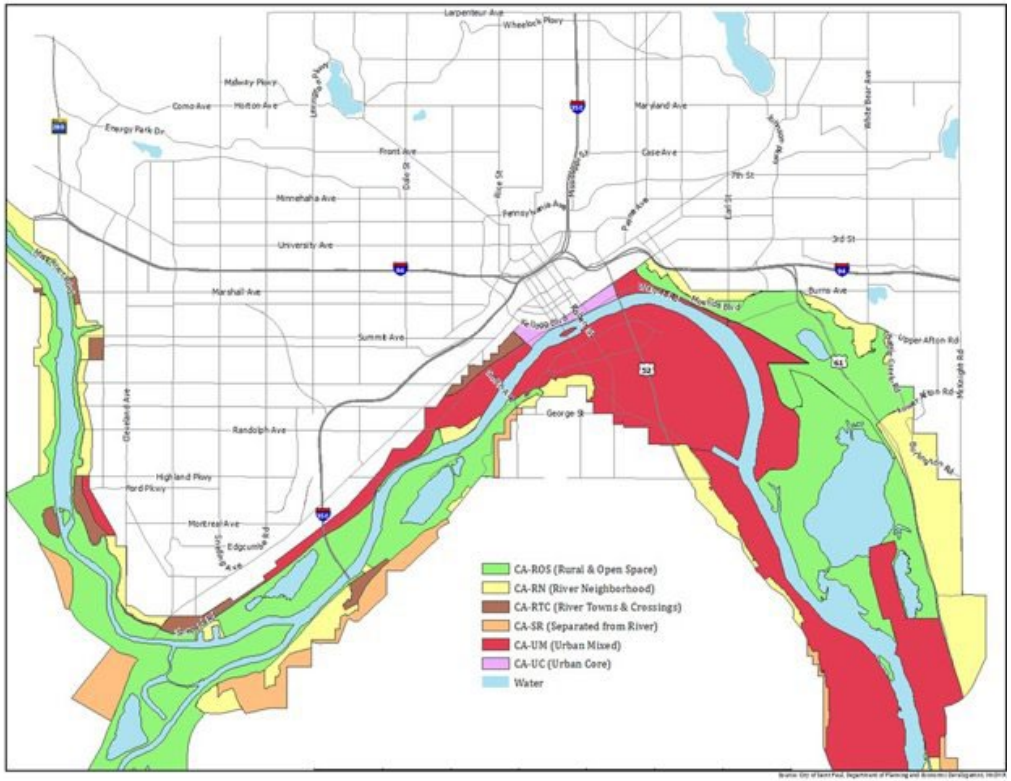
Old MRCCA Rules vs New MRCCA Rules

Stronger and more robust standards

- More height limits and protections of views
- More detail fir the variations in geological form, natural resources, and development history in the river corridor
- Closer regulation of taller buildings through a conditional use permit process, with specific requirements for mitigation of potential impacts on the river corridor/MRCCA.

How does MRCCA work?

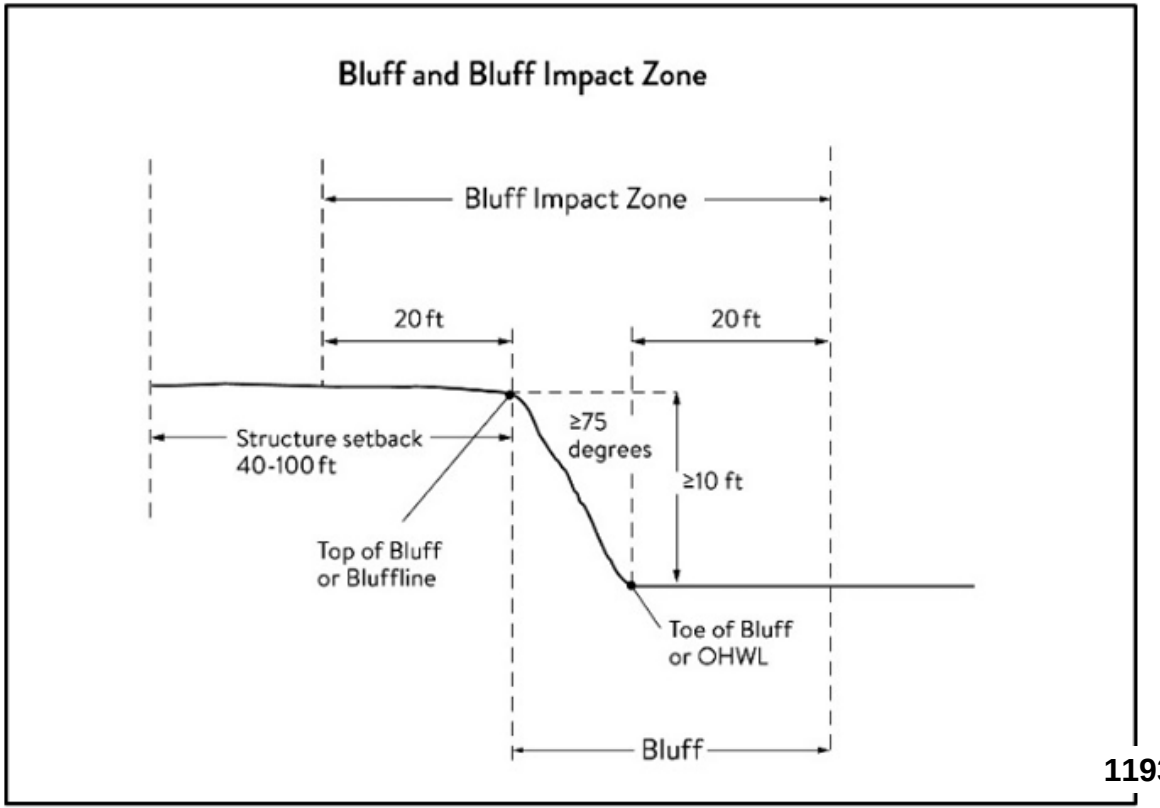
MRCCA District:	Minimum River Setback:	Minimum Bluff Setback:	Maximum Height:
ROS Rural & Open Space	200 ft.	100 ft.	**35 feet**
RN River Neighborhood	100 ft.	40 ft.	**35 feet**
RTC River & Towns Crossing	75 ft.	40 ft.	**48 feet** (additional height permitted with a conditional use permit)
SR Separated from the river	N/A	40 ft.	**Height is determined by underlying zoning,** provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development as viewed from the OHWL of the opposite shore.
UM Urban Mixed	50 ft.	40 ft.	**65 feet** (additional height permitted with a conditional use permit)
UC Urban Core	Determined by underlying zoning	Exempt	**Height is determined by underlying zoning.**



How does MRCCA work?

- Performance standards for different types of facilities
- Vegetation Management Standards
- Land alteration and storm water management standards
- Sub-division and land development standards

Figure 2. Natural Escarpment Bluff and Bluff Impact Zone



Proposed Amendments Overview

- Proposed amendments delete old 1982 MRCCA language in chapter 68 **and adopts new language that we are required to adopt** to comply with the 2017 MRCCA rules.
- Chapter 72, Floodplain management overlay district language is moved to chapter 68.

Adoption Process

- **DNR APPROVAL REQUIRED.** The ordinance must be submitted to the DNR for final review and approval for conformance with the MRCCA Rules.
- The MRCCA Rules provide that the DNR Commissioner may then grant the ordinance final approval or return the ordinance for modification with a written explanation of the need for modification.

Public Hearing

May 2nd, 2025, Public Hearing

Speakers at the public hearing

2 in support, 14 in opposition

Written comments

1 in support, 34 in opposition

Petition signatures

Against the proposed amendments

Supporters of the proposed amendments as drafted favored increased development flexibility, particularly in regard to the proposed height standard for the urban core (UC) overlay district to facilitate downtown development.

Key Opposition Requested Changes

1

Bird Safe Glass Provisions

Inclusion of the requirement for bird-safe glass on buildings constructed in the MRCCA.

2

Optional findings for Conditional Use Permits and Variances

Adoption of the model ordinance's additional optional findings for conditional use/interim use permits and variances.

3

Tiering Requirements

Revisions to the methodology for prioritizing tiering.

4

Building Heights

Lowering base building heights, with increases in height allowed through specific, formulaic setbacks from the shoreline, bluffs, and district boundaries.

Bird Safe Glass

Bird Safe Glass

- The largest percentage of public comments in opposition to the proposed ordinance are advocating for the inclusion of bird-safe glass provisions in the MRCCA ordinance.
- As a part of their public testimony friends of the Mississippi has provided specific language for bird-safe glass.

Proposed FMR – Bird Safe Glass Language

Sec. 68.247. Exterior Lighting
Lighting shall be fully shielded and directed downward, except as reasonably necessary for transportation safety, emergency and motion-activated security lighting, athletic fields, and outdoor recreation and entertainment facilities. Uplighting is prohibited.

Sec. 68.248. Bird-Safe Glass
(a) Bird-safe glass, with treatments to reduce bird collisions, shall be used on the first 70 feet above grade of new buildings and building additions as follows:

1. *For building elevations comprised of 50% or more glass on any floor, at least 85% of the glass must be treated.*
2. *For building elevations comprised of less than 50% glass on any floor, at least 85% of glass areas greater than 50 square feet must be treated.*
3. *Any glass area over 50 square feet located within 15 feet of a building corner must be treated.*
4. *All glass railings and enclosed building connections must be treated.*

(b) Bird-safe glass treatments may include:

1. *Full-surface treatments such as frosted or stained glass to improve visibility;*
2. *Physical structures on the exterior, such as grills or screens;*
3. *Exterior-visible glass patterns such as permanent stencils, ceramic frit, or ultraviolet patterns visible to birds.*
   To qualify, line patterns must use ¼-inch-wide lines spaced 2 inches on center, and dot patterns must use ⅜-inch-wide dots spaced 2 inches on center in both directions.

Staff Response

- This MRCCA zoning study was initiated in response to the 2017 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) updates to MRCCA rules.
  - Bird-safe glass is neither required by the rules nor included as an optional provision in the model ordinance.
  - No other communities have included bird safe glass in their MRCCA ordinances

Bird Safe Glass

- Bird-safe glass language was included in Saint Paul's 2023 draft amendments.
  - The 2023 memorandum did not provide a robust analysis of the potential impact on development feasibility, nor the effectiveness of such measures in reducing bird strikes.
  - Upon further internal review, there were several outstanding questions that had not been addressed in the 2023 memorandum analysis.

Bird Safe Glass Questions

- What are the cost implications of mandating bird-safe glass?
- What geographic areas would benefit most from such provisions?
- Is zoning the appropriate regulatory tool to advance bird-safe design?
- How would these requirements interact with historic district guidelines or T-district design standards that require window transparency?
- Could other design alternatives or standards complement bird-safe glass to reduce bird collisions more effectively?
- **Is the draft provision legal in its current form?**
    - DSI has concerns about how the draft amendment relates to the building code.

Bird Safe Glass – Potential CNPC Recommendations

Because bird-safe glass requirements **are not included in state MRCCA rules or model ordinance, and due to several unresolved questions**, staff removed the bird-safe glass provisions from the current draft amendments and recommended evaluating this issue through a separate, dedicated study, to allow for a comprehensive analysis of bird safe glass provisions.

1. **Staff recommendation (PED,DSI,CAO)** Recommend adoption of the MRCCA amendments without bird-safe glass provisions and initiate a separate study to evaluate bird-safe glass policy options in Saint Paul.

2. **Alternative recommendation based on testimony.** recommend the inclusion of the 2023 bird-safe glass provisions in the MRCCA amendments to be sent to the full Planning Commission.

Optional Findings CUP's, Interim Use permits, and Variances

Optional Findings

- Numerous public comments opposed to the current draft amendments advocated for the inclusion of additional findings for MRCCA interim use permits (IUPs), conditional use permits (CUPs), and variances.
- As an addendum to their public testimony, the Friends of the Mississippi recommended the following changes that would add optional findings from the DNR's model ordinances to MRCCA variances, IUPs, and CUPs.

Language Suggested by FMR

Sec. 68.224. Conditional and interim use permits.

All conditional use permits required under this article must comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 462.3595. All interim use permits must comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 462.3597. The planning commission or city council shall evaluate consider the potential impacts on primary conservation areas, public river corridor views, and other resources identified in the MRCCA plan, and in addition to all other requirements for conditional and interim use permits shall make written findings that the use is consistent with the purpose of this article as follows:

(a) The extent, location and intensity of the use will be in substantial compliance with the MRCCA Plan.

(b) The use is consistent with the character and management purpose of the MRCCA district.

(c) The use will not be detrimental to primary conservation areas or public river corridor views.

Sec. 68.223. Variances.

Variances to the requirements under this article may only be granted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.357. The board of zoning appeals or planning commission shall evaluate consider the potential impacts of variances on primary conservation areas, public river corridor views, and other resources identified in the MRCCA plan, and in addition to the requirements in section 61.601 of this code shall make written findings that the variance is consistent with the purpose of this article as follows:

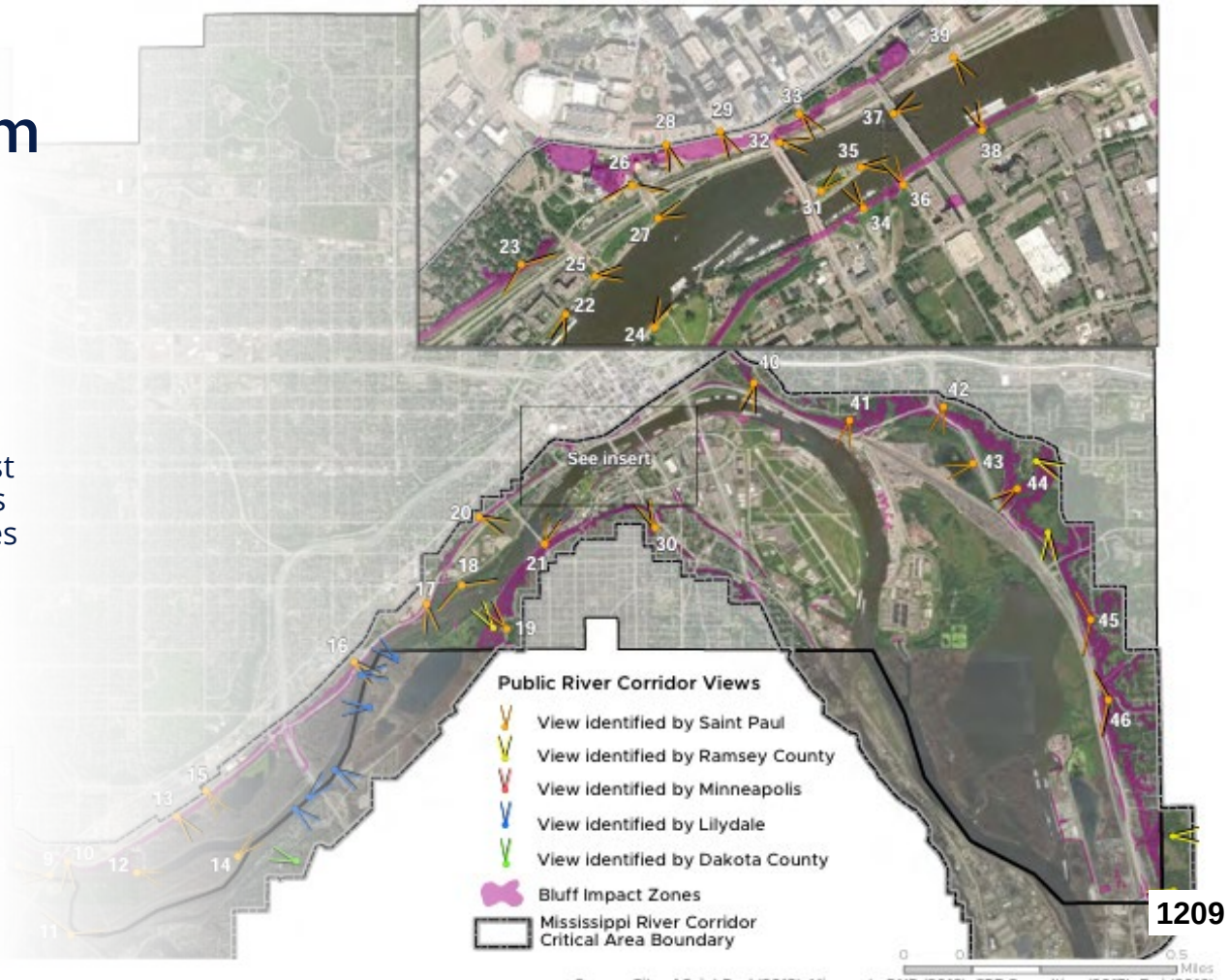
(a) The extent, location and intensity of the variance will be in substantial compliance with the MRCCA Plan.

(b) The variance is consistent with the character and management purpose of the MRCCA district.

(c) The variance will not be detrimental to primary conservation areas or public river corridor views.

Staff Response: CUP's and Interim Use Permits

- The suggested findings are **optional** and not required by the rules.
- With or without structured optional findings, the city must evaluate the potential impacts of conditional and interim uses **on primary conservation areas, public river corridor views, and other resources identified in the MRCCA chapter of the comprehensive plan**.



3 MRCCA CUP's

Under the state MRCCA rules and the currently proposed draft zoning amendments, MRRCA CUPs are required in three situations:

Wireless Towers

Mining Operations

Height Increases

Staff expects the CUP's to exceed MRCCA height limits will be most frequent application type

Evaluating Height Related CUP's under FMR's suggested amendments

- While these optional findings could provide a more structured staff report format, they would also reduce flexibility in evaluating site-specific impacts and may result **in redundant analysis for CUPs to exceed the maximum height.**
    - **Section 68.236** already requires a detailed assessment for CUPs involving additional building height, including visual impact analysis and specific design mitigation strategies.
    - **Section 61.501** of the zoning code includes general CUP approval criteria that must also be met, including consistency with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, which includes a MRCCA chapter.
- If the optional findings proposed in public testimony were added to § 68.224, staff would be required to address up to **12 separate findings/criteria for CUPs** involving height in the RTC and UM overlay districts, many of which would be duplicative.

Staff Recommendation

Given the potential for redundancy and reduced administrative flexibility, staff recommends not including the optional findings in § 68.224, as proposed by Friends of the Mississippi. Alternatively, staff recommends keeping § 68.224 as drafted and updating § 68.236 with language that mirrors the DNR model ordinance more closely, as follows:

Sec. 68.224. Conditional and interim use permits.

All conditional use permits required under this article must comply with section 61.501 ~~with Minnesota Statutes, section 462.3595~~. All interim use permits must comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 462.3597. The planning commission or city council must evaluate the potential impacts on primary conservation areas, public river corridor views, and other resources identified in the MRCCA plan.

Sec. 68.236. Conditional use permit for additional height. [language in red is new language recommended by staff that mirrors the model ordinance language.]

In addition to the conditional use permit requirements of Section 68.224, criteria for considering whether to grant a conditional use permit for structures exceeding the height limits must include:

(a) Assessment of the visual impact of the proposed structure on public river corridor views, including views from other communities;

(b) Identification and application of techniques to minimize the perceived bulk of the proposed structure, such as:

(1) Placing the long axis of the building perpendicular to the river;

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(4) Using building materials or mitigation techniques that will blend in with the natural surroundings such as green roofs, green walls, or other green and brown building materials;

(5) Narrowing the profile of upper floors of the building; or

(6) Increasing the setbacks of the building from the Mississippi River or blufflines;

(c) Identification of other techniques for reduction of impact to identified public river corridor views; and

(d) Opportunities for creation or enhancement of public river corridor views.

Potential CNPC Recommendations on CUP/IUP Findings:

1. **CNPC recommendation –** Recommend Sec. 68.224, without the optional findings, and replace the language currently in Sec. 68.236 with language from the model ordinance.
2. **Alternative recommendation based on public testimony –** Recommend language provided by the friends of Mississippi, which would create 3 additional findings that must be met for MRCCA (antennas, mines, and additional height) conditional use permits.

Staff Response to Variances

- the updated draft amendments for MRCCA variances included only **the language that the city is required to adopt and omitted optional language** in the model ordinance requiring specific findings to be met.
- Including optional may result in redundant analysis.
- To create the most streamlined process possible, staff recommends not including optional MRCCA variance findings:

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Changes to tiering

Public comments from MR. Torstenson

Comments submitted by Mr. Torstenson recommended changes to the language regarding tiering. According to his testimony, the draft language released for public review conflates **tiering with separate requirements for the preservation of public river corridor views. He also recommended incorporating tiering language into Sec. 68.234 (Structure Heights) rather than treating it as a standalone review standard.**

Staff Response/Recommendation

Staff recommends several changes to the draft amendments including:

- Deleting the tiering definition
- Deleting the site plan review standards for tiering
- Revising the section on structure height to align more closely with the DNR's model ordinance.

Delete Tiering

Delete Tiering Definition from § 68.214 (Definitions).

~~*Tiering*. Tiering refers to strategies of arranging building heights and massing to reduce the perceived visual impact of buildings with respect to public river corridor views identified in the MRCCA Plan. Strategies for prioritizing tiering through site plan review and/or conditional use permit review are identified in section 68.235.~~

Delete § 68.235 (Site Plan Review Standards for Tiering)

~~**Sec. 68.235. Site Plan Review standards for tiering**~~

~~In addition to the site plan review requirements of section 61.402, criteria for reviewing and validating specific tiering strategies of a proposed structure or structures must include the following:~~

~~(a) Determination that the proposed structure meets the required bluff and OHWL setbacks;~~

~~(b) Consideration of impacts to public river corridor views identified in the MRCCA Plan, including opportunities for improved or new views;~~

~~(c) Determination that the proposed structure is consistent with the requirements in Minnesota Rules Part 6106.0120 for tiering of structures, through building design or lower heights for structures and structure sections closer to the river or bluffline, with consideration of topography. Consideration of building design and other techniques to minimize the perceived bulk of the proposed structure include but are not limited to:~~

- ~~(1) Using site design techniques, such as, having the building relate to the natural topography, screening the building with established tree canopy, or rotating building orientation to align narrowest facades with public river view corridors;~~
- ~~(2) Using architectural design techniques, such as tiering portions of the building away from the Mississippi River, narrowing the profile of upper floors of the building, or modifying roof design;~~
- ~~(3) Using building materials that complement the existing landscape, including use of natural materials such as stone, a color palette that blends with surrounding vegetation and other landscape elements, and incorporate vegetative elements, or mimic surrounding topography.~~

Incorporate Tiering into height standards

Add Tiering Language to § 68.234 (Structure Heights). This amendment would incorporate tiering language directly into the height standards for each applicable MRCCA district, following the structure of the DNR model ordinance].

Sec. 68.234. Structure height.

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Staff and Public Testimony Recommendation

CNPC recommends deleting tiering definition from 68.214, deleting section 68.235, and amending section 68.234 so that tiering language is directly embedded in the standard. (Note: Recommendation later in the meeting changed language in the height standard)

Lower Base Heights with Setback-Based Height Increases

Public Testimony Overview

Testimony submitted by Friends of the Mississippi River (FMR) and Mr. Torstenson recommended lowering the base building height in the RTC, UM, and UC districts. (Note: Mr. Torstenson recommendation includes the UC district; FMR's does not.) **Both parties proposed a system in which structures would be limited to a 35-foot base height, with allowances for height increases based on setbacks from bluffs, shorelines, or district boundaries. Under both proposals heights could be increased with a CUP.**

- Under FMR's proposal, maximum height would be capped under a CUP.
- Under Mr. Torstenson's proposal, maximum height permitted with a CUP would not be capped and a maximum height/formulaic tiering would be applied in the downtown UC district.

Public testimony argues that these height methodologies **offer a less subjective approach to tiering**, as compared to the current staff-proposed approach, which allows increases above the base height with CUP approval and qualitative analysis of tiering.

FMR's suggested language

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MR. Torstenson's suggested height standards

RTC District: 35 feet at the district boundary line closest to the river plus 1 foot for every 10 feet the structure or portion of the structure is set back from said boundary line.

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MRCCA Model Ordinance Language and Tiering Guidance

6.1 ***Purpose.*** *To establish standards that protect primary conservation areas and public river corridor views from development impacts and ensure that new development is sited consistent with the purpose of the MRCCA.*

6.2 ***Structure height.*** *Structures and facilities must comply with the following standards unless identified as exempt in Section 12.0.*

6.21 *Structures and facilities must comply with the following standards unless identified as exempt in Section 12.0.*

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B. *RN District: 35 feet.*

C. *RTC District: 48 feet* ***(or lower),*** *provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from blufflines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimizes interference with public river corridor views. Structures over 48 feet* ***(or lower) and up to (fill in a max. height)*** *are allowed as a conditional use according to Section 6.23.*

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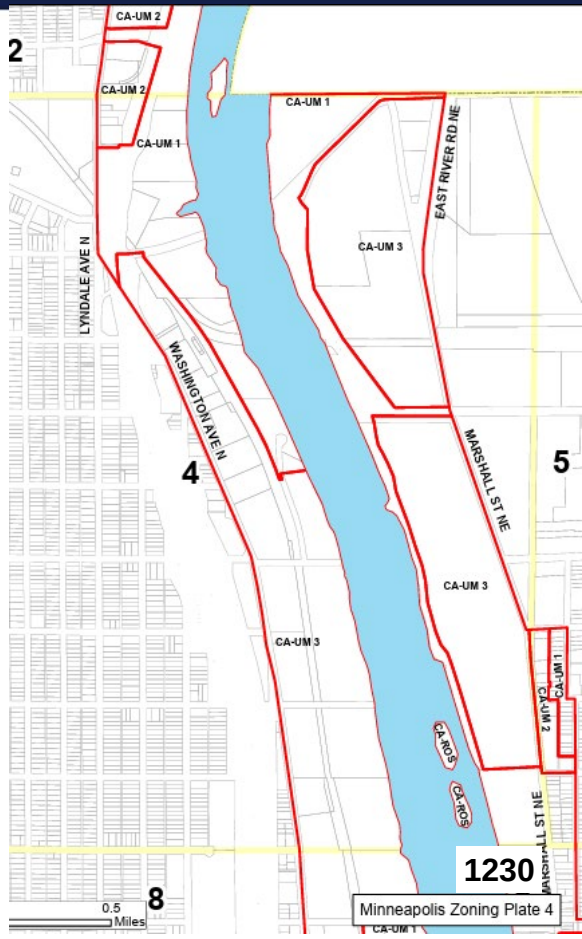
Model Ordinance Tiering

Optional: Replace the vague tiering and priority language in the RTC, UM, and UC Districts with specific height standards based on distance from the river ***that would be zoned/mapped through additional zoning districts (e.g. RTC-1, RTC-2, etc.). For each district further from the river, a maximum height allowed by CUP would be increased.***

- The approach suggested in public testimony is inconsistent with the framework and guidance provided by the DNR, **because it does not create sub-districts to apply a framework to tiering.**

- This approach would be extremely difficult to administer because of **the irregular and curvilinear nature of these natural features, district boundaries that do not always follow road centerlines or legally described boundaries, and reliance on a database that does not discern between a natural bluff, man-made bluff embankment, or pile of dirt.**



Analysis of other MRCCA ordinances

- no other city has adopted **the setback-based height methodology** proposed in public testimony.
- Every other city **adopted base height limits with CUP allowances,** consistent with the public hearing draft.
- Most other cities adopted the **least restrictive height limits possible.**

The MRCCA program was created to promote coordinated land use planning and zoning along the 72-mile river corridor, **and introducing a unique height methodology that deviates from regional standards undermines this goal.**

Spatial Analysis of Public Testimony Suggested Amendments

The analysis found that, even if the formulaic tiering methodology were adopted, most MRCCA-regulated properties would not fall under the formulaic tiering requirements.

- In the UM District, **less than 23% of land area** would fall under the formulaic tiering requirements.
- In the RTC District, **approximately 21% of the land area** would fall under the formulaic tiering requirements**.**

Opportunity Sites Affected by Proposed Tiering Methodology

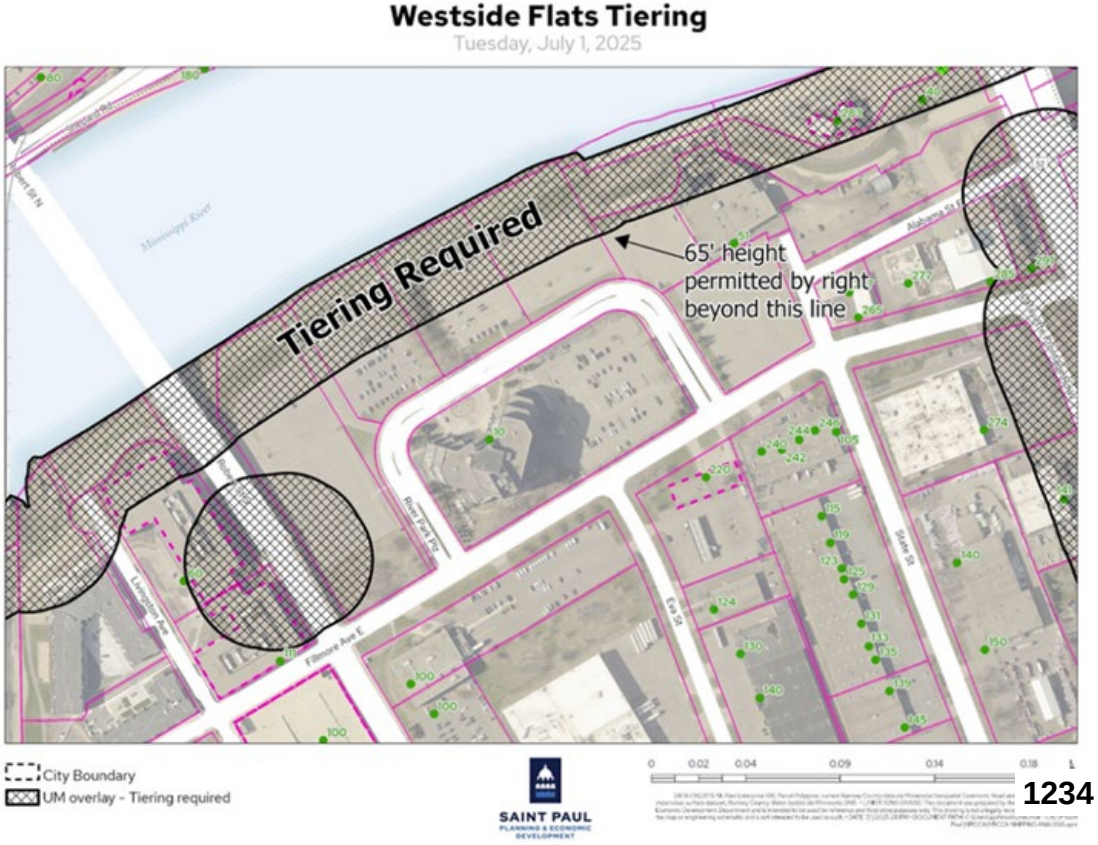
These sites are considered high priority for redevelopment under the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, which defines "opportunity sites" as sites generally larger than one acre with potential for redevelopment. These are the opportunity sites within the MRCCA where the suggested formulaic tiering approach would be applied:

- Three sites within the West Side Flats
- The Johnson Brothers site near Shepard Road and Davern Street
- The Ford Site / Highland Bridge
- The Ramsey West site in downtown Saint Paul

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan's **Policy LU-2 calls for pursuing redevelopment of these sites as higher-density, mixed-use development**.

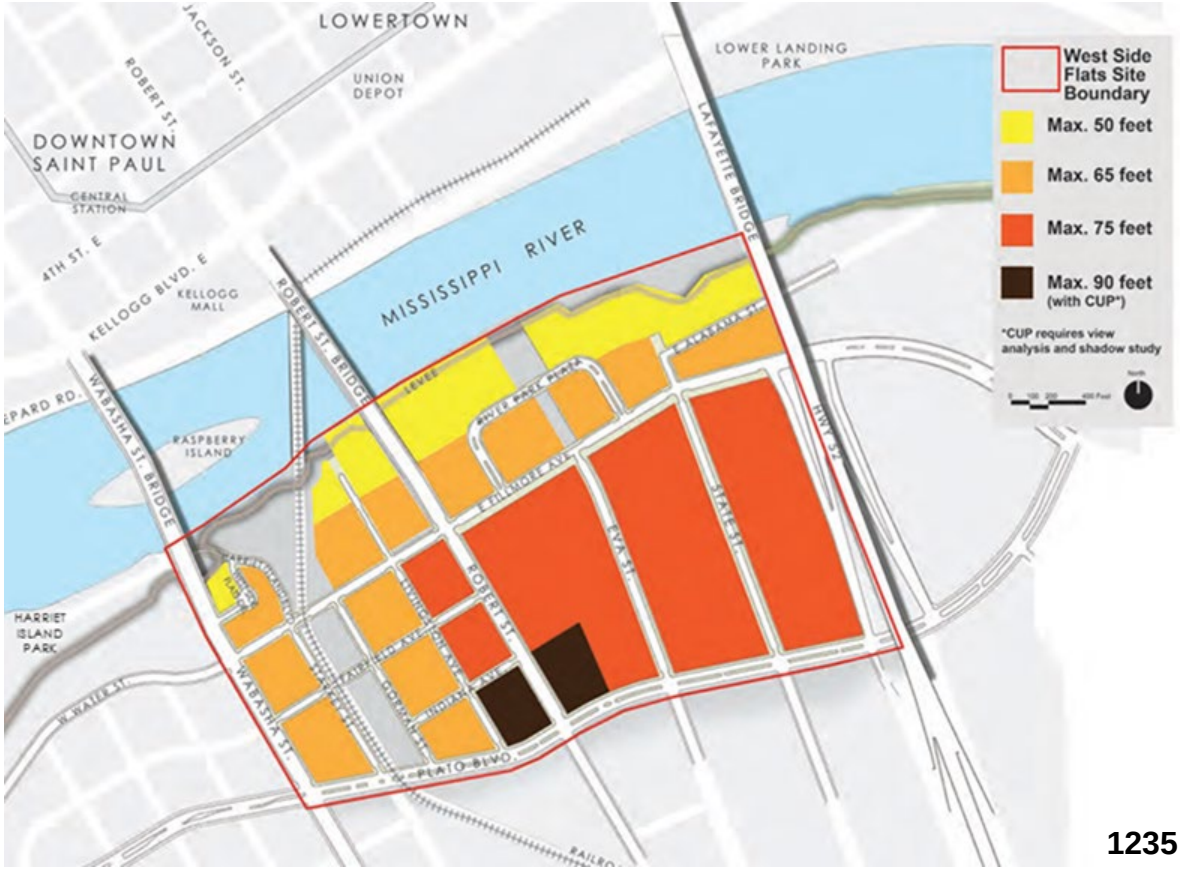
West Side Flats Opportunity Sites

- The three West Side Flats opportunity sites are located within the UM MRCCA overlay district and would be partially affected by the FMR's formulaic tiering requirements.
- Much of that would be subjected to tiering requirements is publicly owned or already developed, and so the suggested tiering methodology would have little impact on overall development in these opportunity sites.



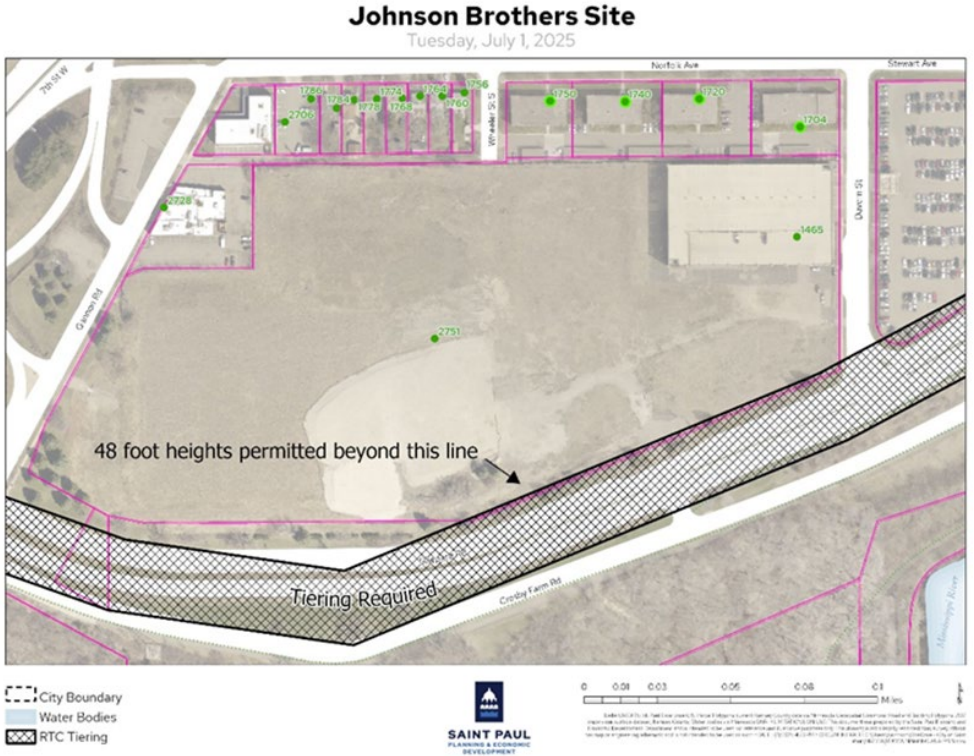
West Side Flats Opportunity Sites

- The West Side Flats Master Plan calls for a 50’ height limit on these parcels.
- Under the suggested tiering requirements, it would be possible to reach these heights, but the tiering formula **would be administratively burdensome.**
- the master plan’s height limits already provides prescriptive height and tiering guidance, **and so an additional tiering requirement would be redundant.**



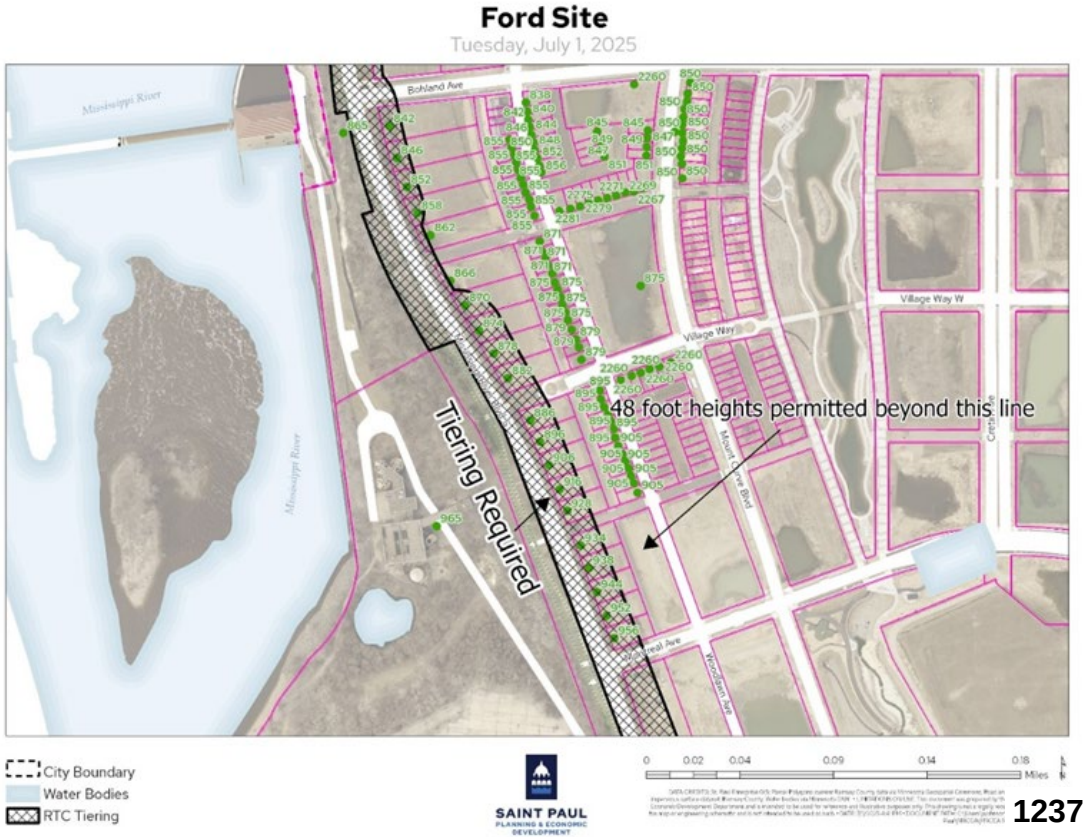
The Johnson Brothers Site

The FMR's proposed amendments would have no pragmatic impact on this site. The setback-based tiering formula does not intersect significantly with the developable portions of the parcel.



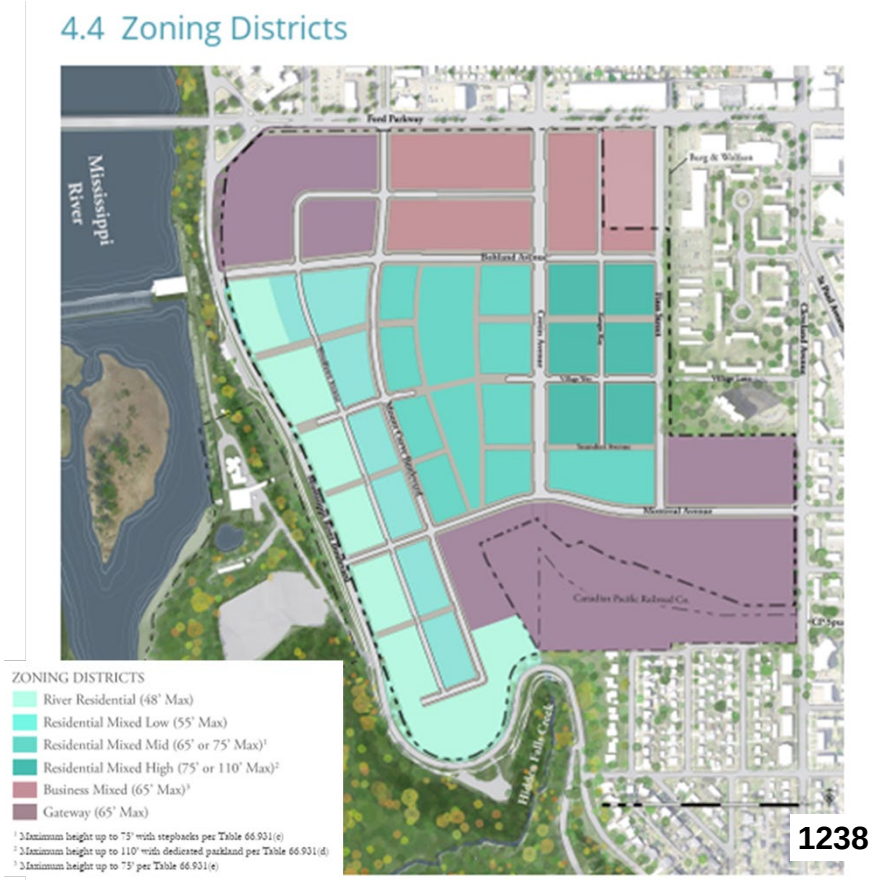
Ford Site/Highland Bridge:

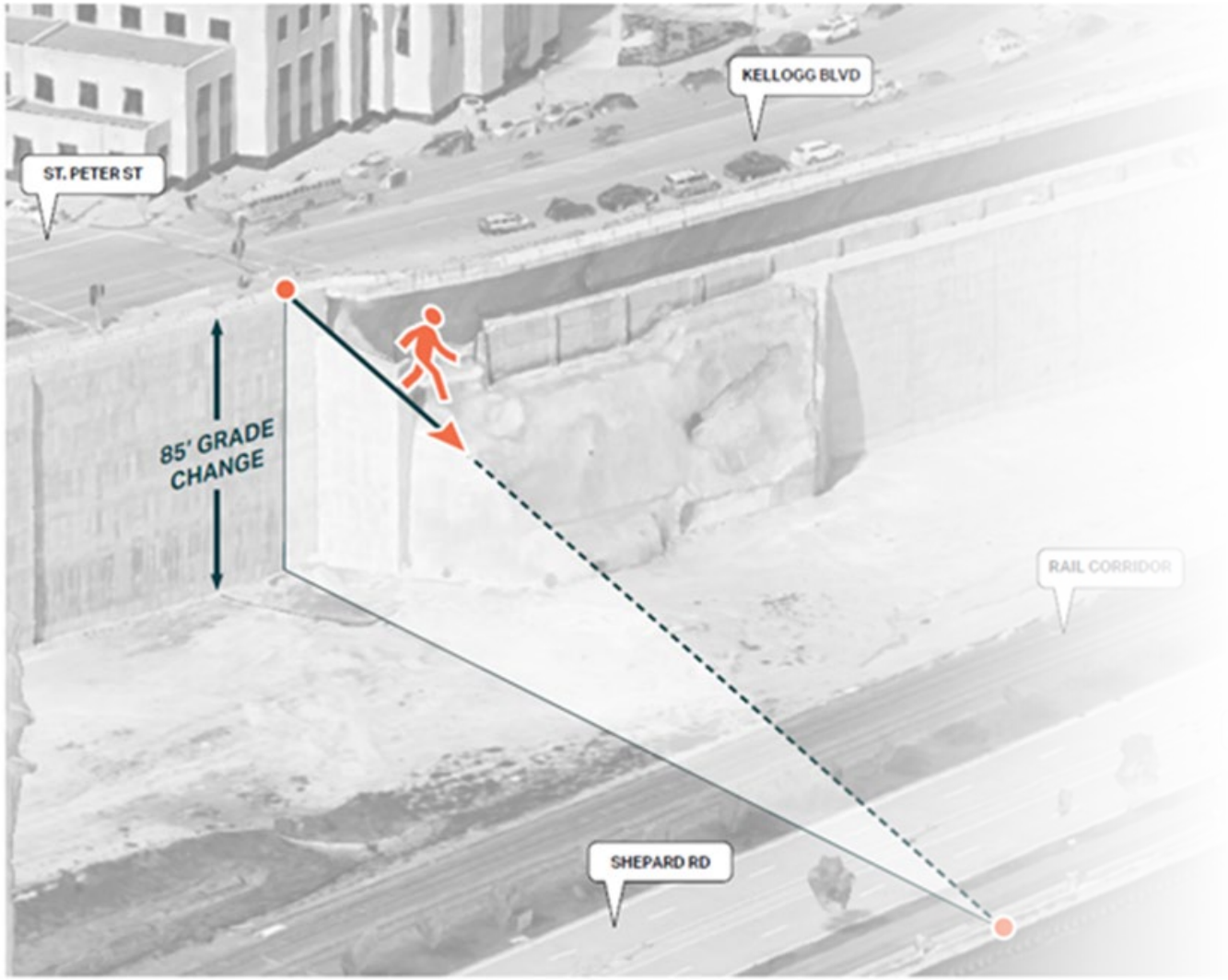
- The proposed amendments would apply formulaic tiering to Mississippi River Boulevard-facing parcels.
- For parcels south of Village Way, the formula would require significant setbacks before reaching the 48-foot height limit allowed under current zoning.



Highland Bridge/Ford

- The Ford Master Plan and associated F-zoning districts already provide the required tiered building heights away from the river, **codifying height limits and transitions across the site.**
- Limiting the heights beyond what is already required in the F district zoning, would be inconsistent with **the adopted Ford Master Plan**, and therefore the 2040 comprehensive plan.
- the formulaic tiering approach would be **unnecessary and duplicative, considering tiering** is already codified in F district zoning**, offering no practical benefit while undermining adopted policies.**



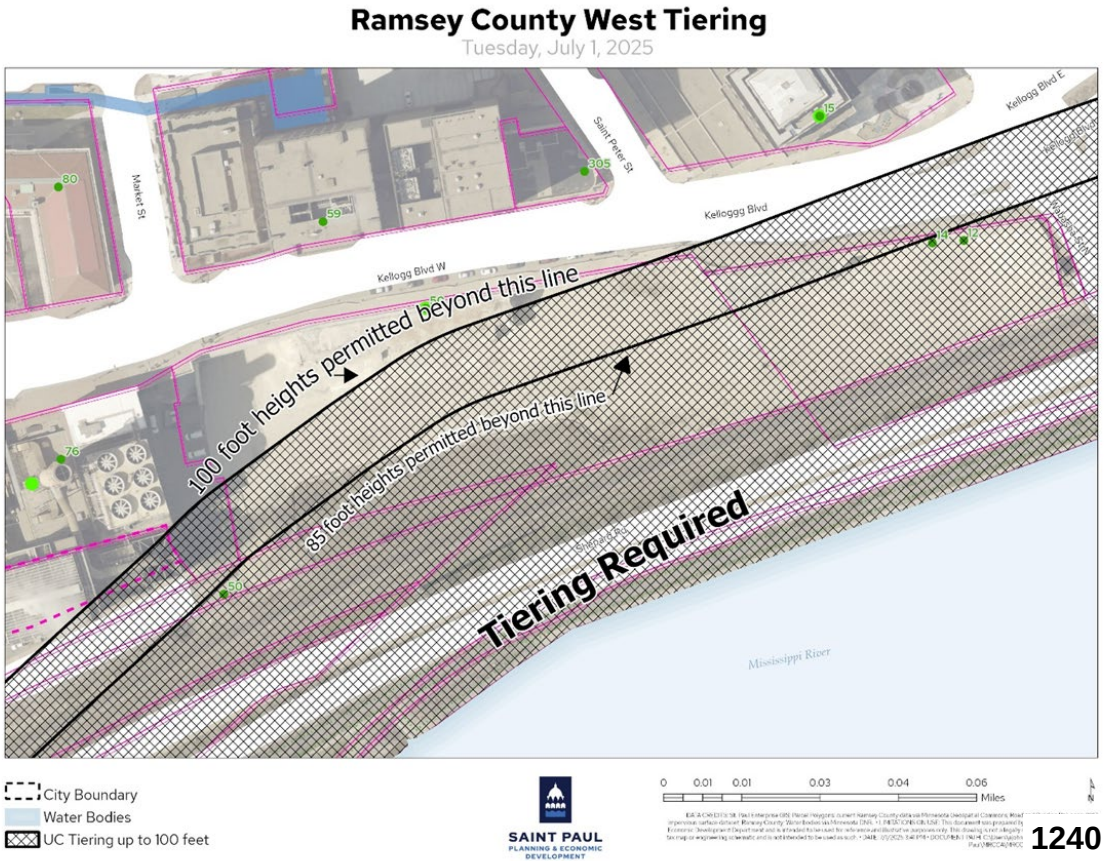


Ramsey West Site (Downtown Saint Paul)

- Under Mr. Torstenson's proposal, the UC District would be subject to a 35-foot base height at the shoreline, with a 1-foot height increase for every 5 feet of distance a structure is from the river.
- This approach would be **highly restrictive in a downtown context**, where the bluff is approximately 85 feet high.
- This height limitation **would effectively prevent the development concepts proposed by Ramsey County** for this site from advancing without a large MRCCA conditional use permit.

Ramsey County West Site (Downtown Saint Paul)

Additionally, the curvilinear nature of the river near this site further complicates implementation, making setback-based height calculations difficult to administer and creating significant design challenges for future developers.



Staff Recommendation

Staff does not recommend amendments to lower base heights as proposed by public hearing testimony, because the suggested height amendments from public testimony are:

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- Inconsistent with the approach to heights that every other city that is required to adopt MRCCA provisions has taken, undermining the goal of promoting coordinated land use planning and zoning along the 72-mile river corridor;
- Difficult to administer due to the irregular and curvilinear nature of the rivers and bluffs, potentially difficult to survey district boundaries, and at times unreliable data to assist staff in discerning what is a natural vs. man-made bluffs;
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Staff Recommended Tiering and Height Language

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Dear Chair Grill and Planning Commissioners:

On behalf of the 1600+ members and affiliates of the St. Paul Area Chamber, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed River Corridor and Floodplain Overlay Zoning Amendments. I respectfully ask that you support the staff's recommendations for height requirements in the Urban Core District of the Mississippi River Critical Corridor Area (MRCCA).

Exciting efforts are underway to revitalize downtown St. Paul and reconnect the city to its riverfront. The recommendations proposed by city staff represent an opportunity to support that momentum. By allowing appropriately scaled development along the river corridor, Saint Paul can expand its housing options, attract new investment, and increase its tax base.

Significant vision, planning, and investment are being directed toward downtown's future. Retaining the proposed height requirements in the Urban Core District ensures that projects can continue to be reviewed against the goals of the comprehensive plan, while advancing shared objectives for economic vitality, sustainability, and public access to the river. At a time when Saint Paul urgently needs more housing and increased property tax value, delaying or restricting development in this area would undermine progress at a critical moment.

Respectfully,

Brenda L. Kyle

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President & CEO
St. Paul Area Chamber

Petition:

“Passing a strong Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance is integral to riverfront protection and future development. I urge you to support the passage of St. Paul's MRCCA ordinance that includes bird safe building requirements and clearer standards for building heights and exceptions.”

Signed by 155 St. Paul residents

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Sent via email: MRCCA@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Subject: MRCCA Ordinance Public Comment - West 7th/Fort Road Federation

Dear Mr. Johnson and Planning Commissioners,

The West 7th/Fort Road Federation appreciates the opportunity to comment on the 2025 draft of the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance. Our neighborhood has a deep connection to the river — culturally, historically, and environmentally — and we are committed to thoughtful stewardship of this unique landscape.

We respectfully urge the City to strengthen the draft ordinance by reintroducing key provisions from the January 2023 draft that supported environmental protection, equitable development, and greater clarity for both residents and developers. Specifically, we support the following recommendations:

Include Bird-Friendly Building Requirements
The Mississippi River flyway is one of the most important migratory routes in North America, and the urban corridor sees hundreds of species annually. Simple and cost-effective design standards — such as bird-safe glass and smart lighting — can prevent millions of bird deaths. We support reinstating the clear specifications included in the 2023 draft and aligning Saint Paul's policy with the state's existing B3 Guidelines for public buildings. This is an urgent, science-based action to protect biodiversity.

Clarify Height Limits and Reinstate Tiering Standards
The shift away from specific height and tiering language in the 2025 draft introduces unnecessary ambiguity. Reinstating clear height limits and tiered development — especially in the Urban Mixed (UM) and River Towns and Crossings (RTC) districts — will safeguard the visual connection between our neighborhood and the river, reduce conflict in the planning process, and ensure compliance with state rules.

Require Clear Findings for Variances and Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)
The Federation urges the City to reintroduce the DNR's recommended language requiring specific written findings of fact for variances and CUPs. These provide transparency, help ensure decisions reflect the impact on river resources, and create consistency. Utilizing the DNR's recommended language allows for clarity and predictability for all involved.

Protect the Bdote Area and Blufftop Views Along Shepard Road
The Bdote area holds profound cultural and spiritual significance for the Dakota people and is a cherished natural asset for many Minnesotans. In West 7th, the blufftop corridor along Shepard Road is particularly vulnerable to development that could severely impact views, cultural landscapes, and public access to nature. We strongly recommend more restrictive height limits or the creation of subdistricts that prohibit CUPs for increased height in this area.

The MRCCA ordinance is an opportunity to guide riverfront development in a way that reflects our community's values. Our Federation stands for a vibrant, inclusive, and livable West 7th neighborhood — one that remains deeply connected to the river. We ask you to lead thoughtfully by strengthening this ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to the Mississippi River Corridor and the communities who live along it. We appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on this matter.

Sincerely,

Julia McColley
Executive Director

CC: Rebecca Noecker, Council President

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April 17, 2025

Dear Planning Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on St. Paul's proposed Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance.

Friends of the Mississippi River (FMR) is a non-profit organization with a mission to engage community members and other stakeholders to protect, restore and enhance the Mississippi River and its watershed. We represent thousands of people in the Twin Cities who care deeply about the river, including over 6,000 who participate as FMR advocates, volunteers, and members each year.

The Mississippi River is a natural, cultural, and historic wonder that helps define our metro area. In recognition of this, its 72-mile stretch through the Twin Cities is not only a state-designated Critical Area but also a national park afforded special protective policies.

The MRCCA ordinance adoption process is an important opportunity for communities to define their goals and expectations for years to come. A successful ordinance will guide riverfront use in a way that reflects the city's environmental, development, and recreational priorities while providing clarity for residents and developers.

Unfortunately, we're disappointed by St. Paul's proposed MRCCA ordinance. The city's prior draft (January 2023) was much clearer and provided better guidelines to balance urban development with ecological protection. We urge St. Paul to reinstate some of the key provisions (included at the end of this letter) from the prior draft.

Recommendation: bird-friendly buildings

The Mississippi River is a crucial migratory flyway for about 40% of all North American migrating birds. Roughly 270 bird species live in or travel through the Twin Cities river flyway. Bird populations are experiencing significant collapse and are under continued threat. In the U.S. it's estimated that 600 million birds are killed in window strikes each year.

An important way to balance density with wildlife protection is to require bird-friendly lighting and building materials in all new development along the river. **The state of Minnesota already incorporates such specifications into its B3 Guidelines for state-funded projects.** FMR recommends that St. Paul require adherence to the same or similar specifications for all new buildings

constructed within MRCCA. Case studies have found the cost of bird-friendly glass to be **well under one percent of total project cost**.

Straightforward bird-friendly glass and lighting specifications (Addendum 1) were included in the January 2023 draft; public response to this proposal was enthusiastic.

Recommendation: clearer criteria for variances and conditional use permits (CUPs)

St. Paul's ordinance should include the DNR's recommended language regarding specific written findings of fact for variances and CUPs. St. Paul's prior draft ordinance included this requirement (Addendum 2), but the updated draft removes it.

In our experience, requested exceptions to these rules — especially in river areas beloved by the community — can be challenging for a planning commission and council. The DNR's recommended language about written findings offers more specific criteria for evaluating a request based on its impact on river resources and scenic views. This provides **more clarity and predictability for developers and community members.**

Nearly all of the 24 other cities that have completed their MRCCA ordinances have included this DNR-recommended language.

Recommendation: clearer building height and tiering requirements

DNR rules state that the MRCCA Urban Core (UC), Urban Mixed (UM) and River Town and Crossing (RTC) districts must prioritize "tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from blufflines… with lower structure heights closer to the river."

It's up to cities to actualize this building tiering requirement. St. Paul's 2023 draft ordinance addressed this more clearly than any other city's by specifying a direct relationship between distance from the shoreline and allowable height in these districts (Addendum 3). We recommend adopting this language for the UM and RTC height districts, with the understanding that the UC district in downtown may require a different approach due to the complexities of developing the RiversEdge site (former Ramsey County Jail) at the edge of the bluff.

The current draft removes these numeric standards in favor of more subjective ones, which seem **tailor-made to spark conflicts** between developers, neighbors, the city, and the DNR because they are now much more open to each party's interpretation.

Tiered building heights promote stronger urban form, improve river views and river-oriented development (including for sites further back from the river), and create a more welcoming sense of scale and relationship to the river. Height limits also help protect scenic views from St. Paul's excellent riverfront parks, vital to providing equitable access to natural areas that don't require a car to reach.

Recommendation: protect views in the Bdote area

The Bdote area near the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers is special. It is sacred to Dakota people. It is also treasured by many others who flock to the city and state parks in the area. The nature-dominated views in this area should be protected and enhanced.

Excessively visible buildings at the top of the bluff would damage to this special place. The area along Shepard Road between W. 7th St. and 35E is particularly vulnerable to this possibility given the likelihood for redevelopment of some blufftop sites over the coming years.

Currently, much of this area is in the in the Urban Mixed (UM) or the River Towns and Crossings (RTC) districts discussed above, with no upper limit on additional height allowed by CUP. The city should create policies to protect this area; these could include creating subdistricts with more tailored height limits and/or prohibiting any CUPs for increased building height above the MRCCA limit. The clearer CUP criteria recommended above may also accomplish this goal.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at ctoberman@fmr.org or 651-477-0923 to discuss any of our comments further. FMR also has extensive MRCCA ordinance resources (including videos, handouts, and interactive maps) available at www.fmr.org/river-rules.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

For the river,

Colleen O'Connor Toberman
Land Use & Planning Director

Addendum 1: Bird-friendly buildings language (January 2023 draft)

Sec. 68.247. Exterior lighting.
Lighting shall be fully shielded and directed downward, except as reasonably necessary for transportation safety, emergency and motion-activated security lighting, athletic fields, and outdoor recreation and entertainment facilities. Uplighting is prohibited.

Sec. 68.248. Bird-safe glass.
(a) Bird-safe glass, with treatments to reduce bird collisions with the glass, must be used on the first 70 feet above grade of new buildings and building additions as follows.

1) For building elevations comprised of 50% or more glass on any floor, at least 85% of the glass must be treated.
2) For building elevations comprised of less than 50% glass on any floor, at least 85% of glass areas of more than 50 square feet must be treated.
3) For glass areas of more than 50 square feet, any glass within 15 feet of a building corner must be treated.
4) All glass railings and glass on enclosed building connections must be treated.

(b) Bird-safe glass treatments may include the following:

1) Full surface glass treatment such as frosted glass or stained glass to make it visible;
2) Physical structures on the exterior of the glass such as grills and screens; and
3) Glass patterns visible from the outside such as white to medium gray permanent stencils, ceramic frit, and UV patterns visible to birds.

To qualify as a bird-safe glass treatment, line patterns must have a minimum of ¼ inch wide lines and 2 inch on-center spacing, and dot patterns must have a minimum of ⅜ inch wide dots and 2 inch on-center spacing each way.

Addendum 2: Variance and CUP criteria (January 2023 draft)

Sec. 68.223. Variances.
Variances to the requirements under this article may only be granted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.357. The board of zoning appeals or planning commission shall evaluate consider the potential impacts of variances on primary conservation areas, public river corridor views, and other resources identified in the MRCCA plan, and in addition to the requirements in section 61.601 of this code shall make written findings that the variance is consistent with the purpose of this article as follows:

(a) The extent, location and intensity of the variance will be in substantial compliance with the MRCCA Plan.
(b) The variance is consistent with the character and management purpose of the MRCCA district.
(c) The variance will not be detrimental to primary conservation areas or public river corridor views.

Sec. 68.224. Conditional and interim use permits.
All conditional use permits required under this article must comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 462.3595. All interim use permits must comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 462.3597. The

planning commission or city council shall evaluate consider the potential impacts on primary conservation areas, public river corridor views, and other resources identified in the MRCCA plan, and in addition to all other requirements for conditional and interim use permits shall make written findings that the use is consistent with the purpose of this article as follows:

(a) The extent, location and intensity of the use will be in substantial compliance with the MRCCA Plan.
(b) The use is consistent with the character and management purpose of the MRCCA district.
(c) The use will not be detrimental to primary conservation areas or public river corridor views.

Addendum 3: Building tiering requirements for RTC and UM districts (January 2023 draft)

Sec. 68.234. Structure height.

Structures and facilities must comply with the following maximum height standards unless identified as exempt in division 9. Height is measured on the side of the structure facing the Mississippi River. All of the following height standards, including additional height allowed with a conditional use permit, are subject to the requirement that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views.

(a) ROS District: 35 feet.

(b) RN District: 35 feet.

(c) RTC District: 35 feet at the district boundary line closest to the river plus 1 foot for every 10 feet the structure or portion of the structure is set back from said boundary line, to a maximum of 48 feet. Additional height, to a maximum of 65 feet, may be permitted with a conditional use permit according to section 68.235.

(d) SR District: Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development as viewed from the OHWL of the opposite shore.

(e) UM District: 35 feet at the river shoreline and blufflines plus 1 foot for every 5 feet the structure or portion of the structure is set back from the river shoreline or bluffline, to a maximum of 65 feet. Additional height, to a maximum of 90 feet, may be permitted with a conditional use permit according to section 68.235.

Saint Paul Bird Alliance

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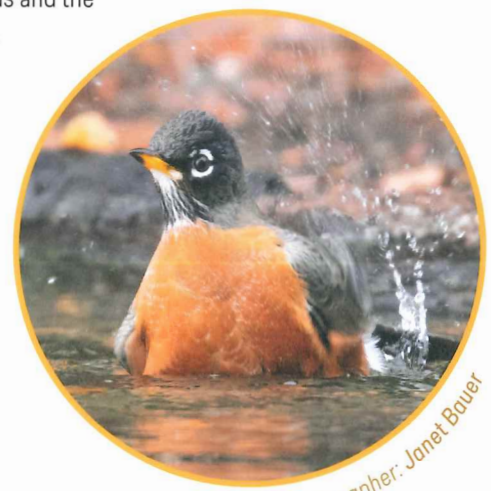
Greetings to Members and Friends

Our name has changed but our mission has not! Your generosity continues to support our **mission** of engaging a diverse community in enjoying, understanding, and protecting birds and the habitats all living beings need to thrive. We engage your passion for birds through programs and field trips, preserve and restore habitat through advocacy and conservation, and support local nonprofits to expand our reach in the community.

2024 Highlights

- Enjoyed birding with more than **693** people attending **46** field trips.
- Featured **9** experts talking about birds and the natural world in our Speakers Series.
- Introduced **1,598** 4th-grade students to birding through the Big River and Wild River Journeys.
- Awarded **$8,854** in grants to **5** nonprofits that align with our mission and values.
- Sponsored **20** members of the Urban Bird Collective to attend Warbler Weekend.
- Registered **15** teams for the 2023 Christmas Bird Count.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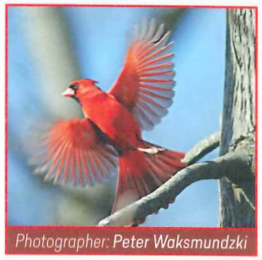
We Hope You Join Us!

Saint Paul Bird Alliance (formerly Saint Paul Audubon Society) **welcomes everyone** to participate in our activities and events regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, or marital status. We **do not require membership** for you to enjoy our many programs.

Become a Chapter Member

We invite you to become a **Saint Paul Bird Alliance Chapter Member** by making an annual gift of $25 or more. Your donation goes directly to our local efforts to enjoy, understand, and protect our birds. This includes: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- Making grants to local organizations focused on conservation, education, and environmental action.
- Bringing speakers to our monthly chapter meetings (Sept–May) that educate and excite our passion for birds and the environment.
- Creating and supplying educational opportunities for students.
- Supporting critical community science activities.
- Protecting at-risk bird species through habitat restoration and special projects.
- Providing fun and informative field trips.

The generosity of Chapter Members is recognized in our online annual report, which also has more information about the year's outcomes.

Get involved

Join other members and friends on field trips, Warbler Weekend, Christmas Bird Count, and monthly programs. Volunteer for a project or join a committee. Check the Events page on our website.

Keep in touch

Sign up to receive emails and the *Cardinal* newsletter by visiting saintpaulbirdalliance.org

Join our Facebook group and check out our YouTube Channel.

Saint Paul Bird Alliance

Bird-Friendly Building Policies in Selected Cities

Research shows that building collisions are killing significantly more birds than previously estimated—well over one billion annually in the United States alone. This has contributed to a 29% decline in North American bird populations since 1970. As a result of this serious threat, more than two dozen cities, counties and states have adopted bird-friendly building standards over the last two decades.

The table below compares mandatory bird-friendly building policies for eight cities ranging in population size from 8 million to 23,000.

City (Year Enacted / Population)	Name	What structures does the policy apply to?	What portion of each structure must be "bird-friendly"?
New York City (2019) (pop. 8.3 million)	Local Law 15 of 2020: Bird-Friendly Building Design	All new buildings in the City of New York, from houses to skyscrapers. Includes auxiliary structures and includes requirements for hazardous features.	"Must use ≥90% bird-friendly materials in the first 75 ft. above grade. Materials other than bird friendly materials shall not exceed an aggregate of 10 sq. ft. feet within any 10 ft. by 10 ft. square area of exterior wall below 75 ft. above grade."
Washington DC (2023) (pop. 678,972)	D.C. Law 24-337. Migratory Local Wildlife Protection Act of 2022	New construction, renovations involving the replacement of >75% of exterior glazing, and bird-hazard installations for commercial buildings, multi-unit residential buildings, institutional facilities, or District-owned or operated buildings.	Each façade of the exterior wall envelope and any exterior fenestration must be constructed with bird friendly materials up to 100 ft. above grade. Other materials may be used to the extent that they do not exceed an aggregate of 10 sq. ft. within any 10 ft. by 10 ft. sq. area of exterior wall below 100 ft. above grade.
Minneapolis, MN (2016) (pop. 425,115)	Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Chapter 550, Article XV "Skyways"	New skyways	>85% of all glazing on new skyways must be bird-friendly.

Madison, WI (2020) (pop. 280,305)	Madison General Ordinance § 28.129	1) all buildings or structures >10,000 sq. ft. (measured in total floor area on above-grade stories); 2) sky-bridges (elevated pedestrian pathways connecting buildings); and 3) at-grade glass features, such as sound walls and glass screens. The law also applies to the expansion of these same existing structures.	For buildings of >10,000 sq. ft. with facades comprising 50% or more glass on the first 60 ft. above grade must use bird-friendly treatments on at least 85% of the glass. Additionally, all glass within 15 ft. of a building corner must be treated "when see-through or fly-through conditions exist." For buildings >10,000 sq. ft. with <50% glass on the first 60 ft. above grade, bird-friendly treatments must be installed on at least 85% of continuous or closely placed "glass areas" that are 50 sq. ft. or larger and on all such "glass areas" over 50 sq. ft. within 15 ft. of a building corner. Additionally, all "glass railings" on buildings >10,000 sq. ft. must be treated, along with all glass on "enclosed building connections" from grade to 60 ft.
Berkeley, CA (2023) (pop. 118,962)	Ordinance No. 7,864-N.S.: Bird Safe Building; Adding Berkeley Municipal Code Section 23.304.150	All new non-residential buildings, existing non-residential buildings when glass is replaced up to 75 feet above grade, high-risk features, e.g. skywalks railings, glass walls, railings; new mixed use or residential buildings of >= 10,000 sq. ft. Affordable housing and historic structures are exempted. Includes some "phase-ins."	100% of glass must be treated up to 75 ft above grade. 100% of high-risk features, regardless of grade must be treated.
Mountain View, CA (2017) (pop. 81,785)	North Bayshore Area Precise Plan, sec. 5.2 "Bird Safe Design"	All North Bayshore Area new buildings, additions, and alterations north of Highway 101. Includes hazardous building features.	>90% of facades up to 60 ft. above grade must meet bird-safe design standards.

Portland, ME (2024) (pop 69,104)	Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 6, Bird Friendly Building and Design Requirements	New buildings or additions to buildings of >= 10,000 sq. ft. in floor area; renovations of existing buildings of >= 10,000 sq. ft. in floor area in which at least 50% of the building's exterior glazing is being replaced within a period of three years; and bird hazard installations, which includes but is not limited to skywalks, awnings, glass railings and guards, and windscreens. Residential buildings, operable sash windows, historic landmarks, and ground floor glazing of retail, bars, and restaurants are exempted.	Building facades up to 75 ft. above grade must be constructed with bird-friendly materials. Non bird-friendly materials may be used as long as they do not exceed 10 sq. ft. in aggregate in any 100 sq. ft. area. Bird hazard installations must be constructed with 100% bird-friendly materials, regardless of their height above grade. Fly-through building elements -- including parallel glass elements at a distance of 17 ft. or less and all glass within 15 ft. of a building corner -- must be constructed with bird-friendly materials up to 75 ft. above grade. Building facades adjacent to green roofs must be constructed with bird-friendly materials up to 12 ft. above the roof surface.
Middleton WI (2020) (pop. 22,967)	City of Middleton Zoning Ordinance, Article VI: Performance Standards, Section 10.06.34 Glare and Heat Standards	Buildings of > 10,000 sq. ft. of floor area, and all sky-bridges (up to 60 ft. above grade), sound walls, or glass screens on buildings of any size.	For building facades where the first 60 ft. from grade are comprised of >=50% glass, 85% of glass and all glass within 15 ft. of corner fly-through conditions must be treated. For building facades where the first 60 ft. from grade are comprised of <50% glass, at least 85% of glass on glass areas 50 sq. ft. or larger must be treated and all glass within 15 ft. of corner fly-through conditions must be treated. Sky bridges, sound walls, glass railings, or glass screens must be 100% treated. Spandrel or opaque glass with <14% reflectivity is not included in the glass area calculation.

Source: The Yale Bird-Friendly Building Initiative: Comparison of U.S. Bird-Friendly Building Policies (Dec. 2024), at bird-friendly.yale.edu/usa-policy-database.

Contact: Kiki Sonnen, St. Paul Bird Alliance, kikisonnen@gmail.com.

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Saint Paul, MN 55108
2 May 2025

Kristine Grill, Chair
Saint Paul Planning Commission
1400 City Hall Annex
25 West Fourth Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE: Comments on Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Zoning Study

Dear Commissioner Grill and Members of the Planning Commission:

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on Saint Paul's newly updated proposed Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance.

Definitions

Tiering

Rather than having a definition for *tiering* in the definitions section of the ordinance, state MRCCA Rules and the DNR's model MRCCA ordinance define *tiering* right in the section of the Rules and model ordinance where it's used. The section on structure height permits maximum heights for the RTC, UM and UC districts subject to prioritizing:

> "*tiering* of structures away from the Mississippi River and blufflines, … with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines."

It's best practice for a well-written code to define or clarify the meaning of a term right where it's used in the text when it's only used in one place. This eliminates the need to look up a definition somewhere else to understand the meaning of a term, making the code easier to use and understand, and this is what should be done for *tiering* in the MRCCA ordinance.

In the newly updated draft St. Paul ordinance, language about tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and blufflines, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, is missing from Sec. 68.234, *Structure height*. It's replaced with an incorrect new definition for *tiering* in the definitions section that conflates *tiering* with separate requirements for preservation of *public river corridor views* and doesn't mention the requirements for tiering of structures away from the river and blufflines. Requirements for preservation of *public river corridor views* apply only to a few specific defined places. Tiering requirements apply more broadly. They are two different things.

American Planning Association standards and conventions for zoning code definitions note that reading the substantive portions of the ordinance should be adequate to determine the applicable regulations. The sentence in the proposed new definition for *tiering* about where to find strategies for prioritizing tiering is not definition language does not belong in the definition.

The incorrect new definition for tiering should be deleted from the definitions section. Language about tiering structures away from the river and blufflines, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, needs to be put back into Sec. 68.234, *Structure height*.

Public river corridor views

MRCCA Rules define *public river corridor views* as "views toward the river from public parkland, historic properties, and public overlooks, as well as toward bluffs from the ordinary high water level of the opposite shore, as seen during the summer months." To make requirements for minimizing interference with public river corridor views easier to administer, the DNR has provided for clarification of what they are in the MRCCA plan, and the DNR's model MRCCA ordinance adds the clarifying phrase "and documented in the MRCCA plan/chapter of the comprehensive plan" at the end of the definition.

In the newly updated draft ordinance, the MRCCA Rules definition of *public river corridor views* is missing. All that remains is the clarifying phrase. To be clear and accurate about what *public river corridor views* are, the definition needs to include both the MRCCA Rules definition and the clarifying phrase, as in the DNR's model ordinance:

> *Public river corridor views.* Views toward the river from public parkland, historic properties, and public overlooks, as well as toward bluffs from the ordinary high water level of the opposite shore, as seen during the summer months and documented in the MRCCA plan/chapter of the comprehensive plan.

Overlay district

The sentence in the definition of *overlay district* about where they are often used is not definition language and should be removed so the definition is clear and simple:

> *Overlay district.* A zoning district applied over one or more previously established zoning districts, establishing additional or stricter standards and criteria for covered properties in addition to those of the underlying zoning district.

Tiering Requirements

MRCCA Rules apply tiering requirements only to structures in the RTC, UM and UC districts, *not* in the ROS, RN and SR districts. The newly updated draft ordinance deletes clear language about this in Sec. 68.234, *Structure height*. In a new Sec. 68.235, *Site plan review standards for tiering*, the updated ordinance simply refers generally to MRCCA Rules requirements for tiering without saying where and how they apply. Rather than making users refer to a separate document for this core MRCCA requirement, clear language about where and how tiering requirements apply should be contained right in the MRCCA ordinance. The best way to do this is to have a sentence about tiering requirements in the first paragraph of Sec. 68.234, *Structure height*, like the sentence there about the requirement for structure design and placement to minimize interference with public river corridor views, as follows:

> **Sec. 68.234. Structure height.**
>
> Structures and facilities must comply with the following maximum height standards unless identified as exempt in division 9. All the following height standards, including additional height with a conditional use permit, are subject to the requirement that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views. All the following height standards for the RTC, UM and UC districts, including additional height with a conditional use permit, are subject to the requirement that tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and blufflines, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, is prioritized.

Conditional Use Permit for Additional Height

In the first paragraph of Sec. 68.236, *Conditional use permit for additional height*, change "shall" to "must." MRCCA Rules and the DNR's model MRCCA ordinance use *must*, which is correct. The legal community has a strong preference for use of "must" as the clearest way to express a requirement or obligation in code language, confirmed by CAO staff when this has come up before. The need for this correction in several other places was identified in a March 4 email to Tony and Josh.

In Sec. 68.236(b), cite the requirements in Sec. 68.234 above rather than Minnesota Rules Part 6106.0120 for tiering of structures, and change the first *or* to *and* so it reads as follows:

> (b) Determination that the proposed structure is consistent with the requirements in section 68.234 for tiering of structures, through building design and generally lower heights for structures and sections of structures closer to the river or bluffline.

The requirements in Sec. 68.234 above and in Minnesota Rules Part 6106.0120 for tiering of structures are the same. Having them in Sec. 68.234 eliminates the need to refer to a separate

document for this core MRCCA requirement, making the code easier to use and understand. If structure heights are not at least *generally* lower closer the river and blufflines it's not tiering. What does the newly added phrase "with consideration of topography" mean? It's unclear and unnecessary, so it may be best to leave it out. Simpler is generally better.

The second sentence in Sec. 68.236 (b) is more related to Sec. 68.236(c) and has been modified to be sightly inconsistent with the language for this in MRCCA Rules and the DNR's model MRCCA ordinance. It should be slightly edited for consistency with MRCCA Rules and moved to Sec. 68.236(c) as follows:

(c) Identification and application of building design and other techniques, such as those identified in section 68.235, to minimize the perceived bulk of the proposed structure and impact on public river corridor views.

Public river corridor views are defined and don't need to be defined again here.

In Sec. 68.236 (d) there's a missing s in the word *views*.

Site Plan Review Standards for Tiering and Preservation of Public River Corridor Views

The newly updated draft ordinance adds a new Sec. 68.235 that provides standards and criteria for certifying site plan conformance with the requirements in Sec. 68.234 for tiering and for minimizing interference with public river corridor views. This should be reflected in the title and introductory sentence of this section as follows. *Plan* and *review* in the title should start with a lower-case p and a lower-case r.

Sec. 68.235. Site plan review standards for tiering and preservation of public river corridor views.

In addition to the site plan review requirements of section 61.402, criteria for certifying site plan conformance with the requirements in Sec. 68.234 for tiering and for minimizing interference with public river corridor views must include the following:

Split Sec. 68.235 (c) into two parts, like Sec. 68.236(b) and (c), and correct the punctuation and wording in (d)(1), as follows:

(c) Determination that the proposed structure is consistent with the requirements in section 68.234 for tiering of structures, through building design and generally lower heights for structures and sections of structures closer to the river or bluffline.

(d) Identification and application of building design and other techniques to minimize the perceived bulk of the proposed structure and impact on public river corridor views, such as:

(1) Using site design techniques, such as having the building relate to the natural topography, screening the building with established tree canopy, and orienting the building to align the narrowest facades with public river corridor views;

American Planning Association guidelines for well-written zoning ordinances say that vague language should be avoided both to deter legal challenges and to make the ordinance a practical guide to what is permitted and not permitted. It also simplifies administration of the ordinance and saves time for everyone. A statement in the cover memo for the MRCCA ordinance about the intent to create predictability in our development process is consistent with this. For all of these reasons, the DNR's model ordinance suggests replacing the vague tiering language for the RTC, UM and UC districts with specific permitted height standards based on distance from the river. There was a proposal for this, and allowing additional height with a conditional use permit, as follows.

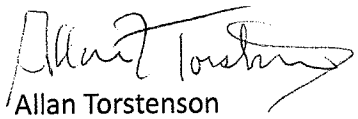
RTC District: 35 feet at the district boundary line closest to the river plus 1 foot for every 10 feet the structure or portion of the structure is set back from said boundary line.

UM District: 35 feet at the river shoreline and blufflines plus 1 foot for every 5 feet the structure or portion of the structure is set back from the river shoreline or bluffline.

UC District: 35 feet at the river shoreline plus 1 foot for every 5 feet the structure or portion of the structure is set back from the river shoreline.

Maximum height is the ROS and RN districts is 35 feet, a reasonable place to start at the river shoreline. There are required setbacks from the river and blufflines, and greater height would be allowed by right at the required setback lines and go up from there. This would allow almost all development by right and eliminate the need for subjective staff decisions for tiering conformance. The conditional use permit process is set up for more subjective Planning Commission review and approval of additional height. This optional language is not included in the newly updated draft ordinance. It would be reasonable for the Planning Commission to recommend including this optional language or something like it.

Sincerely,



Allan Torstenson

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From: Wendy Neurer
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Subject: Approve the original 2023 language for MRCCA ordinance
Date: Friday, May 2, 2025 6:54:31 PM

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City Planning Commission

My name is Wendy Neurer and I am a long time resident of St. Paul. I am writing to voice my support for the original 2023 St. Paul draft for the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance. This original document has specific language that secures height restrictions of structures enforced to 34 feet, and other restrictions without vague text to allow waivers for height exceptions as in the newer watered down version .

This ordinance was written over 7 years ago with the architect being a highly respected senior manager, with decades of expertise in PED working with several city managers along with community organizations . He for the most part duplicated Minneapolis MRCCA ordinance which was implemented over 4 years ago.

The Director of PED and the Mayor have stalled the passage of the ordinance for over 5 years favoring wealthy developers verses protecting the River Corridor including birds. This has enabled any developer to build structures of 50 feet high. Paster Organization is one of the developers whose approved site plan includes a 93 luxury units apartments along with a pool and dog run on the River Corridor in Highland Park 706 Mississippi River Boulevard. PED granted them approval 3 years ago, knowing that this 34 feet height restriction would be passed. They recently extended the permit until April 2026, even though no building work has taken place. The Mayor and PED stalling the approval of MRCCA for years is encouraging this oversized building to take place. This should be halted immediately. Enforce gentle density along the corridor.

The Mighty Mississippi River Corridor is a national jewel that needs to be protected . The River does not belong to the city, it is a sacred land for all to enjoy it's magestic view, habitat, wild life and splendor. That is why the state's priority has been to preserve the pristine view to be here for generations to come.

Reasonable Height restrictions of 34 feet on all future developements allow the beautiful view to be here for all who visit and travel along the river; on bikes, walking paths or drive the scenic road. It is a tourist attraction . Stop allowing property on this corridor to build more than 34 feet tall. The view becomes tarnished.

This was land orignially designed by the park system to build structures that fit and enhance the integrity of this jewel.

Please Act NOW!

Sincerely,
Wendy Neurer
711 Woodlawn Ave
St. Paul, MN 55116

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To: *CI-StPaul_MRCCA
Subject: MRCCA
Date: Friday, May 2, 2025 5:01:58 PM

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Commissioners,
I am writing to request the 2023 amendment draft that were removed from the current draft be returned.
I specifically ask that the bird-safe building requirements be added back and more flexibility for building heights along the downtown riverfront. Language should be precise and remove
any vagueness to decrease possibilities of further lawsuits.

Thank you for your consierations.

Colleen M Holm
1966 Beechwood Ave
St Paul MN 55116

St Paul resident since 1980

From: Kiki Sonnen
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Saint Paul Bird Alliance
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Saint Paul Bird Alliance is working with Friends of the Mississippi River, other environmentalists, and community leaders to improve bird safety measures and the quality of the environment in our River Corridor Critical Area.

As you may know, St. Paul has 17 miles of River coastline- the most of any other city in the entire stretch of the Mississippi.

The Mississippi River Flyway has 40% of all the migrating birds in North America. Other Flyways in North America are the Central Plains, Pacific Coast and the Atlantic Coast. Bird migration happens twice a year - in the Spring and in the Fall. We are in the early stage of Spring Migration now. In the overnight of April 29, 2025 radar shows 146,600 birds flew across Ramsey County. Many of them hug the River Corridor since the Mississippi is an easy landmark for birds to follow. Migrants usually fly at night because the winds tend to be calmer. Birds also rely on stars and magnetic fields to help them on their way. You can watch the migrations too. Just Google Birdcast. This is a program run by Cornell Lab of Ornithology, with support from NASA, weather radar programs, and foundation grants.

As stewards of the Mississippi River, St Paul needs to protect our birds, whether year-round residents or passing migrants. One way to do this is to require bird safe glass in new construction in the River Corridor. Our zoning ordinance can also be improved to provide bird and pollinator friendly landscaping, lighting safe for birds, shoreline protection, certain setbacks to protect bluff top views, building heights and density requirements to preserve sweeping views of the Mississippi.

At the Planning Commission's Zoning Committee meeting on March 12, an issue was brought up that bird safe building codes should be applied city-wide , not just in the River Corridor zone. We agree the code should be citywide. But we also know that this was the tactic used in Minneapolis to kill the bird safety measures in their River Corridor ordinance.

So we think that now that the River Critical Area Zoning is finally back before you, it is a good time to start with bird safety measures in the River Corridor first. Then it will be shown the new zoning laws work just fine. Later we can expand it city-wide.

At the hearing I will have a chart of bird friendly building policies in other cities including New York City, Washington DC, Madison WI, Berkeley CA, Mountain View CA, Portland ME, Middleton WI. Note that Minneapolis zoning code now requires bird safety measures in new skyways.

Bird safe buildings are now required throughout Minnesota when projects utilize state bonding funds. Case studies indicate that bird-friendly glass costs less than 1% of total project costs.

The City of St Paul itself has celebrated the use of bird-safe glass in new projects like the North End Community Center and the new Hamline Branch Library.

Bird-safe glass in buildings is the wave of the future. We urge you to embrace the new wave.

A closing note about the Saint Paul Bird Alliance's mission to engage diverse community to enjoy, understand, and protect birds and the habitats all living things need to thrive. We serve primarily Ramsey and Washington counties. We provide free nature-related events throughout the year. We welcome everyone and do not require membership to participate. We welcome your involvement.

Sincerely,

Kiki Sonnen, Vice President

Saint Paul Bird Alliance

Tony Johnson

From: goodgrowsmb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Martha Boyd <goodgrowsmb@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 11:22 AM
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

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Dear St. Paul City Planner Tony Johnson,

Hi CM Yang and Ward 6 Team,
I love birds! This time of year, my walks around the Greater East Side neighborhood and nearby nature spots are slower to see who is here - the feathered visitors that we only see during spring and fall migration, the new babies hatching, the flirting and feeding on new insects and fish. It's a magical time! - but also dangerous for birds coming through populated areas.

Investments now are critical to protect humans and our ecological life support systems into the future. Please insist on re-instating bird-safe provisions in planning and development ordinances. If we skip the chance to build safe for birds, green for people and wildlife, and resilient for our future NOW, we lose that opportunity for another 50 years or more! This is about longterm planning and real return on investment, not shorter term "cost reduction" at the behest of a small group of developers who want us to think those savings will be passed along.

As you know, I moved here from Chicago, where several groups and policy actions aim to protect birds from hitting building windows and dying - or receiving injuries that prevent them from living in the wild. Chicago's McCormick Place conference center on Lake Michigan finally invested in window modifications, leading to reduced bird deaths. McCormick Place is now using that as part of their own marketing. For more info see:
- https://www.mccormickplace.com/birds/
- https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/bird-collisions-window-safety-mccormick-place-chicago/
The organization "Chicago Bird Collision Monitors" has links on their website to information about bird-safe buildings and more about protecting birds. They do great work:
- https://www.birdmonitors.net/Examples.php

Here in the Twin Cities, the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance should provide strong riverfront rules for St. Paul that are both good for the river and good for communities. As your constituent, I urge you to support the passage of a St. Paul MRCCA ordinance that includes bird-safe building requirements and clearer standards for building height and exceptions.
Thank you!
Martha

Sincerely,
Ms. Martha Boyd
Saint Paul, MN 55119-4810

From: Mary Ann Berglund
To: *CI-StPaul_MRCCA
Subject: Approve the original language for MRCCA ordinance
Date: Monday, May 5, 2025 11:11:28 AM

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My name is Mary Ann Berglund. I am writing to urge you to support the original language for the 2023 MRCCA ordinance.

The Mississippi River Corridor is a precious resource for all of Minnesota. At a time when the federal administration is planning to diminish the beautiful natural areas of our country, we should be treasuring and protecting what we have in our city and state. I want my grandchildren to be able to appreciate and enjoy the wonderful beauty of nature here in St. Paul. I am confused as to why St. Paul hasn't passed an ordinance when all other Minnesota cities along the river have done so. Listen to the experts who have testified about the importance of maintaining this area.

Please keep the maximum height of buildings at 34 feet. Mandate the use of bird safe materials. My grandchildren and yours will thank you for having the foresight to preserve the Mississippi River Corridor for all to enjoy without the impediment of tall, unsightly buildings.

Once gone, the natural beauty cannot be brought back!

Mary Ann Berglund
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St. Paul, MN 55105

From: Kurt Klussendorf
To: *CI-StPaul_MRCCA
Subject: Proposed MRCCA ordinance testimony
Date: Saturday, May 3, 2025 3:51:41 PM

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I am opposed to the current draft of the proposed MRCCA ordinance. There are a number of elements in the January 2023 draft that better protect the river and its viewshed for your citizens recreation and enjoyment.

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- There should be clearer criteria for condition use permits and variances. Most cities have included the DNR's recommended language in their ordinances. Saint Paul should also use it.

Yours,
Kurt Klussendorf
699 Woodlawn Avenue
Saint Paul MN 55116

From: Yasmine Robinson
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: FW: MRCCA letter of concern
Date: Monday, March 24, 2025 9:04:27 AM
Attachments: Mississippi River Flyway City Planner 31925.docx

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Good morning! Could you reply to Sharell and let her know when the PH is? Thank you!

From: Sharell Benson <sharellbenson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 1:27 PM
To: Yasmine Robinson <Yasmine.Robinson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: MRCCA letter of concern

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Dear Yasmine Robinson,

My name is Sharell Benson and I am a resident of St. Paul. I am writing to share my support for the original St. Paul's draft Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance and to urge the city to resume the public hearing process immediately. I support a stronger ordinance, the one from the original document that secures the height of structures enforced to 34 feet or less, not to be rewritten with any vague description to allow waivers for height exceptions.

Dear Saura Jost,

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The Mississippi River Corridor is a national jewel that needs to be protected. The River does not belong to the city, it is part of the land for all to enjoy it's majestic view, habitat, wildlife and splendor. That is why the state wants its pristine view to be here for generations to come. Height restrictions on all future developments allow the view in all its beauty to stay what it is for all who visit and travel along it on bikes, walking paths or drive the scenic road for all generations now and in the future. The capital city should be a leader in preservation of all it's beauty by not selling property on this corridor to build more than 34 feet tall. The view becomes distorted with anything higher being built. This was land originally designed for the park system to only build structures that fit into the integrity of this jewel.

It is also imperative to retain bird safe building codes such as bird friendly lighting design, building design and building materials. Bird safe glass adds very little to the cost of new construction while providing proven benefits.

Thank you for your consideration. Please think sustainably and green to protect the land and wildlife. By paying attention to that, the river corridor will also be a better experience for people.

Sincerely,
Sharell Benson
1201 Edgcumbe Road
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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Sincerely,
Sharell Benson
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From: nickiweber02@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nichole Weber
To: Tony Johnson
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Dear St. Paul City Planner Tony Johnson,

The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance should provide strong riverfront rules for St. Paul that are both good for the river and good for communities. As your constituent, I urge you to support the passage of a St. Paul MRCCA ordinance that includes bird-safe building requirements and clearer standards for building height and exceptions. This is important to me because...

Sincerely,
Nichole Weber
Farmington, MN 55024-1483

From: leekorthof@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lee Korthof
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Dear St. Paul City Planner Tony Johnson,

I live on the bluff overlooking the River and downtown St Paul, I am an avid birder, I am creating a bird friendly/pollinator friendly yard. I am doing all I can to support wildlife in St Paul. Why would the City of St Paul not do the same? I encourage the City of St Paul, my council person, the planning department to make sure all planning documents contain safeguards for birds and wildlife especially for building projects along the River.

The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance should provide strong riverfront rules for St. Paul that are both good for the river and good for communities. As your constituent, I urge you to support the passage of a St. Paul MRCCA ordinance that includes bird-safe building requirements and clearer standards for building height and exceptions. This is important to me because if you, the planning department of the City of St Paul, cannot protect a small bird, how can you be trusted to protect any living animal?

Sincerely,
Lee Korthof
Saint Paul, MN 55107-2157

From: jen.s.shaffer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Shaffer
To: Tony Johnson
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Sincerely,
Jennifer Shaffer
Minneapolis, MN 55401-2604

From: deb.a.brown@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Debbie Brown
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This is important to me because I am a board member of the Saint Paul Bird Alliance (formerly St. Paul Audubon) and a leader on its conservation committee. I volunteer my time to advance science and protect vulnerable fellow creatures, including migrating birds. We are now in migration season, so this is very timely.

Sincerely,
Debbie Brown
Saint Paul, MN 55105-2520

From:	mvaillancourt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michele Vaillancourt
To:	Tony Johnson
Subject:	I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date:	Tuesday, March 18, 2025 11:24:44 AM

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Thank you.

--Michele Vaillancourt

Sincerely,
Michele Vaillancourt
Saint Paul, MN 55105-1228

From: activist.6vss1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katherine Dugarm
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 12:56:55 PM

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Sincerely,
Katherine Dugarm
Saint Paul, MN 55116-2560

From: s_peddicord@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of S peddicord
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 1:08:25 PM

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Dear St. Paul City Planner Tony Johnson,

WHY IS THIS NOT BEING CONSIDERED!??!!? PASS MRCCA ORDINANCE INCLUDING BIRD SAFE BUILDING STANDARDS!!!! CRAZY! The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance should provide strong riverfront rules for St. Paul that are both good for the river and good for communities. I urge you to support the passage of a St. Paul MRCCA ordinance that includes bird-safe building requirements and clearer standards for building height and exceptions. This is important to me because...

Sincerely,
S peddicord
Minneapolis, MN 55412-2547

From: pensmiles@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Penny Miller
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 1:59:02 PM

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Sincerely,
Penny Miller
Saint Paul, MN 55107-3035

From: debalper@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deb Alper
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025 11:41:18 AM

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Dear St. Paul City Planner Tony Johnson,

The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance should provide strong riverfront rules for St. Paul that are both good for the river and good for communities. As a resident of St. Paul I urge you to support the passage of a St. Paul MRCCA ordinance that includes bird-safe building requirements and clearer standards for building height and exceptions. This is important to me because I want to continue to enjoy the beauty and the bit of nature that the river brings to our city environment, and I want this beauty to be there when my grand children are adults. The Mississippi is a world class river whose migratory bird flyway draws visitors from around the world. Yet the birds themselves don’t always survive their trip through our city, succumbing all too frequently to collisions with windows and tall buildings. Bird safe glass and appropriate lighting is the least we can do to help their survival. Please take action to ensure that strong measures are not omitted from the proposed ordinance.

Thank you
Deb Alper
1835 fairmount ave.
St. Paul

Sincerely,
Deb Alper
Saint Paul, MN 55105-1537

From:	ksommerf14@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kendra Sommerfeld
To:	Tony Johnson
Subject:	I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date:	Thursday, March 20, 2025 6:46:22 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Kendra Sommerfeld
South Saint Paul, MN 55075-1414

From: dmeister.mmc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Debbie Meister
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date: Friday, March 21, 2025 12:24:59 PM

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Dear St. Paul City Planner Tony Johnson,

As the Saint Paul City Council moves to pass the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance, I urge you to support strong riverfront rules that are both good for the river and good for communities. Specifically, I urge that the St. Paul MRCCA ordinance includes bird-safe building requirements and clearer standards for building height and exceptions.

Bird-safe Buildings
As many as 50 million migratory birds pass through the Mississippi River flyway. I believe it is our responsibility to protect these migrating birds to the best of our ability. Requiring bird-friendly lighting design, building design and building materials (such as bird-safe glass) in all new developments along the river, will add very little to the cost while providing necessary bird protection.

Well-designed Building Height Standards
The river gorge through Saint Paul is a tremendous scenic resource. In many places, along the gorge it is possible to have views without seeing humanmade development. Well-managed building heights can protect these rare natural views for everyone to enjoy. Tiering building heights will also help protect the natural view line. The city should adopt the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) standards for tiering: the further a building is from the river, the taller it can be.

Clear Standards for Exceptions
Saint Paul's ordinance should adopt the DNR's recommended language about exceptions to these rules. Its written findings offer more specific criteria for evaluating a request based on its impact on river resources and scenic views.

I urge the city to adopt strong standards to protect the Mississippi River Corridor.

Sincerely,
Ms Debbie Meister
Saint Paul, MN 55104-6905

From:	diskon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donald Kist
To:	Tony Johnson
Subject:	I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date:	Friday, March 21, 2025 3:09:07 PM

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They need safe navigation through this narrow downtown corridor without interference from tall buildings or glass structures without bird-safe windows. Having trees and greenery will help in giving them a place to rest and refuel. Besides fulfilling the needs of birds, this will add to the aesthetics of our city and make it a pleasant destination for a lunch, walk, bike ride, or just bird watching. Please reconsider adopting a policy more like the first draft from 2023, as it takes into consideration these very important factors, which contribute to a better quality of living in the great city of Saint Paul.

Sincerely,
Mr. Donald Kist
Saint Paul, MN 55105-1731

From: lbergerud@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lisa Bergerud
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025 2:25:06 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Lisa Bergerud
Saint Paul, MN 55108-1826

From:	66cintia@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cynthia N Werner
To:	Tony Johnson
Subject:	I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date:	Wednesday, March 26, 2025 3:44:42 AM

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This inept and oblivious administration has done nothing for 55101 except import more and more derelicts and addicts. You've ruined this neighborhood through your negligence and somehow you and Carter manage to run essentially unopposed. That seems rather 'mysterious'. My property value has dropped ... again. Why do people have to tell you repeatedly that they don't want ugly glass high rises along the riverfront? Monuments to your arrogance. Why build more crap in your ghost town? I thought we'd get a beautiful park similar to the Highline in NY. But no. Just more ignorance. And your bike path plan fits right in with the rest of your goofy decisions. Replace the trees you've already destroyed (like the beautiful flowering crab trees that were chopped down along Kellogg) and leave Summit Ave alone... unless the plan is really to devalue the entire city rather than just most of it. And then go away. You've done enough damage.

Sincerely,
Ms. Cynthia N Werner
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2707

From: sfwillis143@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Willis
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 9:13:16 AM

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The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance should provide strong riverfront rules for St. Paul that are both good for the river and good for communities.

As your constituent, I urge you to support the passage of a St. Paul MRCCA ordinance that includes BIRD-SAFE BUILDING REQUIREMENTS and clearer standards for building height and exceptions.

This is important to me because I am a naturalist and specifically an advocate for urban birds. I am speaking up for those that have no voice. I know the deadly consequences of glass buildings/windows for migrating birds, and if more people did, I'm sure they would want these amazing species better protected.

Here's your chance to do something remarkable and so, SO good for our city and our state and our world.

I appreciate your time and consideration,
Susan Willis
Merriam Park

Sincerely,
Mrs. Susan Willis
Saint Paul, MN 55104-5025

From: diskon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donald Kist
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date: Saturday, April 19, 2025 5:32:54 PM

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You, and your fellow council members, no doubt want to increase river access and aesthetics for residents, workers and visitors. What helps this cause more, larger reflective structures or more thoughtfully planned environmentally friendly ones that make one want to stick around after work or a meeting.
Please don't cave-in to the pressure from developers and think of how pleasant it could be.
Sincerely
Donald Kist

Sincerely,
Mr. Donald Kist
Saint Paul, MN 55105-1731

From:	gitag66@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of gita ghei
To:	Tony Johnson
Subject:	I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date:	Thursday, April 24, 2025 9:17:56 AM

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Dear St. Paul City Planner Tony Johnson,

My question is - why on earth would you not protect birds on one of the world's most important migratory flyways?? It seems a no brainer.

The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance should provide strong riverfront rules for St. Paul that are both good for the river and good for communities. As your constituent, I urge you to support the passage of a St. Paul MRCCA ordinance that includes bird-safe building requirements and clearer standards for building height and exceptions. This is important to me because...

Sincerely,
Miss gita ghei
Saint Paul, MN 55103-1010

From: sonjasutter@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sonja Sutter
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 2:24:36 PM

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As your constituent, I urge you to support the passage of a St. Paul MRCCA ordinance that includes bird-safe building requirements and clearer standards for tiered building height.

This is important to me for supporting the health of the river, ecosystem, and housing in a sustainable way. As the state where the Mississippi begins, I believe we have an especially critical responsibility on this.

This Friends of the Mississippi River document contains more points on this:

https://fmr.org/updates/land-use-planning/whats-our-deal-density

Thank you so much for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,
Ms Sonja Sutter
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2561

From: dickensmarsha@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marsha Macey
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 9:37:54 AM

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Sincerely,
Marsha Macey
Saint Paul, MN 55105-1323

From: Colleen O"Connor Toberman
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: MRCCA bird-safe standards: compatibility with state building codes
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 2:58:46 PM

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Hi Tony,
I was one of the guests at last week's Neighborhood and Comprehensive Planning Subcommittee meeting; thank you for giving the MRCCA presentation. By and large, I believe I understand the city's updated draft ordinance and I'm looking forward to the discussion at the public hearings.

I did want to pass along one suggestion--you mentioned that the city wants to examine the legality of bird-safe building materials requirements in relation to state building code. The state of Minnesota actually already does require bird-safe materials in projects funded by state bonds per its B3 Sustainable Building Guidelines. So that could be a baseline for the city to consider that is already vetted for compatibility with state code.

Thank you!

Colleen O'Connor Toberman / Land Use & Planning Program Director
ctoberman@fmr.org / 651.477.0923 (call/text)
(she/her)

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St. Paul MN 55107-2032
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From: Kurt Klussendorf
To: *CI-StPaul_MRCCA
Subject: Proposed MRCCA ordinance testimony
Date: Saturday, May 3, 2025 3:52:45 PM

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Greetings.

I am opposed to the current draft of the proposed MRCCA ordinance. There are a number of elements in the January 2023 draft that better protect the river and its viewshed for your citizens recreation and enjoyment.

- Building height limits were clearly addressed in the 2023 draft ordinances. The current draft eliminates this clarity with subjective standards that are open to interpretation and, therefore, regular legal and civic challenges from all sides.
- There should be clearer criteria for condition use permits and variances. Most cities have included the DNR's recommended language in their ordinances. Saint Paul should also use it.

Yours,
Barbara A. Klussendorf
699 Woodlawn Avenue
Saint Paul MN 55116

Tony Johnson

From: rashoncryer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rashon Cryer <rashoncryer@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 10:04 AM
To: Tony Johnson
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

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Sincerely,
Rashon Cryer
Saint Paul, MN 55106-3115

City Councilmember

RE: MRCCA Zoning Protections

Recommendations:

Protection of the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area is of utmost importance. It is vital for wildlife and natural habitat survival. As the only National Park centered on the Mississippi River, it serves MN residents and tourism. Natural resource protection and enhancement provides wonderful recreational and education opportunities for current and future generations.

Retain these existing protections :

1. "Only fill free of chemical pollutants and organic waste shall be used"
2. "Solid waste disposal and landfill shall not be permitted in the River Corridor District"
3. "Development shall fit existing topography and vegetation with a minimum of clearing and grading"
4. "No commercial or industrial development shall be permitted on slopes greater than twelve (12) percent" Retains existing prohibition on steep slopes.
5. No alteration of the natural environment or removal of vegetation shall be permitted when such alteration or removal would diminish the ability of dependent wildlife to survive in the River Corridor."
6. "The development of new and expansion of existing commercial and industrial uses shall only be on lands which are on the landward side of blufflines." (Retains Point Douglas as a residential street in Highwood) RN district
7. Retain prohibition of mining in the MRCCA.

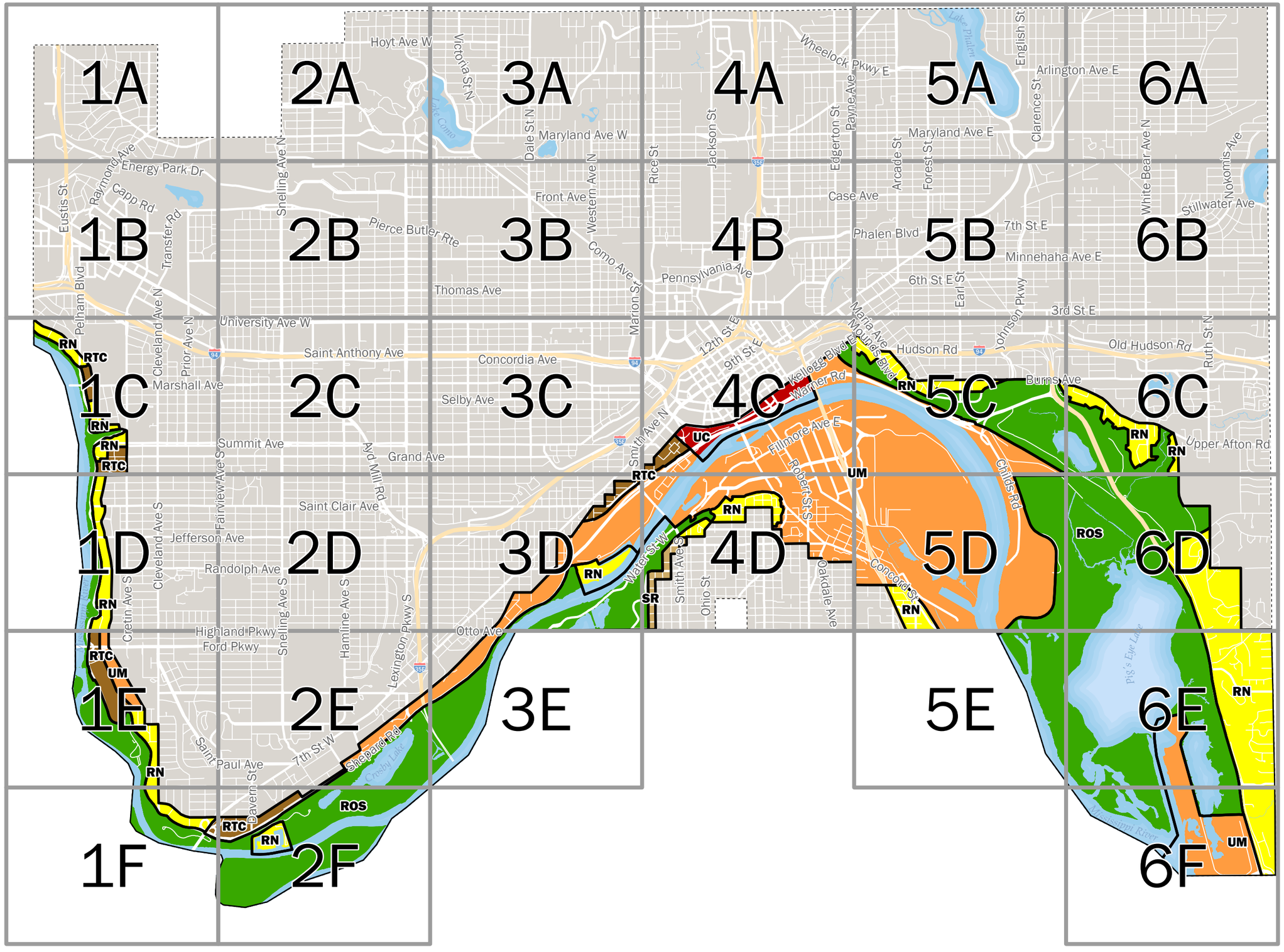
These River Corridor Protections have been in place for half a century. Why undermine our efforts to protect and enhance this valuable resource?

Birders in our community have done a wonderful job explaining how we have the good fortune of living in a major flyway. A great case can be made for doing what we can to protect these beautiful creatures. Window strikes can be reduced. Is it too much to ask that our zoning code provide some level of protection to reduce these deaths?

Thank you for your consideration.

I am glad to sit down with you if you wish.

Tom Dimond



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Booklet of New MRCCA Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Overlay Zoning

Booklet produced 11/18/2020

New MRCCA Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Overlay Zoning Districts

- Rural and Open Space
- River Neighborhood
- River Towns and Crossings
- Separated from River
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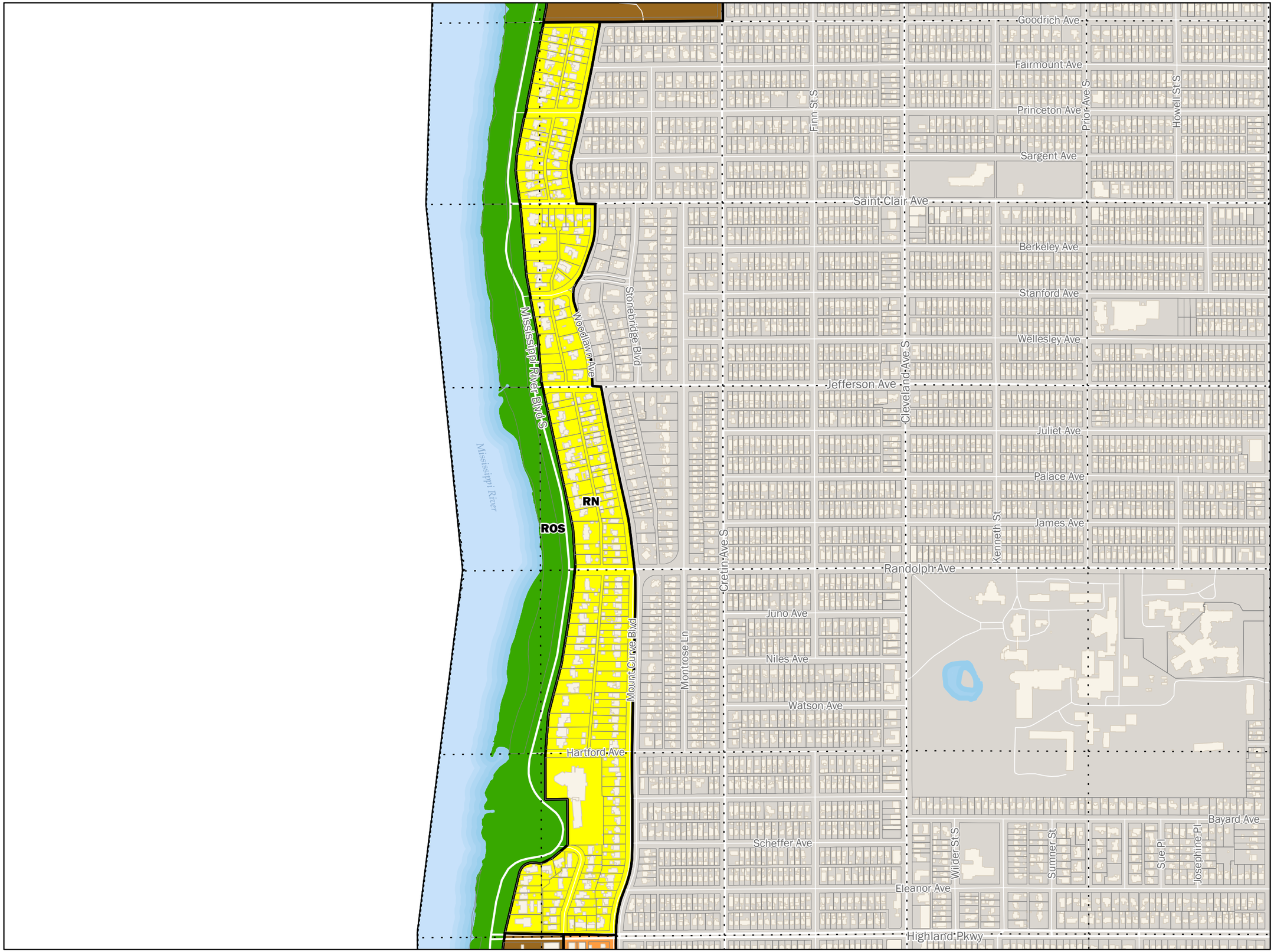

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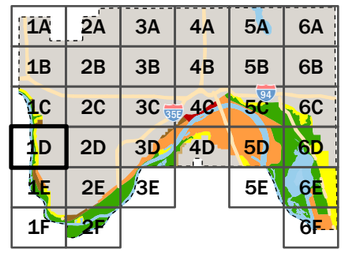

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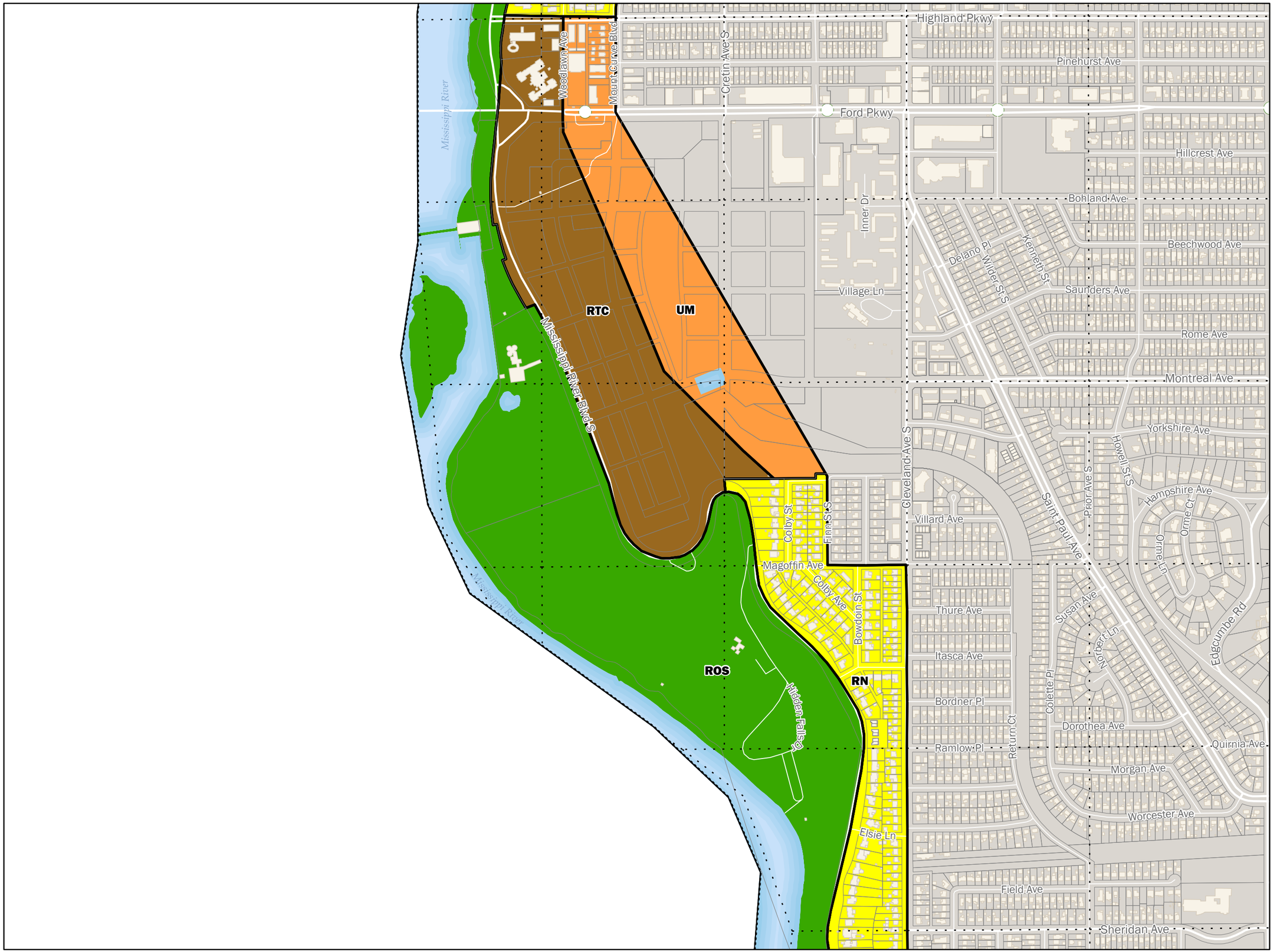

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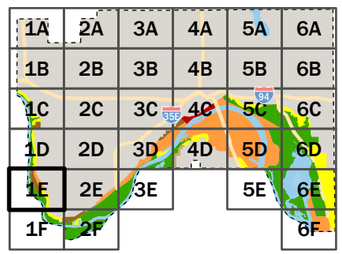

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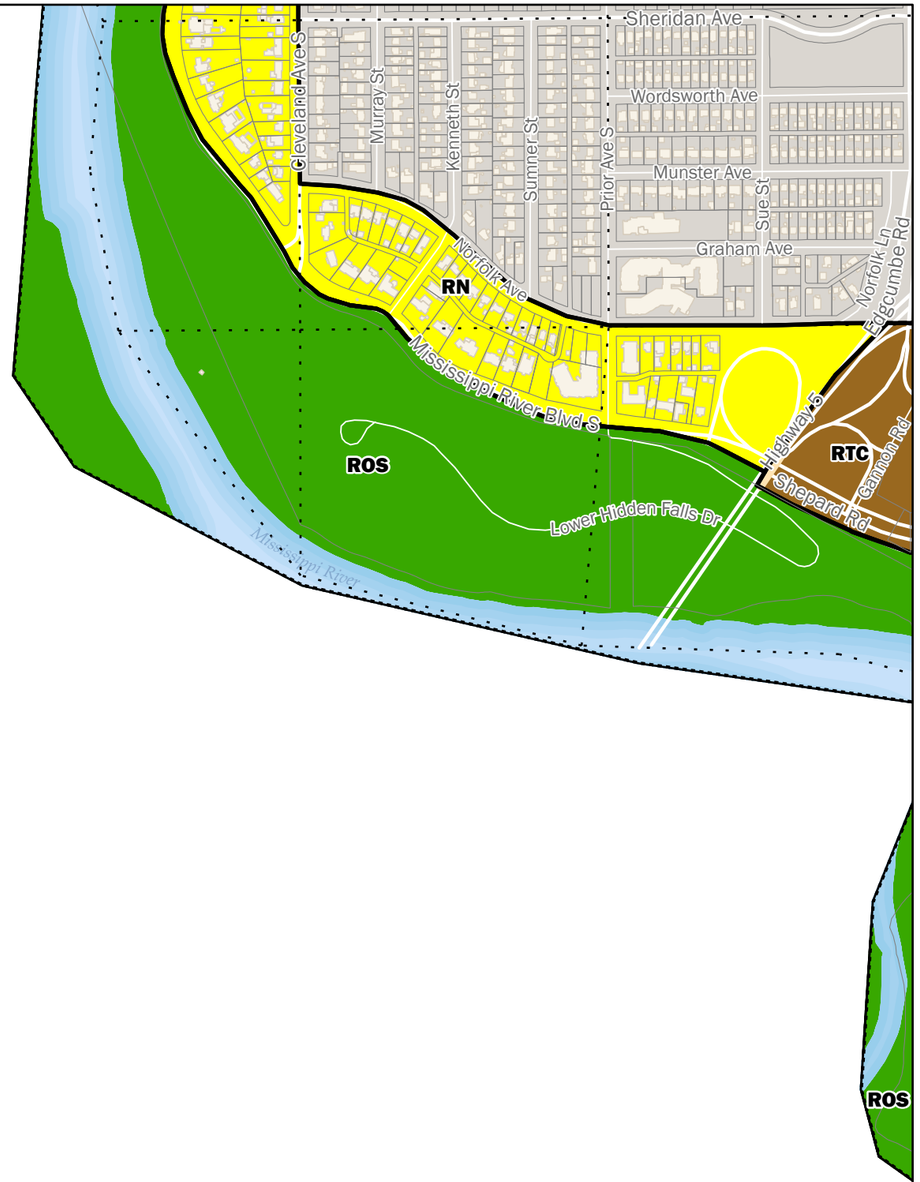

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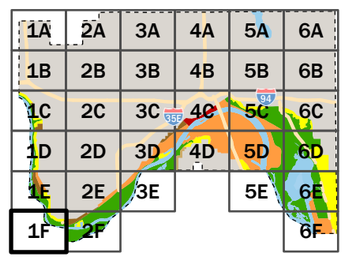

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Panel 1F

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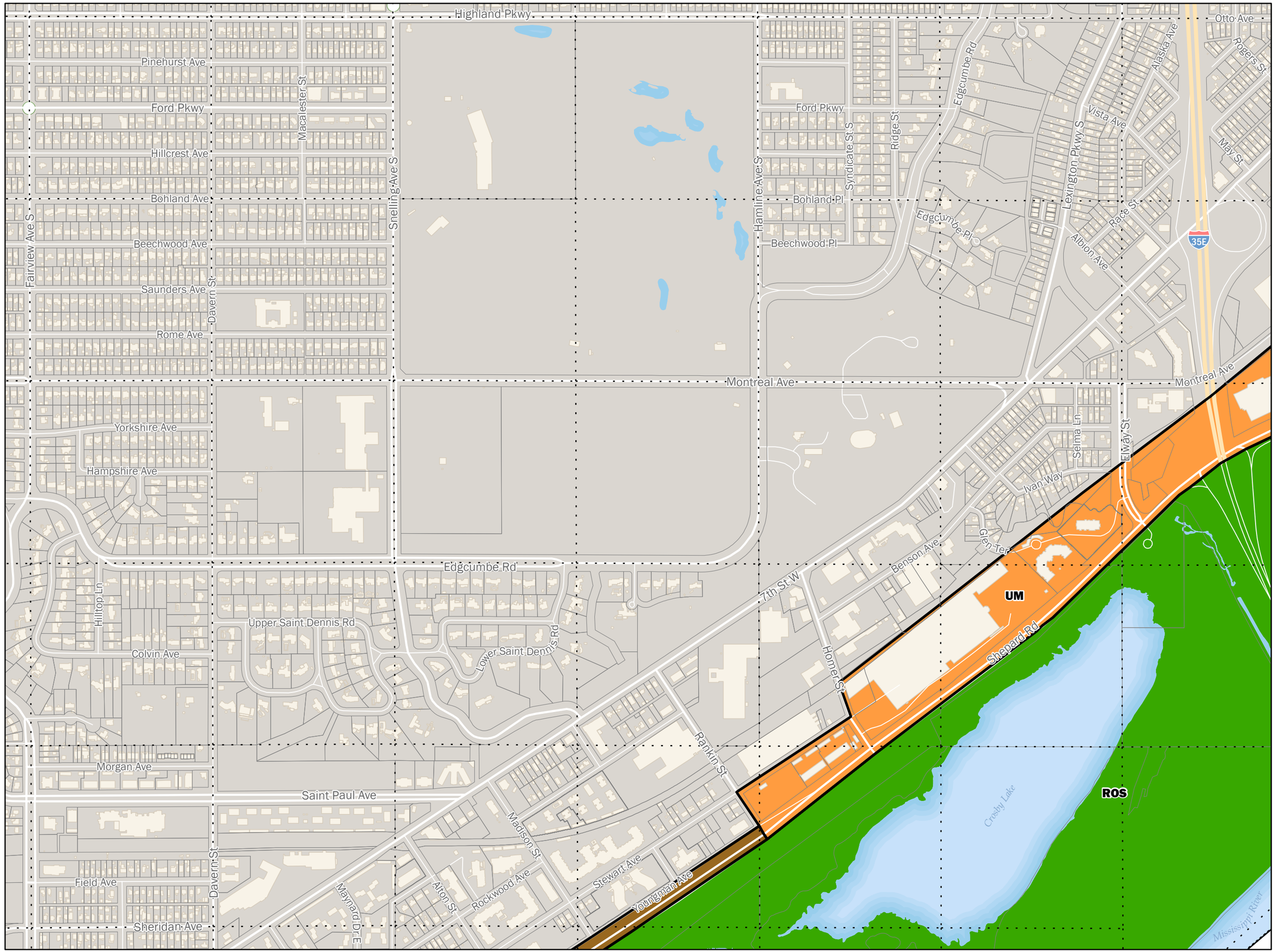

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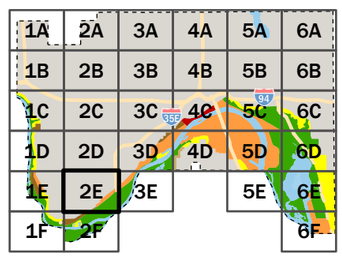

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Graham Ave
Norfolk Ave
Wheeler St S
7th St W
Davern St
Maynard Dr W
Maynard Dr E
Alton St
Stewart Ave
Youngman Ave
Edgcumbe Rd
Cannon Rd
Shepard Rd
Crosby Farm Rd
Watergate Marina
Upper Lake
Mississippi River
RTC
RN

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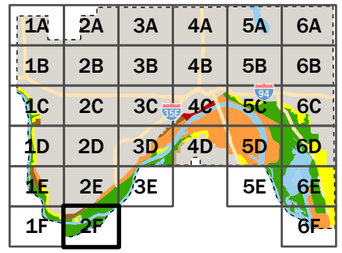

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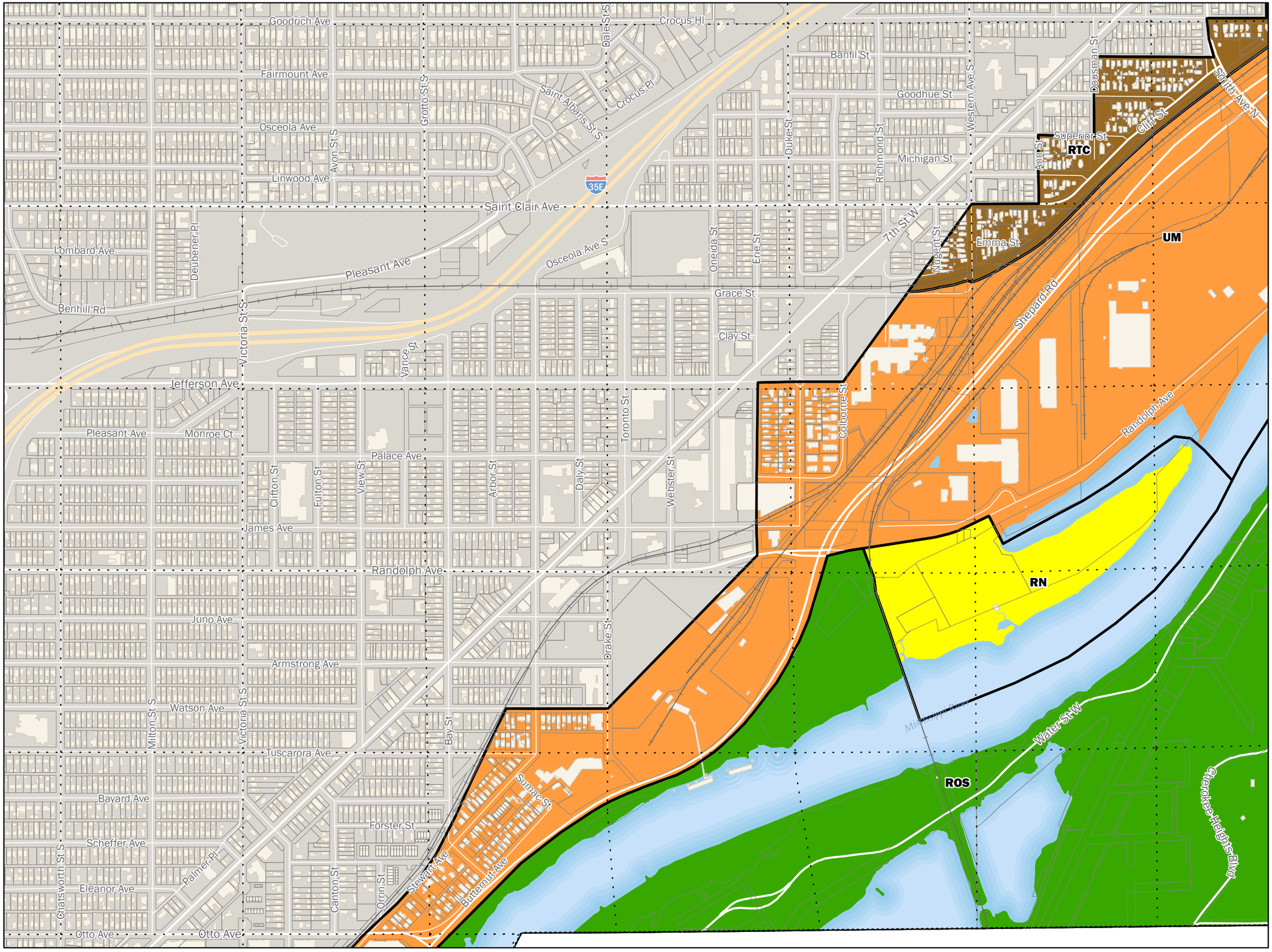

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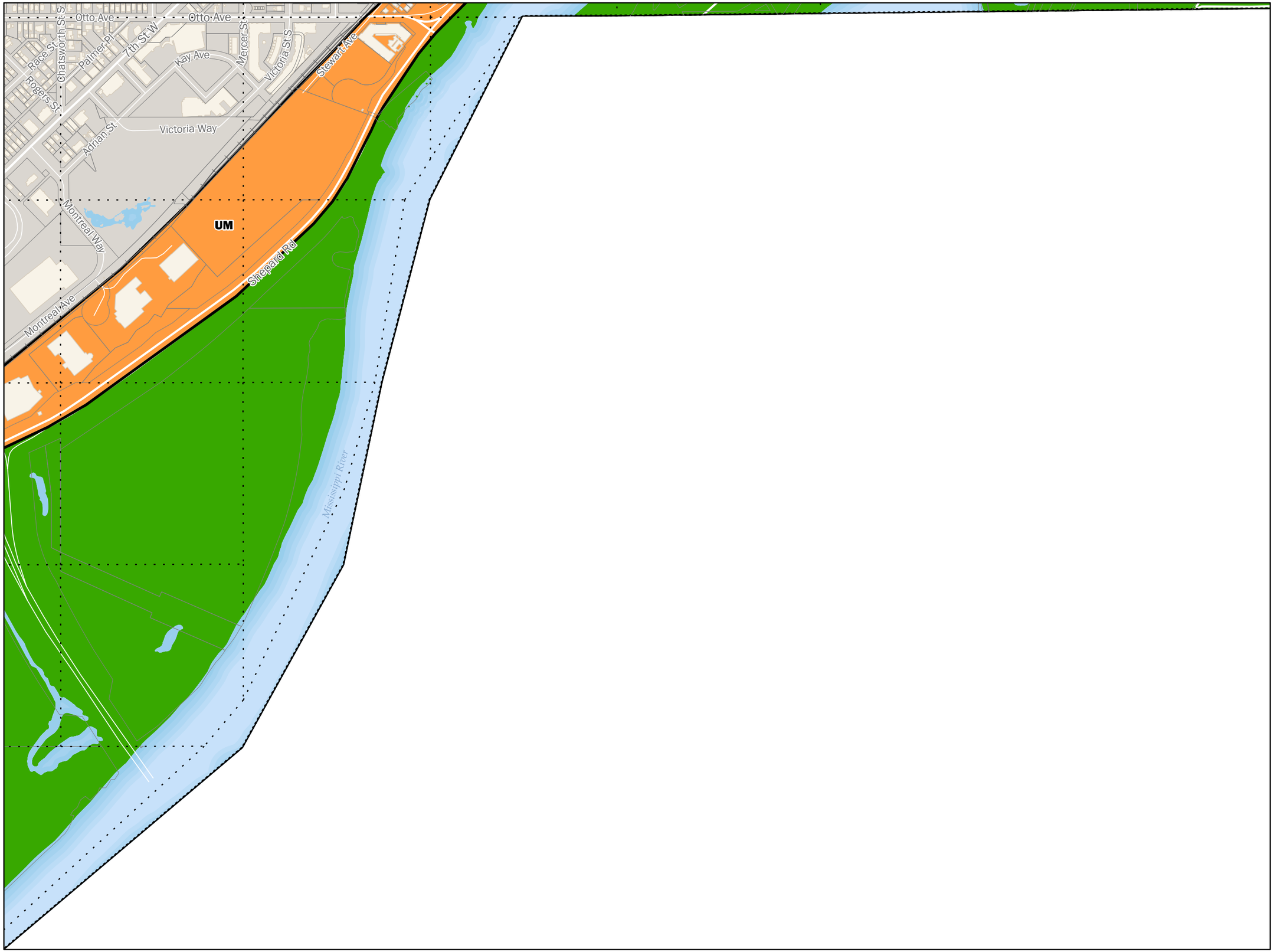

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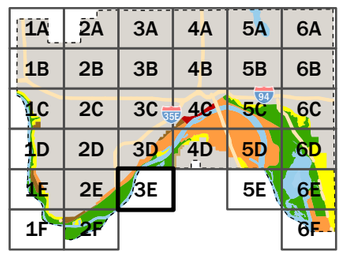

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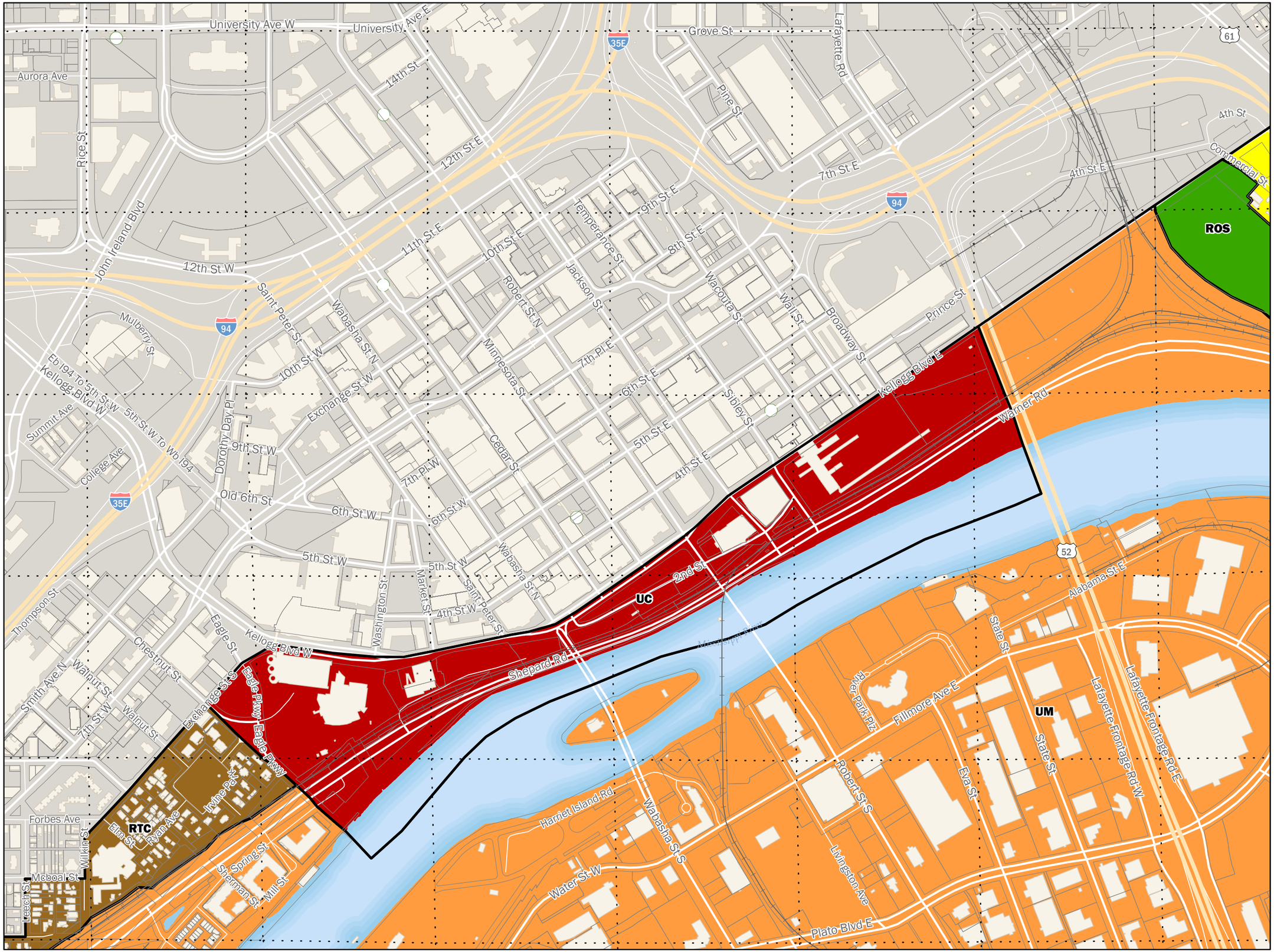

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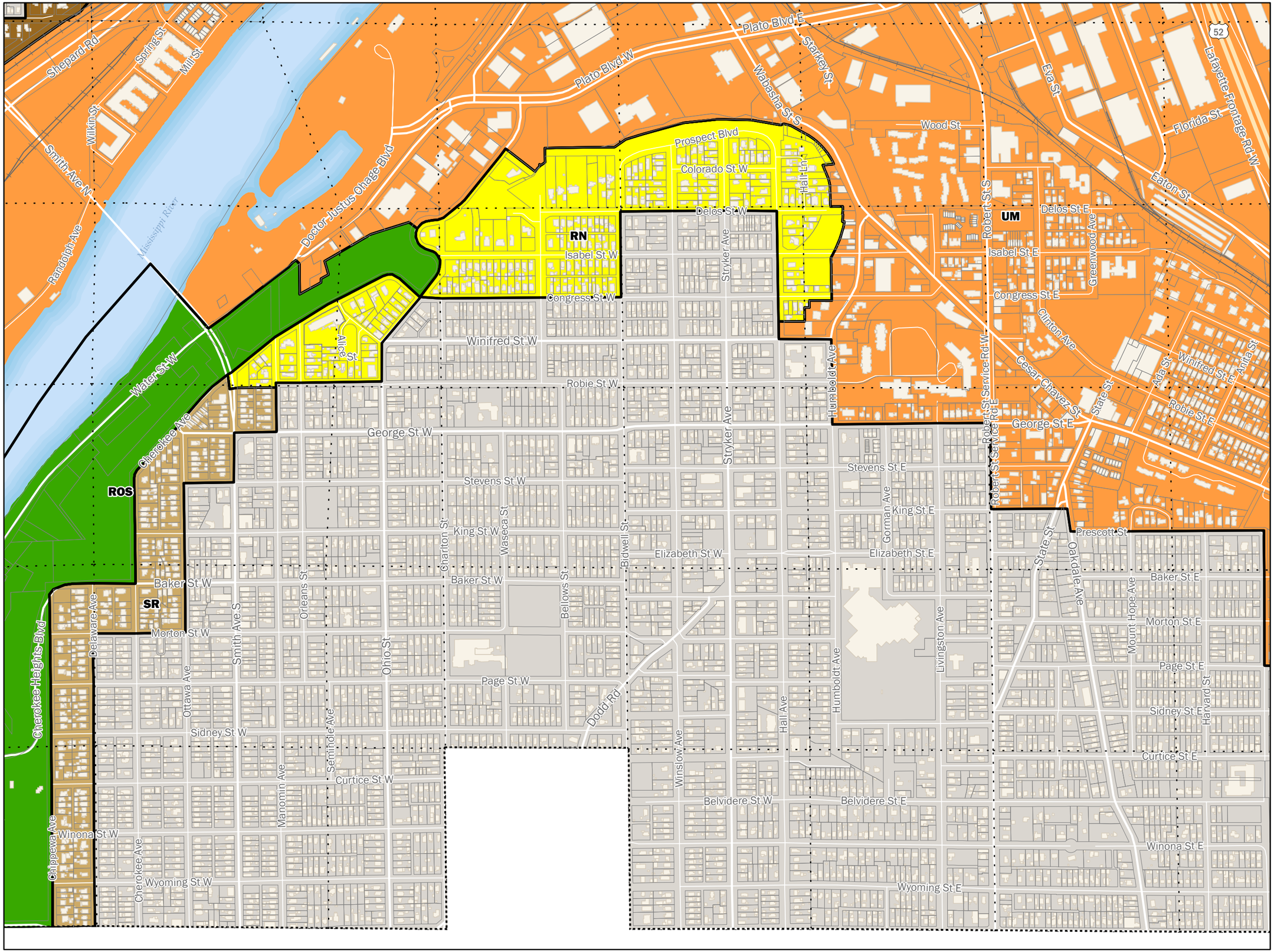

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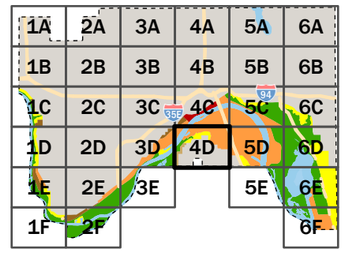

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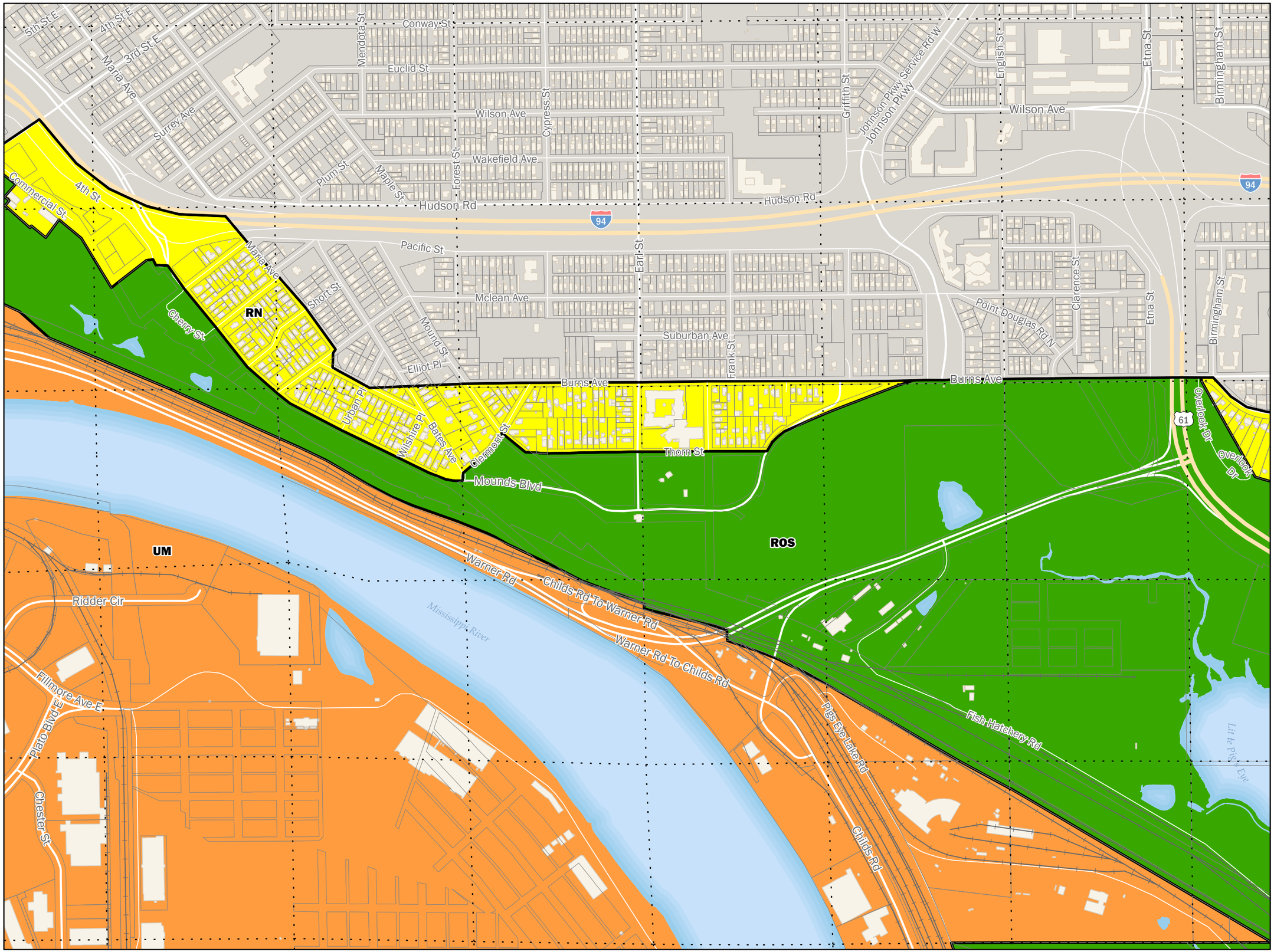

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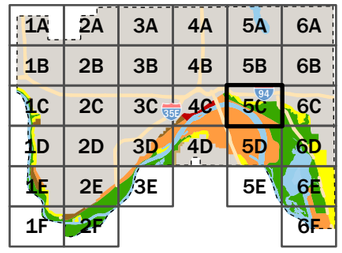

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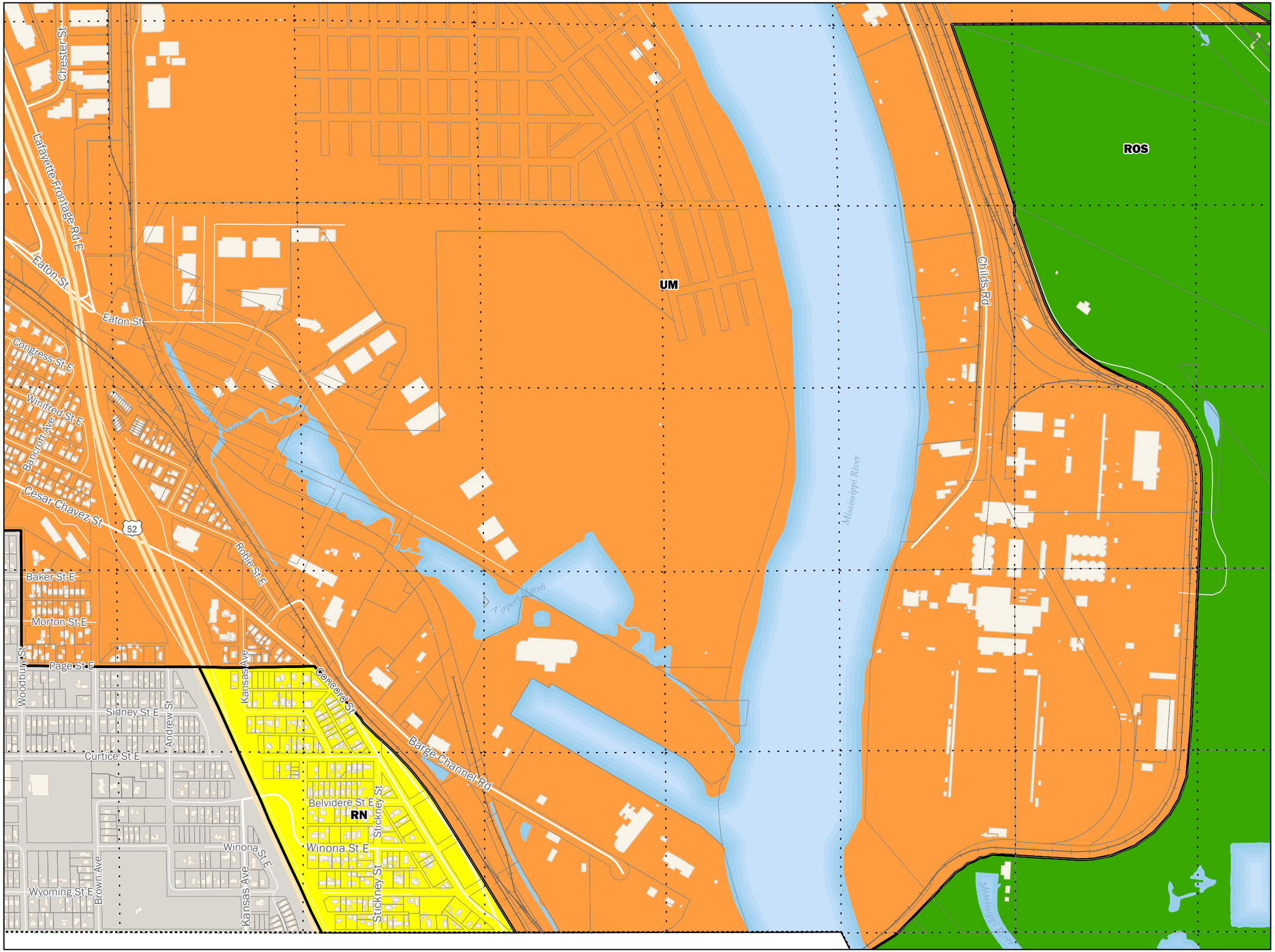

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UM

Mississippi River

Pig's Eye Lake

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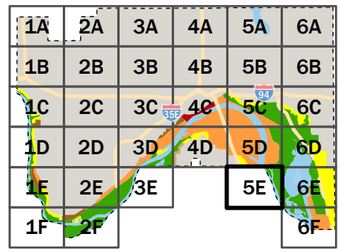

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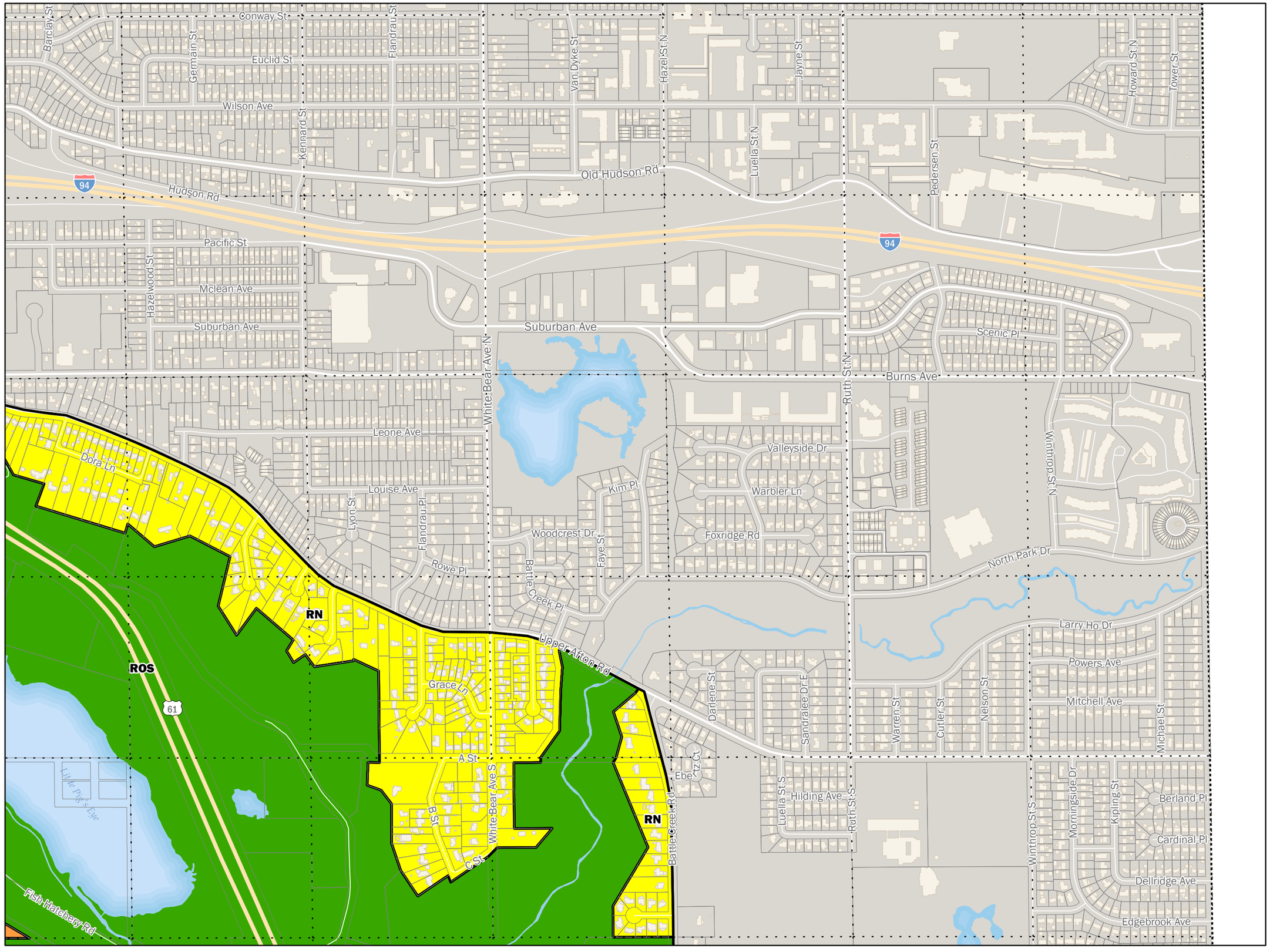

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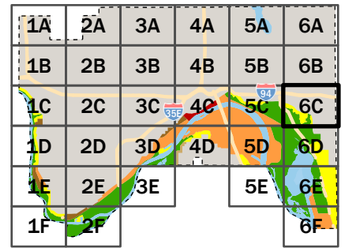

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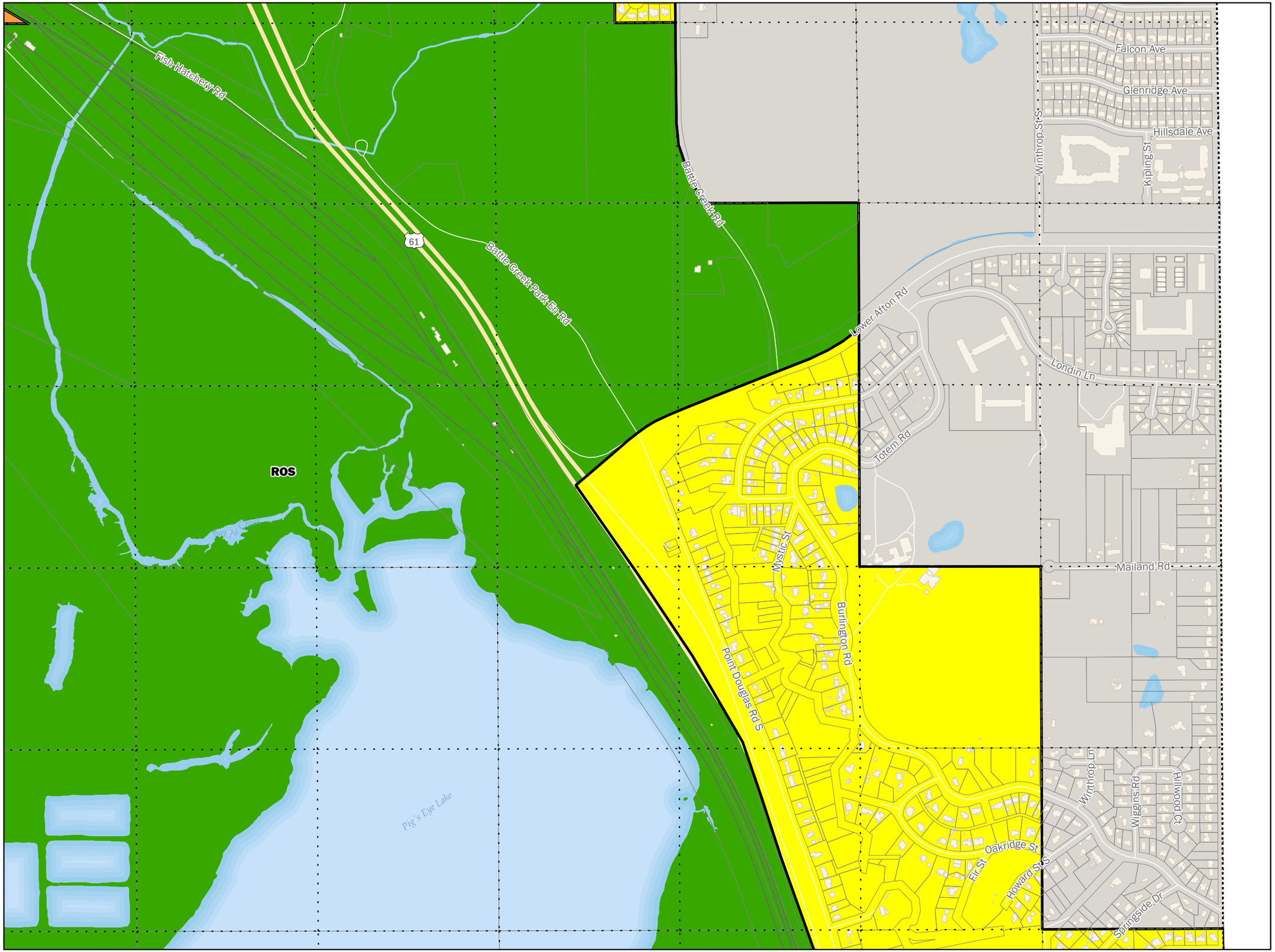

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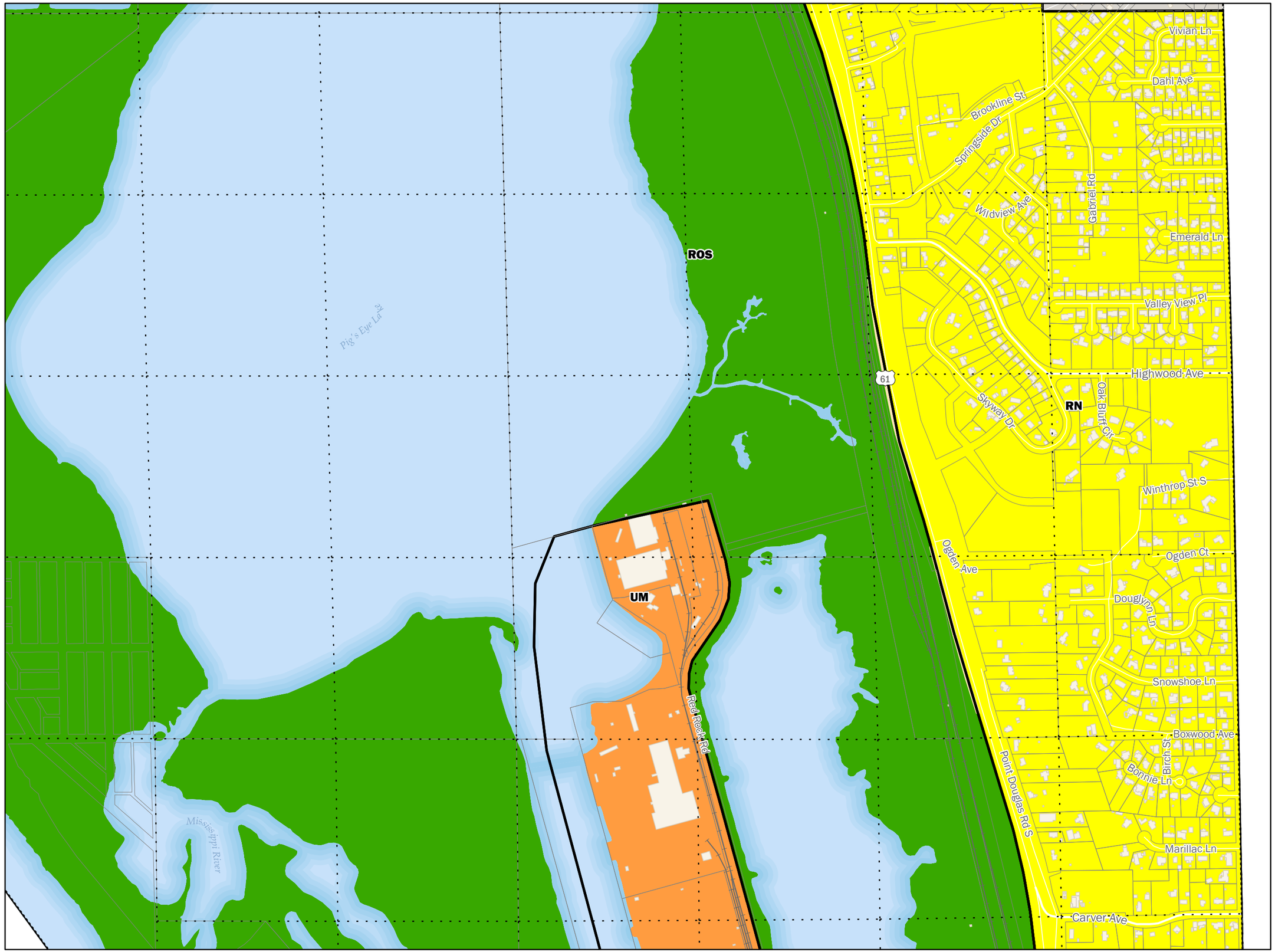

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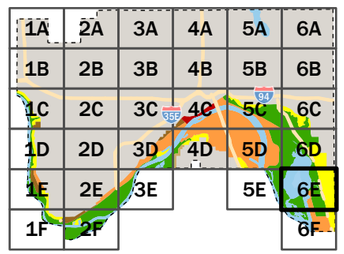

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Mississippi River

Red Rock Rd

Point Douglas Rd S

Burl Ave

Bailey Rd

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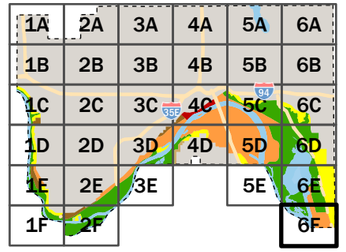

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City:	Rural and Open Space (ROS)	River Neighborhood (RN)	River Towns and Crossings (RTC)	Separated from River (SR)	Urban Mixed (UM)	Urban Core (UC)	Notes:
Minneapolis	**Thirty-five (35) feet**	**Thirty-five (35) feet**	**Forty-eight (48)** feet provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from blufflines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and bluff lines, and that structure design and placement minimizes interference with public river corridor views	Height is determined by underlying built form overlay zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OWHL of the opposite shore.	(5) UM1 District: **Thirty-five (35) feet**, provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from bluff lines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views. (6) UM2 District: **Fifty-six (56) feet**, provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from bluff lines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views. (7) UM3 District: **Sixty-five (65) feet**, provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from bluff lines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views.	UC District: Height is determined by underlying built form overlay zoning, provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and bluff lines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and structure design and placement minimize interference with public· river corridor views.	Except for accessory structures, where an increase in maximum height exceeds the maximum height requirements of the MRCCA overlay district, but not the maximum height requirements of the built form overlay district, the height increase is subject to a variance of the MRCCA overlay district requirements in the CA-ROS and CA-RN districts or a **conditional use permit in the CA-RTC and CA-UM districts.**
Cottage Grove	**35 feet**	**35 feet**	N/A	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OWHL of the opposite shore.	**60 feet**, provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from blufflines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views. **Structures over 60 feet are allowed as a conditional use** according to Section 11-4- 5 and 11- 15- 8 (D).	N/A	
Nininger	**35 feet**	N/A	N/A	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OWHL of the opposite shore.	N/A	N/A	
Newport	N/A	**35 feet**	N/A	SR district: Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature tree line, where preset, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OHWL of the opposite shore.	UM district: maximum **65 feet,** provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from blufflines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views. **Structures taller than 65 feet and up to 70 feet may be allowed as a conditional use** when they meet the goals of the MRCCA district and are in accord with Section 36-366 (2) c.	N/A	
Saint Paul Park	**35 feet**	**35 feet**	N/A	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OWHL of the opposite shore.	UM District: **65 feet,** provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from bluff lines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and bluff lines, and that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views. Structures over 65 feet (or lower) and up to 100 feet are allowed as conditional use according to Section 74-796 (b) (3).	N/A	

Lilydale	**Thirty-five (35) feet**	**Thirty-five (35) feet**	**Forty-eight (48) feet**, provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from blufflines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimizes interference with public river corridor views. Structures over forty-eight (48) feet and up to seventy (70) feet are allowed as a conditional use according to City Code, Section 910.06, subdivision 2C	SR District: Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OHWL of the opposite shore.	N/A	N/A	
Mendota Heights	The lesser of the height standard as determined by the underlying Zoning District or **35-feet**	The lesser of the height standard as determined by the underlying Zoning District or **35-feet**	N/A	SR District. Height is determined by the underlying Zoning District, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature tree line, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OHWL of the opposite shore.	N/A	N/A	
Rosemount	**35 feet.**	N/A	N/A	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OWHL of the opposite shore.	**65 feet**, provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from blufflines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views. Structures over 65 feet are allowed as a conditional use according to Section 6.23.	N/A	
Maplewood	**35 feet.**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Revenna	**35 feet**	**35 feet**	N/A	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OWHL of the opposite shore.	N/A	N/A	
Grey Island Township	**35 feet**	**35 feet**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Coon Rapids	**35 feet**	**35 feet**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Brooklyn Center	**N/A**	RN District: **25 feet** in residential districts, except for places of religious assembly. **35 feet** for all other districts.	N/A	SR District: Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OHWL of the opposite shore.	N/A	N/A	
Invergrove Heights	**35 feet**	**35 feet**	N/A	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OWHL of the opposite shore.	**48 feet. Structures over 48 feet and up to 65 feet are allowed as a conditional use** according to section 10- 13C-6B3, provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from blufflines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views.	N/A	
Denmark Township	**35 feet**	**35 feet**	N/A	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OWHL of the opposite shore.	N/A	N/A	

Fridley	**35 feet**	**35 feet**	N/A	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OWHL of the opposite shore.	**65 feet,** provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from blufflines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views. **Structures over 65 feet are allowed as a Special Use according to Section 205.28.07.02**.	N/A	
South Saint Paul	**35 feet**	**35 feet**	N/A	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OHWL of the opposite shore.	**65 feet**, provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from blufflines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimize interference with public river corridor views. Structures over 65 feet are allowed as a conditional use according to Section 118-171 (b)(3).	N/A	
Hastings	**35 feet or lower.**	**35 feet. or lower**	**47 feet or lower**, provided that structure design and placement minimizes interference with public river corridor views. **Structures over 47 feet and up to 65 feet are allowed as a conditional use according to § 152A.06,B,3.**	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is not visible, as viewed from the OHWL of the opposite shore.	N/A	N/A	
Anoka	**35 feet**	**35 feet**	**48 feet**, provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from blufflines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimizes interference with public river corridor views. **Structures over 48 feet are allowed as a conditional use in accordance with this section.**	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OHWL of the opposite shore.	N/A	N/A	
Mendota City	**35 feet.**	**35 feet**	N/A	Height is determined by Base Zoning District, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OWHL of the opposite shore.	N/A	N/A	
Dayton	**35 feet (or lower)**	**35 feet (or lower)**	RTC District: **48 feet (or lower)**, provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from blufflines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimizes interference with public river corridor views. **Structures over 48 feet are allowed as a conditional use** according to Subdivision 6(2)	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OWHL of the opposite shore	N/A	N/A	
Brooklyn Park	**35 feet or lower.**	**35 feet**	N/A	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OWHL of the opposite shore.	N/A	N/A	

Ramsey	**35 feet.**	**35 feet.**	N/A	Height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OWHL of the opposite shore.	N/A	N/A	
Champlin	**35'**	**35'**	**Maximum 48 feet**, provided tiering of structures away from the Mississippi River and from blufflines is given priority, with lower structure heights closer to the river and blufflines, and that structure design and placement minimizes interference with public river corridor views**. Structures over 48 feet are allowed as a conditional use** according to section 128-348(c), administration	Maximum height is determined by underlying zoning, provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development, as viewed from the OHWL of the opposite shore.	N/A	N/A	

From:	Wendy Neurer
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Cc:	Patricia Merwin; JOSEPH P. COLLINS Owner; Mary Ann Berglund; Mat Broph; Thomas Romens; Bill McMahon; Jane Prince; Kathy Cumming; Chris Rosenthal; Barb klussendorf; Elizabeth Ankeny; Stefani Brand; Moira Keane; Beverly Moore; William Lomax; Char Mason; Laura Angell; Sarah Stevenson Stevenson; msshelby29@hotmail.com; RitaLuca1; Kate Knapp; Cindy Lorah; Ralph Moore; Jon Brand; Scott Schickli; Sharell Benson; Liesl Taylor; Daniel Becker; Chandler Taylor; Pat Tidmarsh; Gary Reetz; Sara Romanski; Michelle Kvasnik; Sara Erickson; Tammy Reno; Beth Chiang; Katy Schultz; cringer@aol.com; Karolyn J. Geyen; Nina Broadhurst; Michael Foldes; Gregg Angell; Deborah KATZ; Dave Degree; Colleen Holm; Allan Torstenson; Ron Bennett; Bill Kenney; Chris Biermann; Laura Zelle; Jason Beth; Barbara and Charles Kurtz; Barb and Roger Jobin; Iain Dove McAfee; Mary Dienhart; Dave Pinto; Davis Gooch; Eric Whalen; Eleanor Rudin; Winston Kaehler; Judy Hoffman; Waverley Booth; Judy Roe; Kurt Klussendorf; susanerossi.01@gmail.com; Melia Smith; Tim Moorhead; TOM DIMOND; Riley Conway; Charlotte Tjaden; Stephen Nicholson
Subject:	Passing MRCCA now
Date:	Tuesday, November 11, 2025 11:38:23 AM

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The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance should provide strong riverfront rules for St. Paul that are both good for the river and good for communities. As a long term resident of this city, I urge you to support the passage of a St. Paul MRCCA ordinance that includes clear standards for building height and exceptions.

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Sincerely,
Wendy Neurer
711 South Woodlawn Avenue

From: RitaLyca1
To: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Passing MRCCA now
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 12:58:26 PM

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Sincerely,
Rita Johnson
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Saint Paul, MN 55116 as

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West 7th/Fort Road Federation
395 Superior Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651.298.5599
www.FortRoadFederation.org

Sent via email: contact-council@ci.stpaul.mn.us
November 12, 2025

Saint Paul City Council
15 W. Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: St. Paul's proposed Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance Public Comment

Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance. The West 7th/Fort Road Federation represents residents, businesses, and organizations in Saint Paul's West 7th neighborhood, stretching from the bluffs to the river and encompassing key sections of the corridor.

The MRCCA ordinance plays a vital role in shaping how our community interacts with the river and in ensuring that future development protects the character, ecology, and accessibility of this defining feature of Saint Paul.

The updated draft provides clearer guidance for both residents and developers, setting a solid foundation for thoughtful riverfront planning. However, the Federation joins other local partners in urging the City Council to strengthen the ordinance in a key area:

Reinstate the bird-safe glass requirement.

The Mississippi River flyway is one of the most important migratory routes in North America. Given the significant bird mortality associated with glass collisions, incorporating a bird-safe glass standard in the MRCCA ordinance is a commonsense measure that aligns with Minnesota's B3 Sustainable Building Guidelines and with community values around environmental stewardship. This modest design requirement, previously included in the 2023 draft, adds minimal cost while offering meaningful ecological benefit.

There is a suggestion to initiate a separate study about bird-friendly glass instead. We're concerned that this study may not come to fruition, or lead to action. We ask the Council to restore the bird-safe glass language proposed in the 2023 MRCCA draft ordinance.

In adopting this ordinance, the City has an opportunity to reaffirm Saint Paul's commitment to the Mississippi River as both a natural resource and a public commons. We encourage the Council to adopt the strongest possible version of the MRCCA ordinance—one that reflects the values of environmental responsibility, transparency, and community benefit.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments, and for your ongoing work to protect and celebrate our city's defining natural feature.

Sincerely,

Julia McColley
Executive Director
West 7th/Fort Road Federation

From: Jenna Sadjadi
To: dkorthofstanton@everyactionadvocacy.com
Cc: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: RE: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue
Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 12:48:14 PM

Hi Deborah -- Thank you for contacting the Ward 2 office regarding Ord 25-72, "Amending Chapters 60,61,68, and 72 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area and the Flood Plain Management Overlay Districts" (View the full text at https://stpaul.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7717429&GUID=AE377616-2973-42E4-90AD-851B60D17A99). This item will have it's first reading at today's 3:30pm City Council meeting.

Your comment will be shared with Council President Noecker and added to the public record.

Jenna Sadjadi (she/they)
Executive Assistant to Council President Noecker
Saint Paul City Council - Ward 2
15 W Kellogg Blvd, Room 310B
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-8620 | www.stpaul.gov/ward2

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From: dkorthofstanton@everyactionadvocacy.com <dkorthofstanton@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:03 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

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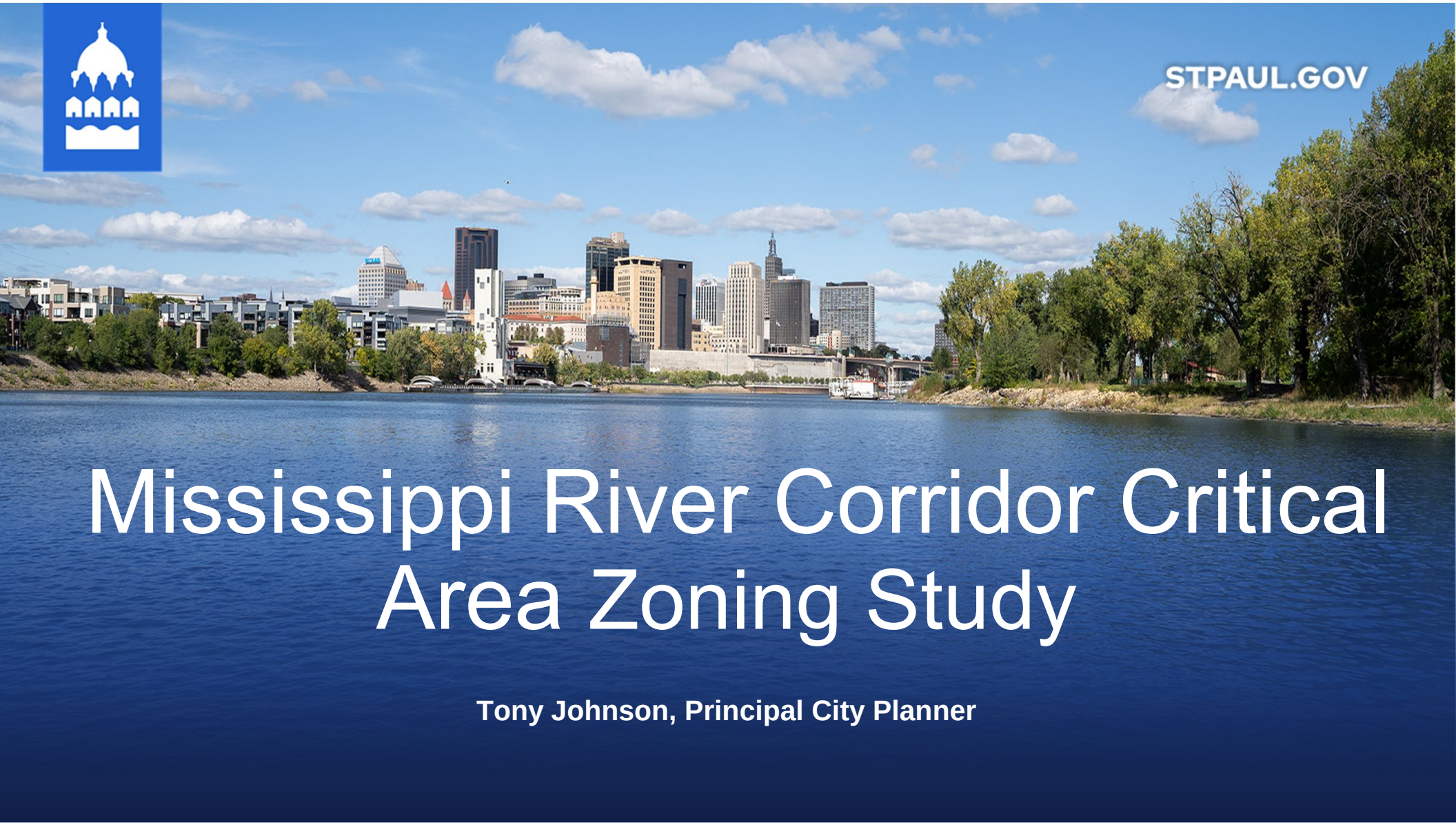
Think Before You Click: This email originated outside our organization.

Dear Council President Rebecca Noecker,

The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance should provide strong riverfront rules for St. Paul that are both good for the river and good for communities. As your constituent, I urge you to support the passage of a St. Paul MRCCA ordinance that includes bird-safe building requirements and clearer standards for building height and exceptions. This is important to me because birds are incredible animals putting humans to shame when it comes to survival strategies but human animals have little regard for them. Requiring window glass which protects birds from running into windows is the least we can do. We can always talk about lighting during migration times —lighting and glass—make MN Nice really mean something.

Sincerely,
Deborah Korthof-Stanton
Saint Paul, MN 55107-2157



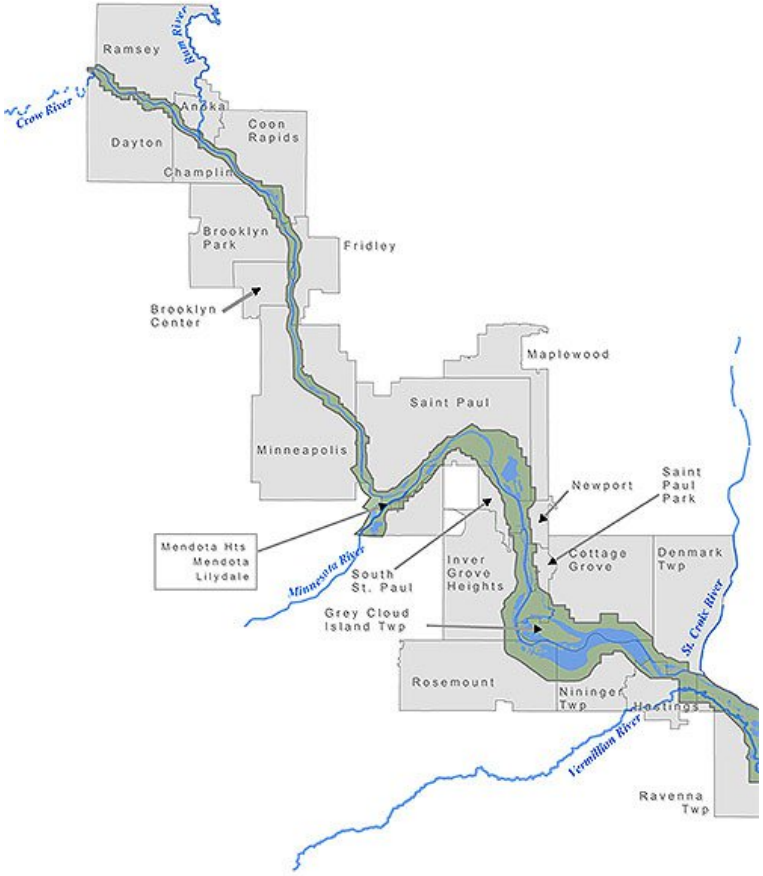
Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Zoning Study

Tony Johnson, Principal City Planner

What is MRCCA?

- The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) program is a joint state, regional and local program that provides **coordinated land use planning and zoning regulations** for the 72-mile stretch of the Mississippi River through the seven-county metropolitan area.

- The MRCCA was designated a state critical area in 1976 to protect its natural, cultural and scenic resources. These resources are protected through development standards **administered through local government land use plans and zoning ordinances.**



Why are we here?

- State MRCCA Rules adopted in **2017.**
- In 2019 the DNR developed a model MRCCA ordinance.
  - Specific zoning code provisions, definitions, and regulations that local units are **required to adopt** to comply with the MRCCA Rules.
  - The model ordinance includes **optional language** that are intended to provide better resource protection either through higher standards than the minimum in the MRCCA Rules or by clarifying rule provisions that may otherwise be difficult to administer.

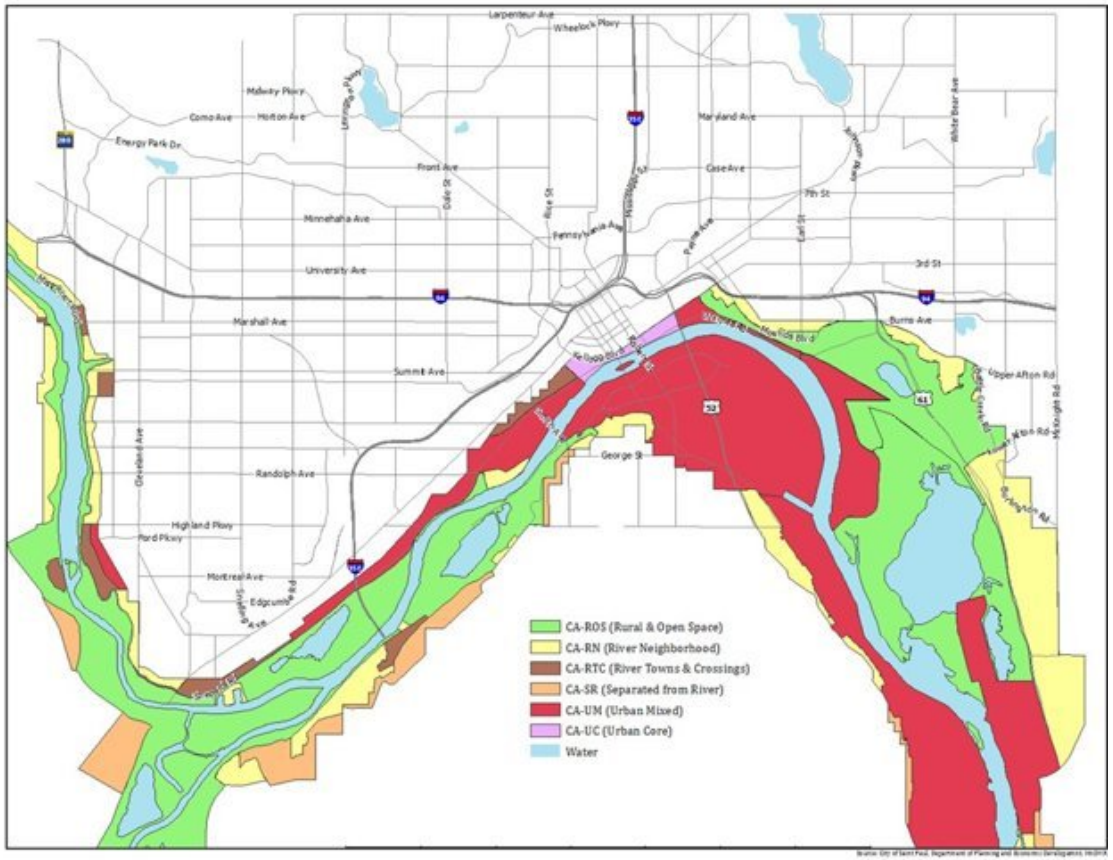
Old MRCCA Rules vs New MRCCA Rules

Stronger and more robust standards

- More height limits and protections of views
- More detail for the variations in geological form, natural resources, and development history in the river corridor
- Closer regulation of taller buildings through a conditional use permit process, with specific requirements for mitigation of potential impacts on the river corridor/MRCCA.

How does MRCCA work?

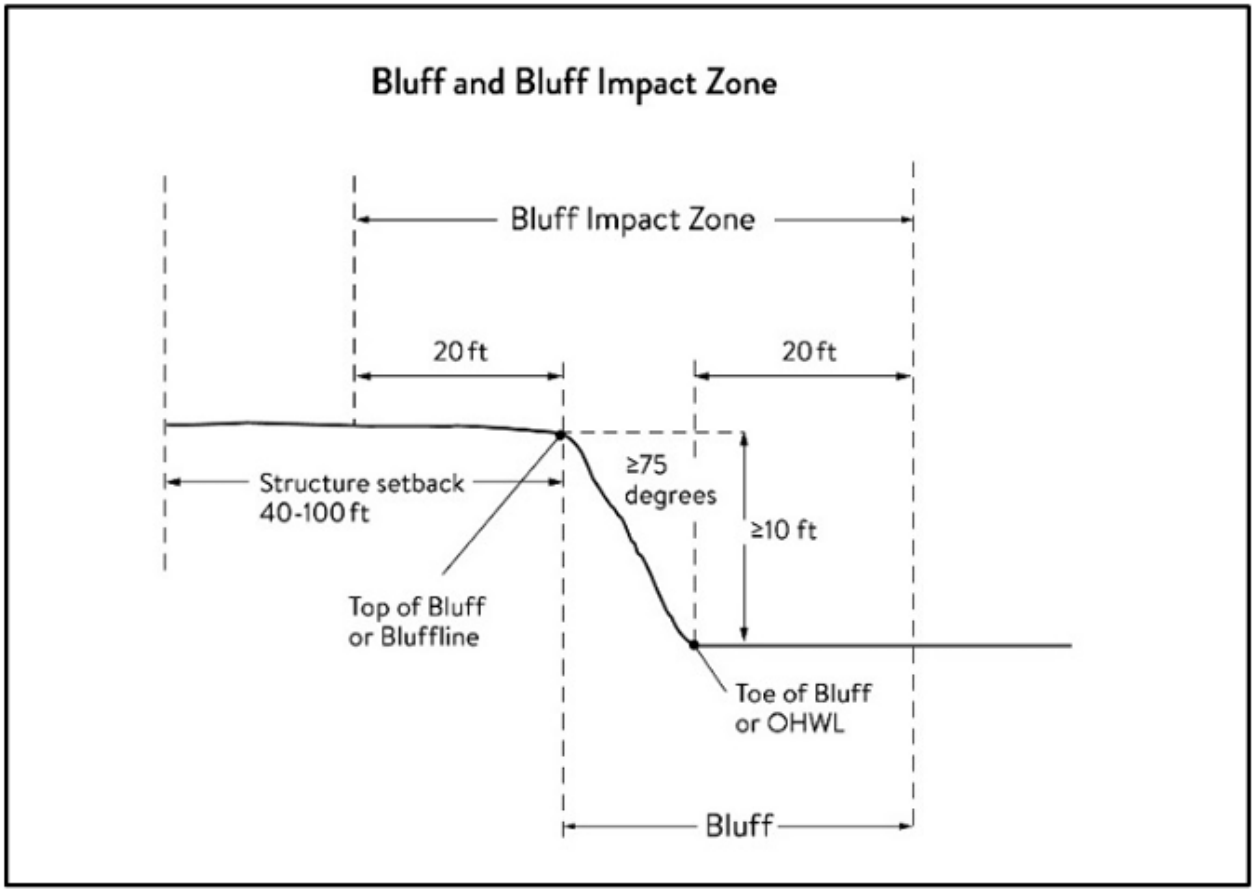
MRCCA District:	Minimum River Setback:	Minimum Bluff Setback:	Maximum Height:
ROS Rural & Open Space	200 ft.	100 ft.	**35 feet**
RN River Neighborhood	100 ft.	40 ft.	**35 feet**
RTC River & Towns Crossing	75 ft.	40 ft.	**35 - 48 feet** (additional height permitted with a conditional use permit)
SR Separated from the river	N/A	40 ft.	**Height is determined by underlying zoning,** provided the allowed height is consistent with that of the mature treeline, where present, and existing surrounding development as viewed from the OHWL of the opposite shore.
UM Urban Mixed	50 ft.	40 ft.	**35 - 65 feet** (additional height permitted with a conditional use permit)
UC Urban Core	Determined by underlying zoning	Exempt	**35 feet at the river shoreline OHWL plus 1 foot for every 5 feet the structure is setback from the river.**



How does MRCCA work?

- Performance standards for different types of facilities
- Vegetation Management Standards
- Land alteration and storm water management standards
- Sub-division and land development standards

Figure 2. Natural Escarpment Bluff and Bluff Impact Zone



Proposed Amendments Overview

- Proposed amendments delete old 1982 MRCCA language in chapter 68 **and adopts new language that we are required to adopt** to comply with the 2017 MRCCA rules.
- Chapter 72, Floodplain management overlay district language is moved to chapter 68.

Adoption Process

- **DNR APPROVAL REQUIRED.** The ordinance must be submitted to the DNR for final review and approval for conformance with the MRCCA Rules.
- The MRCCA Rules provide that the DNR Commissioner may then grant the ordinance final approval or return the ordinance for modification with a written explanation of the need for modification.

PC May 2, Public Hearing

Requested Changes at PC public hearing

1

Bird Safe Glass Provisions

Inclusion of the requirement for bird-safe glass on buildings constructed in the MRCCA.

2

Optional findings for Conditional Use Permits and Variances

Adoption of the model ordinance's additional optional findings for conditional use/interim use permits and variances.

3

Tiering Requirements

Revisions to the methodology for prioritizing tiering.

4

Building Heights

Lowering base building heights, with increases in height allowed through specific, formulaic setbacks from the shoreline, bluffs, and district boundaries.

Questions

City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
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File Number: Ord 25-77

File ID:	Ord 25-77	**Type:**	Ordinance	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
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				File Created:	11/03/2025
File Name:	Amending Section 220.05 of the Legislative Code to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective January 1, 2026.			**Final Action:**	

Title: Amending Section 220.05 of the Legislative Code to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective January 1, 2026.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:		**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Lydia Kopf (Campbell)	**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	lydia.campbell@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

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Text of Legislative File Ord 25-77

Amending Section 220.05 of the Legislative Code to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective January 1, 2026.

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File Number: Ord 25-63

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Version:	1	**Contact Number:**	651-266-6130	**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/13/2025
File Name:	Amending Legislative Code Chapter 220 to Allow for Garbage Cart Sharing at Properties with Two or More Dwelling Units beginning January 1, 2026.			**Final Action:**	

Title: Amending Legislative Code Chapter 220 to allow for Garbage Cart Sharing at properties with two or more Dwelling Units beginning January 1, 2026.

Notes:

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Action Text: Laid over to November 12, 2025 for Second Reading

Notes: *Sarah Haas from the Department of Public Works gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.*

Councilmember Jost moved to lay over for three weeks.

Text of Legislative File Ord 25-63

Amending Legislative Code Chapter 220 to allow for Garbage Cart Sharing at properties with two or more Dwelling Units beginning January 1, 2026.

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Version:	1	**Contact Number:**	2668548	**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/20/2025
File Name:	Amending Chapter 310.01 of the Legislative Code to add a definition for “Cannabis Fees”			**Final Action:**	

Title: Creating Chapter 420 of the Legislative Code establishing regulations for the registration of cannabis and hemp businesses, creating Chapter 420A of the Legislative Code establishing a permit requirement and process for temporary cannabis events, and amending section 310.01 to add a definition for “Cannabis Fees”.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	Exhibit #1	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Monica Shaffer	**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	riddhi.mistry@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

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Text of Legislative File Ord 25-66

Creating Chapter 420 of the Legislative Code establishing regulations for the registration of cannabis and hemp businesses, creating Chapter 420A of the Legislative Code establishing a permit requirement and process for temporary cannabis events, and amending section 310.01 to add a definition for “Cannabis Fees”.

Type of Business	**Fee**	**Class**	**Ordinance/ Legislative Code**
CANNABIS RETAILER REGISTRATION FEE TABLE			
Cannabis microbusiness with retail operations endorsement—Initial Registration	$0		420
Cannabis microbusiness with retail operations endorsement—Renewal	$1,000		420
Cannabis mezzobusiness with a retail operations endorsement—Initial Registration	$500		420
Cannabis mezzobusiness with a retail operations endorsement—Renewal	$1,000		420
Cannabis retailer—Initial Registration	$500		420
Cannabis retailer—Renewal	$1,000		420
Lower-potency hemp edible retailer—Initial Registration	$125		420
Lower-potency hemp edible retailer—Renewal	$125		420
Medical cannabis combination business operating a retail location—Initial Registration	$500		420
Medical cannabis combination business operating a retail location—Renewal	$1,000		420
Temporary Cannabis Event Permit	$175		420A

SECTION 5

This ordinance will take effect and be in force thirty (30) days following its passage, approval, and publication.

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Version:	1	**Contact Number:**	2666307	**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/20/2025
File Name:	Amending Chapter 170.02 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code - Adjust hours for accommodation for park use during 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship			**Final Action:**	

Title: Amending Chapter 170.02 of the Legislative Code to allow the Director of Parks and Recreation to adjust the hours of certain parks to accommodate for park use during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	Permit Holiday Ordinances, Downtown Alliance public comment, St Paul Chamber of Commerce public comment, Visit Saint Paul public comment, Port Authority public comment	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Sarah Sullivan	**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	riddhi.mistry@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

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Text of Legislative File Ord 25-67

Amending Chapter 170.02 of the Legislative Code to allow the Director of Parks and Recreation to adjust the hours of certain parks to accommodate for park use during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Permit Holiday

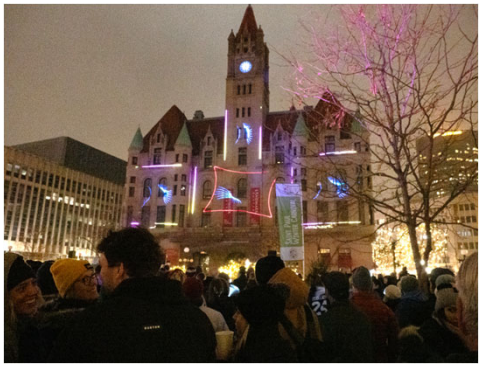
Ord 25-71
Tents

Ord 25-68
Sidewalks

Ord 25-69
Sound

Ord 25-70
Hours, Liquor

Ord 25-67
Hours, Parks



November 7, 2025

Dear Councilmembers,

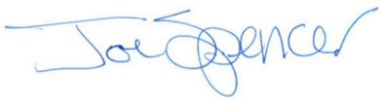
On behalf of the Saint Paul Downtown Alliance, I am writing in strong support of the proposed "permit holiday" ordinance related to the 2025 World Juniors. This marks the first time since 1982 that Minnesota will host this international hockey tournament – an extraordinary opportunity to showcase our state's love of the game and our capital city's unmatched hospitality.

The Downtown Investment Strategy calls for a vibrant, people-centered downtown where activity, culture, and commerce thrive together. The World Juniors will bring that vision to life, filling our restaurants, hotels, and public spaces with energy and new visitors from across the world. Temporarily easing certain permitting and licensing requirements during this period will allow our local businesses and event organizers to focus on what they do best: creating welcoming, memorable experiences that reflect the spirit of Saint Paul.

We also appreciate the City's proactive and collaborative approach in developing this proposal. The close coordination between departments and community partners reflects a thoughtful understanding of both operational realities and the needs of downtown's business community. The proposed adjustments are intentionally limited in duration and scope, ensuring the City retains full oversight while providing flexibility during this unique event window.

This balance between safety, practicality, and partnership exemplifies what makes Saint Paul work. The Downtown Alliance is proud to support this initiative and to partner with the City in ensuring the success of the 2025 World Juniors. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to Saint Paul's future.

Sincerely,



Joe Spencer
President
Saint Paul Downtown Alliance

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401 N Robert Street, Suite 150
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November 12, 2025

Council President Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Molly Coleman
Council Vice President Hwa Jeong Kim
Councilmember Nelsie Yang
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Re: Support for Permit Holiday Ordinances for World Juniors Hockey Tournament

Dear Council President Noecker and members of the City Council,

On behalf of the St. Paul Area Chamber and our 1,600+ members and affiliates, I write to express our support for the proposed ordinances that would create a Permit Holiday during the World Juniors Hockey Tournament.

The World Juniors will draw thousands of visitors to downtown Saint Paul, providing a welcome boost for restaurants, retailers, and hospitality businesses. The proposed Permit Holiday ordinances reflect thoughtful planning to accommodate increased activity and help local establishments make the most of a world-class event.

Temporary measures like this can also serve as valuable learning opportunities. Evaluating the outcomes—both logistical and economic—would inform future efforts to streamline permitting for major events and strengthen the city's reputation as a partner to local enterprise. We hope the City will continue exploring permitting practices that promote flexibility for local businesses.

We also want to acknowledge the consideration of temporary signage flexibility. During our recent InterCity Leadership Visit to Detroit, we saw firsthand how visible signage contributed to a sense of energy and welcome. While we understand procedural limits prevented temporary signage flexibility from moving forward, we appreciate the City's recognition of its potential and hope to see exploration of similar options in the future.

The Permit Holiday represents a practical, well-timed step that will directly benefit downtown businesses, and we urge the Council to approve these temporary changes.

Sincerely,

Brenda L. Kyle

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President and CEO
St. Paul Area Chamber

November 11, 2025

Visit SAINT PAUL
Official Convention & Visitors Bureau

Re: Support for Temporary Legislative Amendments Related to the 2026 World Junior Hockey Championship

Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of Visit Saint Paul, I'm writing in support of the proposed legislative code amendments as that would temporarily adjust certain permitting and licensing requirements during the 2026 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship taking place from December 26, 2025 to January 5, 2026.

The World Juniors tournament will draw fans, teams, and media from around the globe to Saint Paul, providing a chance to showcase our city's energy, pride, hospitality, and love of hockey. These temporary changes will make it easier for local businesses, venues, and event partners to welcome visitors and create a fun, safe, and memorable atmosphere downtown.

The flexibility provided through these amendments, including extended park hours, later service hours, and streamlined permits, will help our community take full advantage of this international spotlight while maintaining safety and licensing requirements.

We value the City's partnership in preparing for this event and staff's willingness to find practical solutions through a "Permit Holiday" to support local businesses and the visitor experience. This approach reflects the kind of collaboration that helps Saint Paul succeed as a destination.

Visit Saint Paul fully supports these temporary amendments and looks forward to working with the City and our partners to make the 2026 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship a proud moment for our community.

Sincerely,

Jaimee Lucke Hendrikson

Jaimee Lucke Hendrikson
President & CEO
Visit Saint Paul

Saint Paul
PORT AUTHORITY

400 N Wabasha Street, Suite 240
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

November 12, 2025

Saint Paul City Council
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE: Letter of Support for World Juniors Hockey Tournament "Permit Holiday"

Dear Council President Noecker and Councilmembers:

On behalf of the Saint Paul Port Authority, I am writing in strong support of the proposed "permit holiday" ordinances related to the 2025 World Juniors hockey tournament. This international event represents a unique opportunity to spotlight Saint Paul as the dynamic and welcoming city it is — one that embraces innovation, celebrates culture and community, and supports the businesses that form the backbone of our local economy.

As the City's economic development partner, the Port Authority works every day to strengthen Saint Paul's business climate and foster opportunities for investment, job growth, and vitality. Major events like the World Juniors not only generate significant economic activity but also build momentum for long-term business confidence and community pride. Temporarily easing select permitting and licensing requirements during this period will help local businesses and event organizers respond nimbly to increased demand, creating memorable experiences for visitors, and fully leverage this moment to benefit the entire community.

We commend the City's thoughtful and collaborative approach in crafting this proposal. The balance between flexibility and oversight reflects a clear understanding of both operational realities and the importance of maintaining safety and accountability. This pragmatic approach exemplifies the spirit of partnership that drives successful economic outcomes.

The Saint Paul Port Authority is proud to support this initiative and to stand alongside the City, local businesses, and community partners in making the 2025 World Juniors a success. Together, we can make this event a celebration not just of hockey, but of everything that makes Saint Paul a great place to live, work, and visit.

Sincerely,

Todd Hurley
President and CEO
Saint Paul Port Authority

City of Saint Paul

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				File Created:	10/20/2025
File Name:	Amending Section 106.01 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code -To allow temporary right-of-way without a sidewalk-use permit during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.			**Final Action:**	

Title: Amending Section 106.01 of the Legislative Code to allow businesses in the Downtown Entertainment District to temporary allow items in the right-of-way without a sidewalk-use permit during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:		**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Kyle Citta	**Hearing Date:**	
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Amending Section 106.01 of the Legislative Code to allow businesses in the Downtown Entertainment District to temporary allow items in the right-of-way without a sidewalk-use permit during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

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				File Created:	10/20/2025
File Name:	Amending 293.02(d) sound level variance			**Final Action:**	

Title: Amending section 293.02(d) of the Legislative Code to remove the requirement for a sound level variance in the Downtown Entertainment District during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:		**Financials Included?:**	
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Amending section 293.02(d) of the Legislative Code to remove the requirement for a sound level variance in the Downtown Entertainment District during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

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File Number: Ord 25-70

File ID:	Ord 25-70	**Type:**	Ordinance	**Status:**	Second Reading
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				File Created:	10/20/2025
File Name:	Amending 409.08 2 am liquor licenses			**Final Action:**	

Title: Amending section 409.08 of the Legislative Code to allow holders of Liquor Licenses issued under section 409 to apply for extended service of alcoholic beverages until 2:00 a.m. during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
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Contact Name:	Monica Shaffer	**Hearing Date:**	
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Amending section 409.08 of the Legislative Code to allow holders of Liquor Licenses issued under section 409 to apply for extended service of alcoholic beverages until 2:00 a.m. during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

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File Number: Ord 25-71

File ID:	Ord 25-71	**Type:**	Ordinance	**Status:**	Second Reading
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				File Created:	10/23/2025
File Name:	Amending SPLC section 55.04(a) - Temporary structure permit during 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship			**Final Action:**	

Title: Amending section 55.04(a) of the Legislative Code to simplify the requirement for a temporary structure permit during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:		**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Monica Shaffer	**Hearing Date:**	
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Amending section 55.04(a) of the Legislative Code to simplify the requirement for a temporary structure permit during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

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File Number: Ord 25-76

File ID:	Ord 25-76	**Type:**	Ordinance	**Status:**	Second Reading
Version:	1	**Contact Number:**	651.266.8621	**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/29/2025
File Name:	Virtual Currency Kiosks Ban			**Final Action:**	

Title: Creating Chapter 297 of the Legislative Code prohibiting the use and placement of virtual currency kiosks within the City.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Noecker, Jost and Kim	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	St. Paul City Council Presentation, MN Dept of Commerce, Forest Lake Kiosk Presentation, Cryptocurrency Kiosk - City of Forest Lake, Stillwater Crypto ATM Presentation, Summary of Stillwater Crypto Currency ATM Prohibition, Saint Paul City Council Memo on Cryptocurrency Kiosks, Crypto Machines in St Paul, Letter in Opposition, AARP public comment	**Financials Included?:**	
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Creating Chapter 297 of the Legislative Code prohibiting the use and placement of virtual currency kiosks within the City.

Minnesota Department of Commerce
Virtual Currency Businesses and Virtual Currency Kiosks

Michael Carter| *Enforcement Audit Director*

Virtual Currency State Regulation

- Licensure required for virtual currency business activity
- Criminal penalties for knowingly operating while unlicensed
- BSA reporting requirements must be followed
- Recordkeeping requirements
- Virtual currency kiosks
- Specific disclosure requirements
- Transactional limits for new customers
- Refund requirements for new customers

Statewide Statistics

- 34 Direct Consumer Complaints
- 51 Law Enforcement Reports
- $718,168 in reported losses
- $92,982 in reported refunds

Scam Type Reported Since Law Came Into Effect	Count of Scam Type
Amazon Scam	1
Apple account compromise resulting in bank account freeze	1
Apple Security Alert	1
Arrest warrant	1
Bank Account Hacked	2
Bank error - decimal point error/overpayment	1
Bank impersonation	1
Computer hacked with porn	1
Computer Security	2
Fake FTC arrest warrant email	2
Fake Paypal Email	1
iCloud/Apple account breach text	1
Law Enforcement Impersonation	20
Microsoft IT	5
Norton Anti-Virus phishing scam	1
PayPal	1
Phone (missed jury duty)	1
Phone (warrant)	2
Phone scam	2
Phone scam by text	1
Social Media Grooming	1
Theft by Swindle	1
Xfinity network breach/FTC impersonation	4
Grand Total	55

St. Paul Kiosk Statistics

- 1 Direct Consumer Complaint
- 8 Law Enforcement Reports
- $55,521 in reported losses
- $0 in reported refunds

Scam Type Reported Since Law Came Into Effect	Count of Scam Type
Apple Security Alert	7
Theft by Swindle	1
Xfinity network breach/FTC impersonation	1

Commerce Administrative Actions

- Coinme, Inc. (Seattle, WA)
  - Related to net worth and financial soundness
- Athena Bitcoin, Inc. (Miami, FL)
  - Related to unlicensed activity
- GPD Holdings LLC dba Coinflip (Chicago, IL)
  - Related to unlicensed activity

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What is Working?

- Law enforcement is more aware and engaged with Commerce
- Companies are getting licensed
- More consumers are aware of the new law due to publications by the Department, media reporting, and interdepartmental and interagency coordination

What is Not Working?

- Limiting refunds and requirements to new customers only
- Entities avoiding refund obligations because of new customer definition limitations
- Tight deadlines and requirements for refunds
- Scam prevention

Questions?

THE NUMBERS:

Crypto ATMs are favored by criminals for their anonymity and general lack of oversight. Criminals rely on them as a fast, easy and often untraceable way to get access to victims' cash.

The Federal Reserve says crypto ATMs were used for at least $35 million in fraudulent transactions in 2022.

In 2023, consumer losses due to scams involving cryptocurrency ATMs, particularly Bitcoin ATMs, reached a concerning $114 million, a tenfold increase compared to $12 million in 2020.

During the first half of 2024, losses topped $65 million, with people 60 and older more than three times as likely as younger adults to report a loss.

Forest Lake had reported losses of nearly $300K in 2023 and 2024.

THE CRIME:

Impersonation: Pretending to be from a government agency (e.g., IRS, FBI), a well-known company (e.g., Apple, Microsoft), or even a family member in distress.

Threats: Threatening arrest, legal action, or account closure if the victim doesn't comply – missing jury duty.

Investment Scams: Promising high returns on cryptocurrency investments, often using fake websites or apps.

Romance Scams: Building a relationship online and then asking for money for fabricated emergencies.

Tech Support Scams: Claiming there's a problem with the victim's computer and requiring payment through a Bitcoin ATM to fix it.

THE VICTIMS:

Elderly and vulnerable population.

Retirees with established wealth.

Even if a victim is stopped during the scam and does not suffer a monetary loss, the mental and emotional impact is severe.

Some scams involve the impersonation of law enforcement, and the over-the-phone trust from actual law enforcement is lost.

THE INVESTIGATION:

Crypto currency fraud investigations take a considerable amount of time to investigate, not unlike any other high level financial crime.

The difference between a “normal” fiat currency financial crime and a virtual currency crime is the medium on which the crime occurs, which is a blockchain, and the level of cooperation you receive from the companies involved.

Tracing the path that the currency flows also takes expensive software.

THE LOOPHOLE:

Minnesota State Statute 53B.75 attempted to regulate the virtual currency kiosks to protect Minnesota residents.

Crypto currency kiosk companies determined a “loop hole” in the statute regarding the definition of a new customer.

Scammers will typically send a QR code to their victims that is linked to an established “wallet” or coin address, nullifying the entire section protecting new customers.

THE PREVENTION:

Education through presentations. AARP has been a tremendous resource and partner for the Forest Lake Police Department and has provided presentations to our community.

Self-regulation through a stricter business model by the kiosk companies.

Regulation through state statute or local ordinance.

THANK YOU

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STAFF REPORT

Forest Lake
AS GOOD AS IT SOUNDS

MEETING DATE: **March 17, 2025**

STAFF ORIGINATOR: **City Attorney Amanda Johnson and Detective Nathan Olstad**

AGENDA ITEM: **Cryptocurrency Kiosks**

INTRODUCTION: Within the past few years, the Forest Lake Police Department ("FLPD") has received a significant number of reports of scams and fraud arising from multiple cryptocurrency kiosks located throughout the City and approached with City Attorney to find out what options the City may have to regulate these kiosks to better protect the community.

DISCUSSION:

1. **What are cryptocurrency kiosks?**

Cryptocurrency (or virtual currency) kiosks ("Kiosks") are machines that allow consumers to sell and purchase cryptocurrency. A Kiosk is defined in Minnesota statute as "an electronic terminal acting as a mechanical agent of the virtual currency kiosk operator to enable the virtual currency kiosk operator to facilitate the exchange of virtual currency for money, bank credit, or other virtual currency, including but not limited to by (1) connecting directly to a separate virtual currency exchanger that performs the actual virtual currency transmission, or (2) drawing upon the virtual currency in the possession of the electronic terminal's operator." Minn. Stat. §53B.69 subd. 10.

See photo below for an example of a Kiosk.

There are multiple brands of Kiosks that sell different types of cryptocurrency. Most Kiosks do not allow a consumer to withdraw cash (sell cryptocurrency) instead only allowing a consumer to insert cash to purchase cryptocurrency. These Kiosks look similar to an ATM and are found in convenience stores, pharmacies, and grocery stores. While some legitimate transactions may take place via these Kiosks, the machines have quickly become a preferred payment method for scammers.

2. Are these Kiosks regulated?

Kiosk operators are regulated federally by the U.S. Treasury Department Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"). Kiosk operators must register with FinCEN as a "money service business" and meet the recordkeeping requirements promulgated from the Bank Secrecy Act and anti-money laundering statutes, but the Kiosks themselves are not regulated.

A virtual currency kiosk operator ("Kiosk Operator") is defined in Minnesota statute as "a licensee that operates a virtual currency kiosk within Minnesota." Minn. Stat. §53B.69 subd. 11. The license requirements, exemptions, and penalties are set forth in Minn. Stat. §53B generally. The applicable license for a kiosk operator is a money transmitter license.

In 2024, the Minnesota legislature passed new requirements which apply to any licensee under Chapter 53B who operates virtual currency kiosks. The new law added definitions, disclosure requirements, and daily transaction limits and refunds for frauded new customers. The Statute defines a new customer as someone who has been a customer with a virtual currency kiosk operator for less than 72 hours. Unfortunately, criminals have already found their way around this new law. Scammers will send the victim a QR code to the scammer's wallet, so even if the victim has never been to a Kiosk before, they are not considered a new customer because they are using the scammers account.

Transactions conducted by Kiosk are accompanied by high percentage-based fees. The kiosk operator often marks up the cryptocurrency by 20-30%. Frequently the hosting business (often a convenience store) also receives a cut of the markup. In a recent class action lawsuit, the complaint stated that the kiosk operator, Bitcoin Depot, sold cryptocurrency at a markup between 31%-38%. The complaint alleged that Bitcoin Depot and the hosting business, Circle K stores, known locally as Holiday also received a cut of each transaction. In short, both the kiosk operator and the hosting business profit from fraud running through the machines. Based on an ongoing investigation by the Iowan Attorney General, they have found that 98% of the transactions through Bitcoin Depot kiosks were scam related transactions.

It is important to remember that consumers who wish to purchase cryptocurrency are not prevented from doing so via a computer, where the fees are lower (often a flat rate of $.10 to $1.00 per transaction) and cash is not required.

3. How are these Kiosks used in fraud schemes?

The decentralized nature of cryptocurrency, the speed of these irreversible transactions and the ability to move money all over the world makes cryptocurrency attractive for criminals in general. When you add the ability to access a victim's cash via the Kiosk and the ability to target victims who do not have an online presence, there is significant criminal opportunity.

Criminals manipulate, intimidate, and/or threaten their victims into using the kiosks to send funds. Typically, the schemes are either a threat that the victim has committed a crime and needs to pay money to avoid jail or some sort of investment scheme. Criminals often start with a phone call and are highly skilled at creating a sense of urgency, panic, and isolation in their victims. The criminals will remain on the phone with the victim throughout the transaction(s) to ensure that the victims lie to bank employees, local law enforcement, and other bystanders if necessary. In some scams, criminals falsely represent themselves as government officials or law enforcement officers.

In 2023, the FBI reports that there were approximately 69,468 total complaints in the U.S. with a cryptocurrency nexus for a total loss of $5.6 billion dollars, an increase of 45% since 2022. The most common factor amongst the victims was age. Most victims are over the age of 50. These victims have generated over 25,000 complaints and $2.5 billion in loss. The FBI reports over $189 billion in losses in 2023 due to fraud via Kiosks. According to the Federal Trade Commission, the amount of losses has increased nearly tenfold since 2020.

The Forest Lake Police Department reports losses totaling over $300,000 from incidents of fraud via kiosks located within the City in the last two years alone. White Bear Lake reported about $125,000 from 2023 and Woodbury has $6.6 million in reported cryptocurrency losses since 2021. These are not small numbers and are truly devastating to the victims because the nature of the fraud means it is almost impossible to recover the funds.

In addition to the significant risk of fraud the Kiosks pose, there are additional risks due to the transportation of sometimes large quantities of cash (in some cases, tens of thousands of dollars) to the kiosks. This increases the risk for the consumer to have someone waiting to simply grab their cash before they deposit it in the Kiosk.

Attached is a letter written by one victim describe these scams from the victim's perspective.

4. What are the City's options?

a. Do nothing at this time.

The State is aware that these Kiosks are a problem. In addition, the Minnesota Department of Commerce is aware that their current legislation did not stop the scammers due the definition of a new customer. The City is not required to pass an ordinance to deal with these Kiosks and the reality is that there will be a cost to regulate or ban these machines. The City could choose to do nothing for now and wait to see if the State proposes additional legislation. However, based on my conversations with the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the League of Minnesota Cities there is no current plan to create additional legislation.

b. Register the Kiosks and try to remove the bad actors.

Attached is a proposed ordinance that would require all Kiosks located within the City be registered. The City has strong authority to register businesses and uses within the City. Examples of this are tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, massage therapists, tattoo parlors and other businesses that have obvious public health or safety component. These Kiosks are no different, they have clear public safety concerns because of the amount of fraud running through the machines and the inability to recover the stolen funds.

The proposed ordinance would require the property owner ("Hosting Business") to register the Kiosk with the City. Because of the nature of the cryptocurrency industry in general, it will be easier to enforce a registration against the property owner because they are physically located in the City. A Kiosk can only be registered if they conform to the following:

- Complete an application providing the name, business address and valid registered agent of the Kiosk Operator;
- Provide a copy of valid state license;
- Copy of the lease/rental agreement between the Hosting Business and the Kiosk Operator;
- Any information required by the State for the State license;
- Written confirmation from the FLPD that the Kiosk Operator has had no more than three instances of substantiated fraud, as determined by the FLPD involving any Kiosk owned or operated by that Kiosk Operator within the City in the past twelve months;
- Post a sign as provided by the City on the Kiosk warning of the danger for fraud and scams;
- Have a dedicated, closed-circuit camera for the Kiosk, positioned as required by FLPD and shall provide video footage to FLPD within 48 hours of request;
- Pass compliance checks by FLPD.

The goal of the ordinance is balance the protection of the community without instituting a ban on the Kiosks.

c. Ban the Kiosks.

The cities of Stillwater, Cottage Grove, and South St. Paul are considering a total ban on the Kiosks. Based on conversations with the League of MN Cities and the Minnesota Department of Commerce, we were advised not to ban the Kiosks, although no one could provide a law that prohibited such action. Further, it is not clear if existing Kiosks would be considered a grandfathered use and allowed to continue to operate even if Kiosks were banned.

REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK:

City Staff and FLPD request Council feedback on the options above and direction from the Council. Detective Olstad and the City Attorney will be at the work session to answer questions from Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter from victim

-Proposed Kiosk Ordinance

Case #: FL24010909

On Saturday, 10/19/2024, around 11am I got a call from a man registering as a "restricted" number asking for XXXXXX -a name I haven't gone by for 10 years- said he was calling about j ury duty. I told him I've been called to jury many times and everything is done through the mail and hung up on him. He called back from the "ISANTI CNTY OFC" and told me his name was Sergeant Tom Leatham from sheriff's department. He encouraged me to look up the number on my caller ID and also shared with me the address of the Isanti County Sheriff's Office (2440 Main St S, Cambridge) to verify that my caller ID matched the number look-up on google.

He then proceeded to ask me why I failed to show up to jury duty on a federal murder case. I told him that I was never summoned. He continued by saying the papers were delivered to my address and signed by me upon delivery. I told him that did not happen and he asked for my email so he could send me the documentation. I gave him my email:
He said that I would then need to come into the office to verify signature. I asked about the office being open and his response was that in these types of cases people are on the clock all the time -"crime never stops." He told me that I have 2 warrants. Failure to Appear FTA-CV-2237 and Contempt of Court COC-CV-7628. The trial has now been put on hold due to the fact that I did not show up. I told him that was impossible, how would someone be assigned to a jury without having been through the sorting process?

He asked if I received the documents he sent (text1/doc1/doc2 that I previously sent to the evidence link) - I did …he asked if that was my signature. I replied, no - he asked have you ever been arrested, I again said no. He said it was crucial that I come into the office to clear this up right away and deal with the 2 warrants under my name. He said I would need two forms of ID and that Judge Laura T. Beyer has me on a "gag order" as to not talk about the murder case or any of my legal issues at present until I'm able to clear myself of said warrants. I vaguely remember him saying it shouldn't take long, maybe 30 minutes or so - I told I would be on my way after I talked to my husband. He told me that I was now on a mobile escort and had to stay on the phone with him until I arrived. That I may not make calls or text because of the recording system. He reminded me of the gag order as I asked my son to call my husband. I talked to my husband on my son's phone to let him know I was going to the sheriff's office (which I kept calling the courthouse for some reason) to fix a mistake and that I'm under a gag order so I can't share much with him other than it isn't about him or the family and it is nothing that is a personal

about me. I kissed my kids goodbye and let them know I was going to run to the Cambridge courthouse and left.

He asked me to let him know when I got into my car and when I did he said to state my name, where I was going, and the ETA of my arrival time for the mobile escort recording. He told me to proceed to the destination, buckle up and obey all traffic laws and that he would be checking in every 3 minutes or so …as I was heading towards Cambridge a sheriff's squad car passed me going the opposite direction. I notified Sergeant Tom and he claimed that it was no big deal just part of the mobile escort. He then told me he was sending more documents and that he wanted me to pull over to go over documents with me safely. I pulled into the Wayside Prairie Park where I received more documents (text2 & text2details that I previously sent to the evidence link). This is when he asked if I've ever been a part of a federal jury proceeding before - I told him no only state. He then informed me that these warrants had fees attached to them ($4500ea) and if I show up at the office without payment receipts that I would be put into custody. My other option would be to turn myself in and sit in a holding cell until my signature went through the verification process which could be 2 to 3 weeks - emotions took over at this point and everything seemed like madness. During this time the sheriff's squad car that passed me earlier came back around and parked by where I was parked. I glanced over my shoulder crying with fear, frustration, and bewilderment …I couldn't see through the dark tint on the sheriff's windows but I just waved my phone at whoever was in there and told Sergeant Tom that the sheriff was parked next to me. He attempted to calm me and told me it was part of the mobile escort. The squad car eventually left but I'm unaware of when since I was in hysterics.

At some point he made a comment about this being really sh*tty and that he sees I'm a law abiding person. He said he believed me that it's a terrible mistake and hopes it can be cleared up quickly.

I divulged to Sergeant Tom that I don't have $9000, that all I have is $100 cash in my bag. I asked if I could call my parents about the money and he said that could potentially put me in a situation to break the gag order and as a law abiding citizen I wouldn't want to get into more trouble than I already am. I believe this is when I asked about a payment by check and he proceeded to tell me that I can't just walk in and slap money down on his desk. I told him that I can't be in jail for 3 weeks. My husband is disabled and doesn't work so my family depends on my income. I'm not at work - I don't get paid. He communicated in such a way that he was taking notes about this information and asking about me being the primary income earner for the family that the judge might take that into consideration.

He went back and forth with me about what the government would be willing to take (like he kept putting me on hold to verify with court money people or bail bond people). He was telling me if I'm lying about how much money I have, the government will be granted access to my accounts in order to pay the excess amount that I was claiming I couldn't pay. I informed him that I was not lying, that my checking account has $200 and my savings has $300 …that I simply do not have access to $9000. I said something about not even having access to that kind of money on my credit card. He then went into a spiel about how he is not allowed to take any

credit card information over the phone and that no payments can ever be made over the phone. Eventually, he came to the amount of $2000 to defer the warrants into pending while the signatures went through the verification process and I could stay at home while that was being done.

Throughout the above conversation and several more to come he would often say things like "I see you're a law abiding citizen" "I see here you have a clean record" "you don't want to add anymore trouble to what you already have" " just because you're on the phone with sheriff's office does not mean you don't need to follow traffic laws" He would often ask if I had any question, if I understood what he was saying, and that I should listen carefully - I often said I don't really understand what is happening and that I was truly confused by all of this.

It was decided I would try to get $2000 from the bank off my bank credit card. He said it was best not to tell him where I banked. He asked me to let him know when I was ready to proceed and that I needed to state my name, where I was going, and the ETA of my arrival time for the mobile escort recording. He told me to proceed to the destination, buckle up and obey all traffic laws and that he would be checking in every 3 minutes or so

Sergeant Tom said he had to go to a meeting and that he would be transferring me to another officer….the other officer - Deputy Erik Collins

Deputy Erik Collins definitely had an American accent. It could have been the same guy for all I know but it did seem like they had slightly different timbres. I'm just not sure.

Deputy Erik said something similar to the conversation Sergeant Tom and I just had but wanted me to fill him in on the next step I was taking. I filled him in and he told me to proceed (while obeying the law) and often did check-ins asking where I was and what the new ETA was - I was to tell him when I arrived at places and before I exited my car he would remind me of the gag order and to take my phone with me as part of the mobile escort - and then tell him when I was back in the car.

Even though I brought my phone with me everywhere with him still on the line I was told to check in with him before I leave the car and when I get back into the car.

I arrived at the bank around 1pm (Cambridge Wells Fargo) …after checking in with Deputy Erik I was told to proceed into the bank keeping my phone with me - my credit card didn't work at the ATM (bank closed) I attempted to pull the cash from my credit card two times.

Deputy Erik asked me several questions …I don't really remember any of them except he brought up me saying something about writing a check and how I would have done that. I told him I didn't know I was thinking out loud about maybe transferring money or something …which is what led me to the idea of transferring the $2000 from my credit card to my checking account. Then attempting to pull it out of my checking account from the ATM - everytime I left my car I

was reminded of the gag order and that I didn't want to get into any more trouble than I already was. I was only able to get $1000 from the ATM.

I would go in and out of hysterics throughout this mobile escorted drive - felt nauseous and had a pounding headache. At one point I told him that if I had been selected to be on this jury panel the judge would know who I am then. All I have to do is come in and the judge would say that I'm not the Mellissa that has been appointed to this jury panel. Deputy Erik just explained it away about how even if that is true it doesn't erase the warrants on my name and that they have to be dealt with, financially or time served.

He suggested I get a money order from Walmart or Krogers. I asked if I could pay with the money order and he said no that I would have to cash it out - which I would be able to also do at Walmart. He asked me to let him know when I was ready to proceed and that I needed to state my name, where I was going, and the ETA of my arrival time for the mobile escort recording. He told me to proceed to the destination, buckle up and obey all traffic laws and that he would be checking in every 3 minutes or so

I arrived at Walmart and after checking in with Deputy Erik I was told to proceed into the establishment keeping my phone with me. I was also reminded of the gag order and that I didn't want to get into any more trouble than I already was…. I purchased the money order but Walmart could not cash it. They suggested Walgreens. I checked back in once in the car and He asked me to let him know when I was ready to proceed and that I needed to state my name, where I was going, and the ETA of my arrival time for the mobile escort recording. He told me to proceed to the destination, buckle up and obey all traffic laws and that he would be checking in every 3 minutes or so

Went through the whole routine again at Walgreens - they would not cash my money order either. They suggested Coborns…. Upon my check in, back in the car Deputy Erik said we should proceed with what I had. He would look into places that would be able to cash my money order. He sent more documents and explained where and how to make payments before making my way to the sheriff's office (QR & doc3 that I previously sent to the evidence link). He then proceeded to explain how and where to make payment at a kiosk. I asked about why they are at gas stations and that I'd rather deal with an actual person but he said that they do it this way to keep the privacy of citizens as warrants can be embarrassing and because people can become scared of being arrested if they have to deal with an actual person. On doc3 there are three options - I was to pick which was closest and proceed to that kiosk. None were close. I told him that and said the Oak Grove was the closest yet still a half an hour away. I told him I pass Coborns on the way to the kiosk so I would stop and try to cash my money order. He asked me to let him know when I was ready to proceed and that I needed to state my name, where I was going, and the ETA of my arrival time for the mobile escort recording. He told me to proceed to the destination, buckle up and obey all traffic laws and that he would be checking in every 3 minutes or so

He checked in often and when I arrived at Coborns I checked in with Deputy Erik. He told me to proceed into the establishment reminding me of the gag order and to keep my phone with me. Coborns would not cash my money order. I checked back in once in the car and told him I didn't know where else to look to cash my money order. He said just to deposit what I had at the kiosk and make sure to get a receipt. He asked me to let him know when I was ready to proceed and that I needed to state my name, where I was going, and the ETA of my arrival time for the mobile escort recording. He told me to proceed to the destination, buckle up and obey all traffic laws and that he would be checking in every 3 minutes or so

At some point the phone disconnected and I didn't know what to do so I called the ISANTI CNTY OFC and the same time a call came into my phone I was going to conference them together but Deputy Erik said not too. He asked if I hung up and I told him no, that it just beeped and disconnected. He chalked it up to poor reception.

Around 3pm I made it to the CoinFlip kiosk where he told me that there are cameras at this establishment (speedway gas station) for my safety, reminded me of my gag order, and that the people that work there are to report any suspicious activity. To keep my privacy, I need to take him off speaker phone when I enter. Once at the kiosk he will walk me through each transaction and give me all the number codes I need to match up with the FDIC accounts. He said to make sure to get a receipt or take a picture of the receipt from the screen if it has run out of paper to print one. I did exactly what he told me -no receipt so I took a picture of the screen. He told me that he saw the transaction and I told him no receipt. He reminded me that I will need that at the Sheriff's office to defer the warrants and that I should take a picture. I told him I already did. Once back in the car Deputy Erik said they found a place I can cash my money order in Blaine. He asked me to let him know when I was ready to proceed and that I needed to state my name, where I was going, and the ETA of my arrival time for the mobile escort recording. He told me to proceed to the destination, buckle up and obey all traffic laws and that he would be checking in every 3 minutes or so

At some point Sergeant Tom came back on the line and checked in, often asking where I was and what the new ETA was - I was to tell him when I arrived at the Money Exchange. I arrived at the Money Exchange around 4pm. I checked in with Sergeant Tom and he told me to proceed into the establishment reminding me of the gag order and to keep my phone with me. I remember barely being able to hold it together while the woman at the counter assisted me - she even commented about how my tears were breaking her heart. She wished for my day to get better as I left the building. I checked in and informed Sergeant Tom that I was charged to cash the money order so I no longer had the full $1000. He said it was ok for now and that there was a kiosk in the money exchange where I could send the money and to make sure I get that receipt. I was reminded of my gag order and that I needed to take him off speaker phone for my privacy. I discovered the kiosk would not take any bills smaller than $20 so all I could send was $940. Sergeant Tom told me he could see the payment and to take the receipt because I will need that at the office. Again, there was no receipt so I took a picture of the kiosk screen.

I returned to the car checked in with Sergeant Tom and he said that the payments are being flagged. That I was supposed to make the deposit all at once to defer both warrants. I lost my mind - I told him I did everything exactly as they asked me too. He tried to throw Deputy Erik under the bus but I wasn't having it. I told him how f*cked up this is. He told me that I needed to use respectful language and that sent me another document (doc4 that I previously sent to the evidence link). He tried to tell me that I lied about how much money I had because I originally said I only had $100 and I let loose - I told him I did not lie. He needs to go back and listen to the recording. I never had this $2000 to begin with. It came from a credit card that I have now maxed out. He brought up the jail time and the lack of receipts for the bonds collector to defer the warrants. He explained how the document he sent explains how to get the money I just sent in, returned. How it just covers partial of one the warrant fines and I now have to pay $4500 because the red flags say I lied and deposited separately.

I was so exhausted at this point I asked straight up what my options were. He said turn myself in and stay in jail or pay the $4500. I told him the only way I can get that kind of money is by calling my dad. He asked if I was sure about bringing in a 3rd party, that it could bring more trouble because family often put you in a position to break the gag order. I told him it was my only option right now. He agreed to conference call my dad but I was too emotional and he wanted me to calm down. I told him that it now 4:30pm I've been on the phone with him since 11, driving all over kingdom come. I needed to get gas, go to the bathroom, and get a snack. He asked me to let him know when I was ready to proceed and that I needed to state my name, where I was going, and the ETA of my arrival time for the mobile escort recording. He told me to proceed to the destination, buckle up and obey all traffic laws and that he would be checking in every 3 minutes or so

He reminded me when going into the gas station of the gag order - when I returned to the car I checked in with Sergeant Tom. I told him that it was getting late and asked how I was going to get into the sheriff's office. He assured me that even though the front office is closed, crime never quits and that there are side doors to make way to the warrant offices. He wanted to go over my plan when calling my dad. He made it very clear that if I break the gag order and say something out of line the judge would not be lenient and police would be dispatched. He said once conferenced he will not be saying a word but will be hearing everything that is said.

I called my dad around 5pm and conferenced him into the phone line with Sergeant Tom. I asked my dad if he was able to bring me $4500. I told him it was a legal matter that I was physically ok (I was bawling) and that I was under a gag order so I can't share anything until it is all cleared up. I assured him I was safe and he said he needed to call me back in 5min because it was a lot of money. He hung up and Sergeant Tom said I could text him and let him know that the money would be returned after the legal matter was cleared. I text my dad.

I asked Sergeant Tom if he could locate a kiosk in Forest Lake because that is close to where my parents live and that way I can just deposit the money there. He said he would look and wanted to clarify the plan of where I was going to meet my dad. I told him probably in town someplace that my dad will be calling back. Sergeant Tom suggested I drive to the sheriff's

office and turn myself in but I said I should drive towards my parents so I can meet him quicker for the money. He asked if I was sure they would - I told him I hope so. He asked me to let him know when I was ready to proceed and that I needed to state my name, where I was going, and the ETA of my arrival time for the mobile escort recording. He told me to proceed to the destination, buckle up and obey all traffic laws and that he would be checking in every 3 minutes or so

As I drove on 109th towards Forest Lake my dad called back. Sergeant Tom advised me to pull over as to obey traffic laws and reminded me of the gag order before I was allowed to conference my dad in. My dad said he could get me the money, we decided to meet at Loves off 35w …he asked me some questions -I answered as best I could not to violate the gag order. He basically wanted to know if I was by myself and physically safe. He did make some sideways statements knowing he was conferenced about things being on the upside and threatened lawyers. I told my dad ok. After my dad hung up. Sergeant Tom wanted to verify the plan and asked me to let him know when I was ready to proceed and that I needed to state my name, where I was going, and the ETA of my arrival time for the mobile escort recording. He told me to proceed to the destination, buckle up and obey all traffic laws and that he would be checking in every 3 minutes or so

My dad called back and Sergeant Tom reminded me of the gag order before I was allowed to conference my dad in. My dad informed me that was going to be late because he had to go get more cash from my uncle and asked if I could just come to his house. I told him I wasn't sure I wanted to drive that far because I still needed to get to the sheriff's office. My dad said he may be up to a half an hour later than expected. I said I would check back with him once I got to Loves.

Once he hung up Sergeant Tom said that if I went to my parents house I would be breaking the gag order. Family has a way of assisting in poor decisions, like running away and leaving the country. I told him I didn't want to get into more trouble. I will just tell my dad I can't meet him there. I will wait at Loves until he can get there. He told me I needed to state my name, where I was going, and the ETA of my arrival time for the mobile escort recording. He told me to proceed to the destination and obey all traffic laws.

I notified Sergeant Tom when I got to Loves. I told him I needed to call my dad about not going to his house. The phone disconnected again and I just waited for Sergeant Tom to call me back. He asked if I hung up and I told him no, that it just beeped and disconnected.

Sergeant Tom had me conference the call. I told my dad that going to his house violates the gag order so I will just wait for him at Loves. He said that he had someone go down to my uncle's and is on his way back already. That they will meet me at the Kwik trip 3min down the road. I told him ok. He again asked if I was safe and I assured him I was by myself. When I hung up Sergeant Tom asked for a check in on what was happening next. I told him that my dad is bringing the money and I am meeting him at Kwik Trip just down the road after I use the bathroom. I asked him if there was a kiosk near me and he said I will have to go back to the one

in Oak Grove. I told him ok. He reminded me when going into the gas station to take my phone and that the gag order is still in effect - when I return to the car I need to check in.

When I returned I checked in with Sergeant Tom. He asked me to let him know when I was ready to proceed and that I needed to state my name, where I was going, and the ETA of my arrival time for the mobile escort recording. He told me to proceed to the destination, buckle up and obey all traffic laws and that he would be checking in every 3 minutes or so

When I got to Kwik Trip I tried to find a place out of the way of all the traffic to wait for my dad. I checked in with Sergeant Tom and he wanted to go over the plan for meeting my dad one more time. As we were talking an officer parked across the gas station parking lot. I told Sergeant Tom he was there and that it looked like he was walking over. He said not to worry he was part of the mobile escort. The officer knows who I am because he flagged me in the system. I waved my phone at the officer as he approached. He asked if I was Mellissa. I said yes and started crying - I was feeling so embarrassed with the idea of these ridiculous warrants. He asked who I was talking to - I said Sergeant Tom Leatham. He told me to give him my phone. I complied. As soon as the officer started talking Sergeant Tom hung up.

Around 6pm Officer Tim VanGrinsven told me I was being scammed and that my dad was on the other side of the gas station and I can call him to come over. He took down some information and gave me his card to turn everything I had in.

Thank you Officer Tim!

CITY OF FOREST LAKE
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING FOREST LAKE CITY CODE TITLE XX, CHAPTER XX, SECTION XX, VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS

The City Council of the City of Forest Lake does ordain:

SECTION 1. ENACTMENT. Forest Lake City Code Section XX is hereby enacted as follows:

§XXX.01 Purpose, Intent, and Authority

(A) Purpose.

The City recognizes that:

(1) Virtual currency kiosks ("Kiosks") are a significant instrument in fraud and scams. In 2023, the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") reported over $189 billion in losses due to fraud via Kiosks. While some legitimate transactions may take place via the Kiosks, the machines have quickly become a preferred payment method for scammers.

(2) Criminals manipulate, intimidate and/or threaten their victims into using the Kiosks to send funds. According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center, criminals give detailed instructions to individuals, including how to withdraw cash from their bank, how to locate a kiosk, and how to deposit and send funds using the kiosk. Criminals instill a sense of urgency and isolation in their victims. In some of the scams, criminals falsely represent themselves as government officials or law enforcement officers.

(3) The elderly are particularly susceptible to the frauds perpetrated via the Kiosks. Per FBI statistics, these scams overwhelmingly affect adults over age 60, with the losses reported for those over age 60 representing $124 million of the $189 million losses reported in 2023.

(4) In the City of Forest Lake alone, the Forest Lake Police Department ("FLPD") reports losses totaling approximately $300,000 from Kiosk related fraud within the City in 2023 - 2024.

(5) The scams sometimes require that the victim deposit large sums of cash into the Kiosk, meaning that in addition to the Kiosk scam, there is a greater general risk to public safety due to individuals carrying large amounts of cash to the Kiosks.

(6) The State passed legislation attempting some regulations on Kiosks in 2024, found in Minn. Stat. Ch. 53B. However, the State has acknowledged that criminals have already found work-arounds to the statute. The burden of Kiosk fraud exists on all levels of government – federal, state, and local - and the City's purpose in passing this ordinance is to address our share of that burden.

(B) Intent.

This chapter is intended to regulate Kiosks located within the City to protect the general welfare of the public, especially elderly and vulnerable adults.

(C) Authority.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §412.221 subd. 32, the City has the authority to provide for the prevention of crime, the protection of property, and the promotion of general welfare by ordinances consistent with state and federal law.

§XXX.02 Definitions

The definitions provided in Minn. Stat. §53B.69 are incorporated here by reference. For the purposes of this chapter the following definitions shall apply, unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

Hosting Business: The real property owner that is providing or leasing space or utilities to a virtual currency kiosk operator for the purpose of operating a virtual currency kiosk.

Virtual Currency: See Minn. Stat. §53B.69 subd. 6.

Virtual Currency Kiosk ("Kiosk"): See Minn. Stat. §53B.69 subd. 10.

Virtual Currency Kiosk Operator ("Kiosk Operator"): See Minn. Stat. §53B.69 subd. 11.

§XXX.03 Registration Required.

No Hosting Business shall host a Kiosk without first having registered that Kiosk with the City.

(A) *Applications.* An application for registration of a Kiosk shall be made on a form provided by the City. The application shall include:

(1) The full name of the Hosting Business;

(2) The Hosting Business's address, telephone number and email;

(3) The name, business address, and valid registered agent of the Virtual Currency Kiosk Operator;

(4) The proposed location of the Kiosk;

(5) A copy of Kiosk Operator's valid state license;

(6) A copy of the lease/rental agreement between the Hosting Business and the Kiosk Operator;

(7) All information provided to the State pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 53B.74.

(8) Written confirmation from the FLPD that the Kiosk Operator has had no more than three (3) instances of substantiated fraud, as determined by the FLPD, involving any Kiosk owned or operated by that Kiosk Operator within the City in the last twelve (12) months;

(9) Written confirmation that the Kiosk Operator and the Hosting Business have been found to be in compliance with the requirements of this ordinance at a preliminary compliance check performed by the FLPD or its designee; and

(10) Any additional information the City deems necessary.

(B) *Action.* Upon receipt of a completed application and the applicable registration fee as designated by the City's fee schedule, the City Clerk shall approve or deny the registration as necessary.

(1) Registrations shall be good for one (1) calendar year, provided they are not revoked or suspended pursuant to §XXX.07.

(C) *Moveable Place of Business*

No registration shall be issued to a moveable place of business. Only fixed location businesses shall be eligible to be registered under this section.

(D) *Renewals*

At least 60 days before registration expires, an application for renewal shall be filed with the City Clerk, containing all the information required in §XXX.03(A). No person or business has a right to have their registration renewed.

(E) *Changes in Ownership*

Registration is non-transferable. If there is a change in ownership of the retail establishment, a new registration is required, and the new owner shall be required to submit a new application. Registration shall only be valid for the premises for which it is issued, and any change in location of the premises shall require reapplication by the applicant for registration of the new premises.

§XXX.04 Registration Restrictions

Registration shall be issued subject to the following restrictions:

(A) Hosting Business and Kiosk Operator shall comply with all applicable regulations of the State of Minnesota relating to Kiosks. If there is a conflict between the regulations of the state and the regulations of the city, the more restrictive regulations shall control.

(B) Hosting Business shall prominently display a sign with language, size and font provided by the City which shall be located within two (2) feet of the Kiosk and shall be clearly visible to individuals using the Kiosk.

(C) Hosting Business shall have a dedicated closed-circuit camera for the Kiosk and shall position said camera as requested by FLPD. Applicant agrees to provide camera footage to the FLPD within 48 hours of a request and shall maintain the video footage for a minimum of 30 days.

§XXX.05 Compliance Checks and Inspections

Prior to issuing the registration, all Hosting Business shall be subject to an initial compliance check to ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Pre-registration compliance checks shall be conducted by the FLPD or other delegated law enforcement officers or agencies during regular business hours.

All retail establishments shall be open to inspection by the FLPD or other delegated law enforcement officers or agencies during regular business hours. From time to time, a law enforcement officer shall conduct inspections to ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit other compliance checks or inspections authorized by state or federal laws for educational, research, or training purposes, or required for the enforcement of a particular state or federal law.

§XXX.06 Basis for Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of a Registration

(A) The following shall be grounds for denying the issuance or renewal of a registration or suspending or revoking a registration issued under this chapter:

(1) The application is incomplete or the applicant has not paid the registration fee.

(2) The proposed use does not comply with the zoning ordinance.

(3) The proposed use does not comply with health, building, maintenance, or other provisions of the City Code or state law.

(4) The Hosting Business or Kiosk Operator has made fraudulent statements, misrepresentations, or false statements in the application.

(5) The hosting of the Kiosk is conducted in such a manner as to constitute a breach of the peace, a menace to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, or a disturbance of the

peace or comfort of the residents of the City, upon recommendation of the Police Chief or appropriate City official.

(6) The Hosting Business or Kiosk Operator has acted in an unauthorized manner or beyond the scope of the registration granted.

(7) The Hosting Business or Kiosk Operator has had a previous Kiosk registration issued by the City revoked within the preceding 12 months of the date of application.

(8) Failure to allow inspections of the registered premises, for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the law, at any time it is occupied or open for business.

(9) Failure to continuously comply with all conditions required as precedent to the approval of the registration, all requirements of this chapter, and all state or federal regulations related to Kiosks.

(10) Real estate taxes, personal property taxes, or special assessments on the business premises or the real property where the business is located have become delinquent or are unpaid.

(11) The activity has been conducted without registration.

(12) The Kiosk Operator has had their state license revoke, denied or suspended.

(13) Other good cause shown as determined by the City Council.

§XXX.07 Hearings

(A) Revocation, suspension, or denial of a registration shall be preceded by a hearing before the City Council. Notice of the hearing shall be sent to the Hosting Business listed on the application via certified mail at least 10 days prior to the hearing. The notice shall include the time and place of the hearing and shall state the nature of the charge. A hearing for consideration of issuing, suspending, or revoking a registration will be conducted before the City Council. At the hearing, the Hosting Business has the right to be represented by counsel, the right to respond to the charges or information provided to the Council, and the right to present evidence through witnesses under oath. It is not necessary that criminal charges be brought in order to support a determination of a registration violation, nor does the dismissal or acquittal of such a criminal charge operate as a bar to adverse registration actions under this section.

(B) Following the hearing, the Council may deny, revoke, suspend, or not renew the registration or may grant or continue the registration upon such terms and conditions as it deems reasonable and necessary to accomplish the purpose of this chapter. The decision by the City Council following a hearing is final.

(C) Enforcement actions provided in this section are not exclusive and the Council may take any action with respect to a registration, employee, or retail establishment as is authorized by City Code, state, or federal law.

§XXX.08 Violations

Any person or business found to be in violation of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished according to law. The City may choose to issue an administrative citation in addition to other legal or equitable remedies, pursuant to City Code Chapter 36. Violations of this chapter shall be exceptions to the issuance of a compliance letter under Chapter 36. Each day of failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter shall be an additional violation subject to fine, charges and other penalties.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Passed by the City Council on the XX day of [MONTH], 2025.

CITY OF FOREST LAKE

By: _____
Blake Roberts
Its Mayor

Attest: _____
Jolleen Chaika
Its City Clerk

(Published in the *Forest Lake Times* on [DATE], 2025)

Stillwater Virtual Currency Kiosk Ban Ordinance

Stillwater Mayor Ted Kozlowski

Stillwater Police Chief Brian Mueller

Stillwater

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What are Virtual Currency Kiosks

Virtual Currency Kiosk

- Also referred to as “Crypto Currency ATM”
- Allows users to buy or sell cryptocurrency for cash, or transfer cryptocurrency to another person.
- All transactions have a high percentage-based fee (20-30%)

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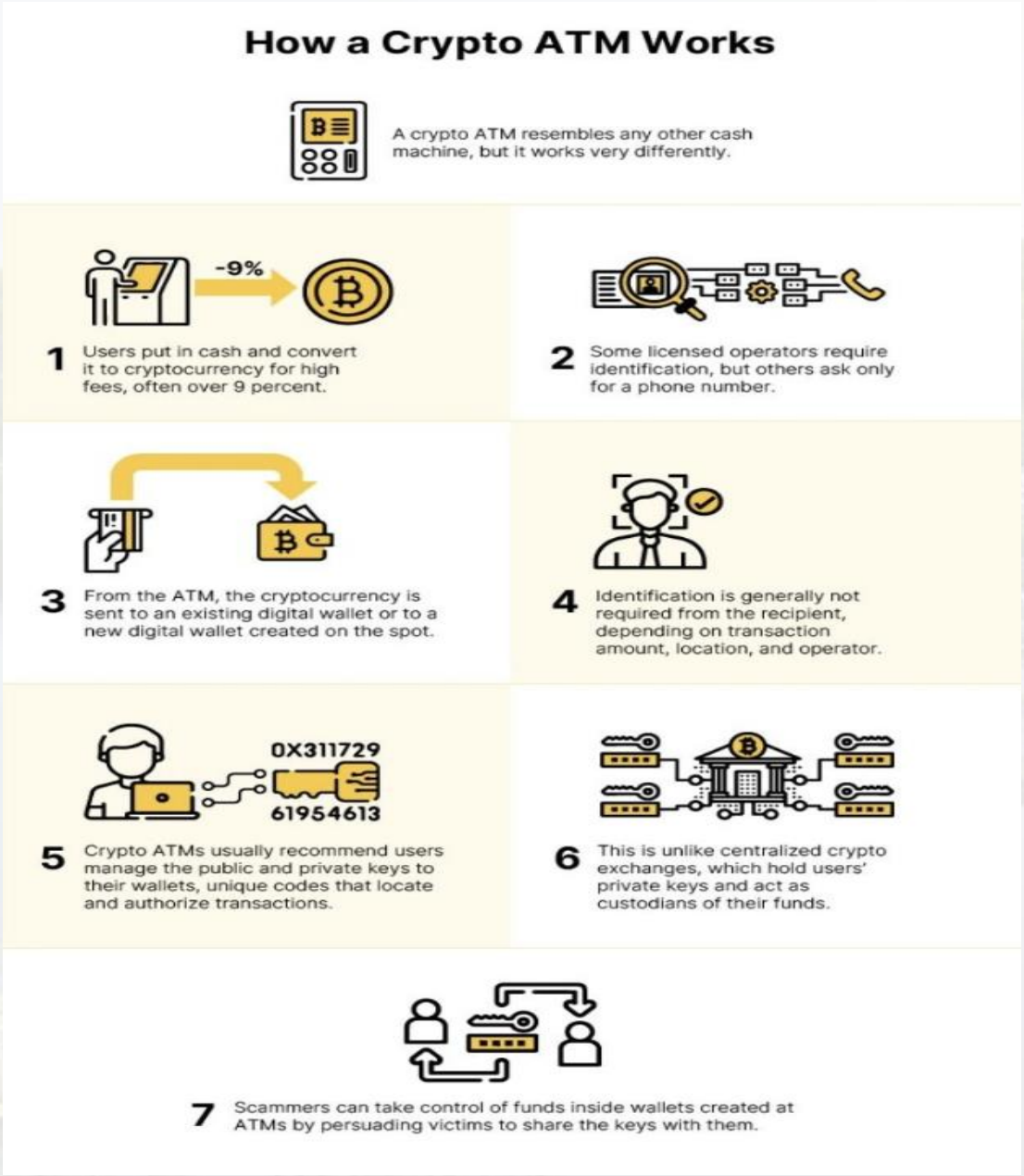
Kiosk Operation



Credit: OCCRP Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project

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Why Scammers Love Kiosks for Fraud

- Scammers manipulate, threaten, and intimidate victims with schemes to insert cash into the Kiosks
- Kiosks quickly move the victims' cash into tough-to-trace accounts owned by the scammers
- In 2023, $5.6 Billion in reported in U.S. losses, $2.5 Billion for people over 50 (FBI 2023 Report)

Who Regulates Virtual Currency Kiosks?

Federal Regulation

- 31 CFR Subt. B, Ch. X, Pt. 1022
- Fed. Registration requirement for Operators
- Operators must register with U.S. Treasury Dept. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network as a "money service business" and meet certain requirements
- Kiosks themselves are NOT regulated Federally

State Regulation

- Minn. Stat. §53B.69-75
- State Licensing requirement for Operators
- Operators must obtain a state license and disclose details such as fees, liability for mistaken transfers, basis for recovery and whether a user can stop payment
- *If* a Kiosk is used, more disclaimers are required
- Kiosks themselves are NOT regulated by the State

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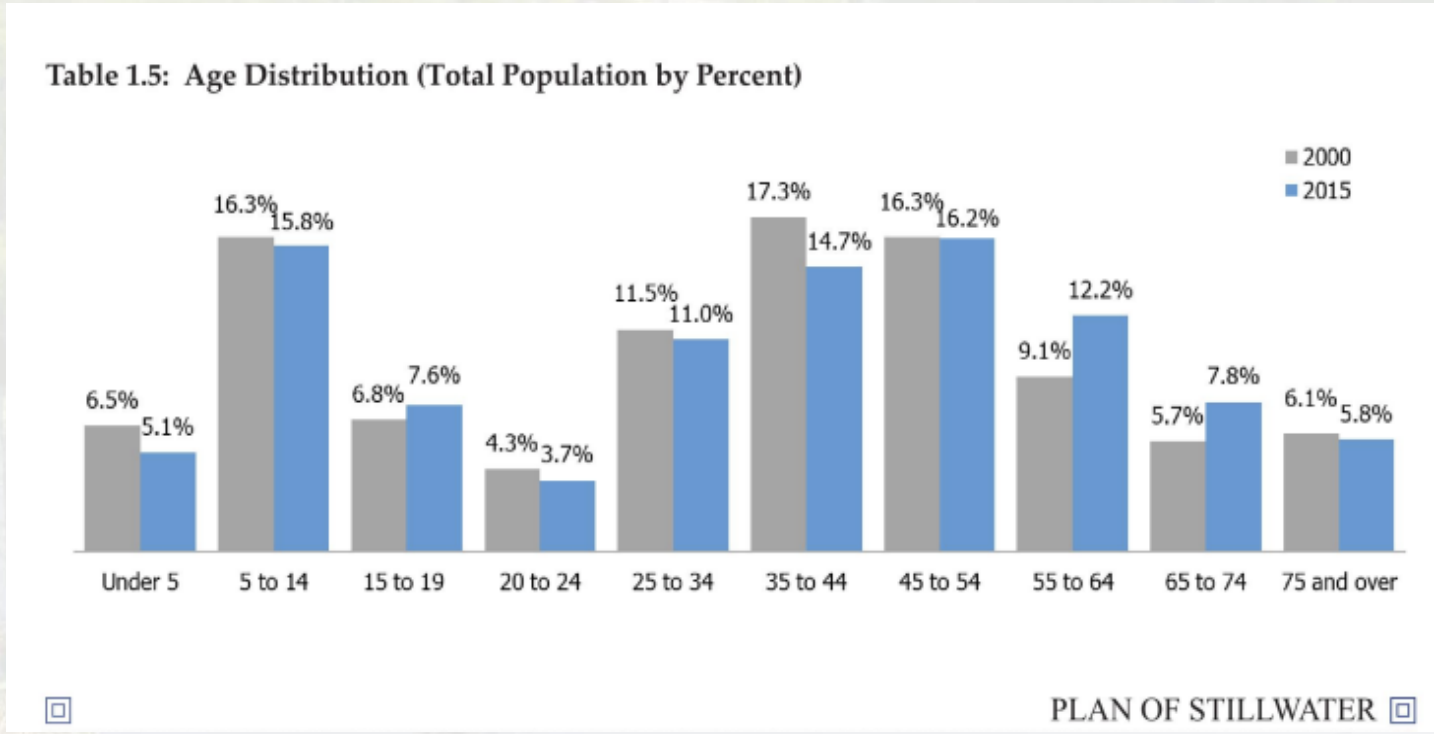
Stillwater Community Concerns

- 40% of Stillwater's population is 50 and over
- Stillwater PD has responded to over 30 scam reports since 2023 with over $156,000 in reported losses
- Forest Lake reported losses of $300,000 since 2023
- Woodbury reported losses of $6.6 million since 2021
- Most scams involve transactions at Kiosks



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Stillwater Ord. 2025-125 Kiosk Prohibition Adopted April 15, 2025

Provisions

- Prohibits Kiosks in the City (under general City Code, not Zoning Ordinance)
- Does not ban Virtual Currency Operators, only the physical Kiosks
- Hosts have 60 days to remove the Kiosks
- Authority: Police Powers as a Threat to Public Health, Safety, Welfare

Penalties

- Administrative Citation ($100 fine)
- Any Licensed Business (i.e., off-sale liquor) risks Suspension or Revocation of its City License for violating other provisions of the City Code
- Criminal Charges, if necessary

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Why did Stillwater ban the Kiosks?

- Kiosks are the tools preferred by scammers, targeting the elderly
- Kiosks are not regulated by Fed. or State Laws. The *Operators* are regulated, but not the Kiosks, which is only one method to conduct transactions
- Legitimate cryptocurrency businesses have other tools to transact business (apps, computers)
- Some cities are choosing a lesser (but included) form of regulation, beginning with a registration process and if too many crimes are reported, the registration would be revoked
- Stillwater chose to jump to the finish line

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DATE: April 5, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor Ted Kozlowski

FROM: Kori Land, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Crypto/Virtual Currency Kiosks Prohibition Summary

In the past few years, the Police Department has seen a significant rise in the number of reports of scams from cryptocurrency kiosks located in the City and recently approached the City Attorney's Office to discuss what options the City has to regulate these kiosks to protect the community.

Crypto currency kiosks or Virtual Currency Kiosks ("Kiosks"), as referred to in Minnesota state law, look like an ATM, and are found in convenience stores, pharmacies, tobacco shops, liquor stores and grocery stores, but instead of dispensing cash, their purpose is to allow customers to sell and purchase cryptocurrency. The Kiosks accept cash from customers and then credit it to the account of another person, move it from one account to another account for the same person, or relinquish control of the currency to another person. This photo is an example of a Kiosk.

There are multiple brands of Kiosks that sell different types of cryptocurrency. While some legitimate transactions may take place through these Kiosks, the machines have quickly become a preferred payment method for scammers.

1. **Current regulations for the crypto currency operators:**

- Federal: Kiosk operators must *register* with the U.S. Treasury Department Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN") as a "money service business" and meet the recordkeeping requirements from the Bank Secrecy Act and anti-money laundering statutes
- State: A license is required in MN to operate a virtual currency business. (Minn. Stat. §§ 53B.69-75) And regardless of the method of the transaction (app, computer, Kiosk) MN law requires the operators to disclose:
  - Whether the transaction is covered by insurance,
  - The revocability of the transaction,
  - Liability for mistaken, unauthorized or accidental transfers,
  - The basis for any recovery from the licensee,
  - Whether the person has the right to stop payment or revoke the transaction.

  If a Kiosk is used, then additional requirements include:
  - A disclaimer that explains that this is not a bank transaction and that it is not subject to any federal oversight or protections,
  - Daily transaction limits ($2,000)
  - Refunds (for new customers only, and if within 72 hours of the transaction),
  - The following statement which must be acknowledged by the customer:

  "WARNING: LOSSES DUE TO FRAUDULENT OR ACCIDENTAL TRANSACTIONS ARE NOT RECOVERABLE AND TRANSACTIONS IN VIRTUAL CURRENCY ARE IRREVERSIBLE. VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS MAY BE USED BY SCAMMERS IMPERSONATING LOVED ONES, THREATENING JAIL TIME, AND INSISTING YOU WITHDRAW MONEY FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE VIRTUAL CURRENCY."

2. **The Crimes/Issues at Kiosks**

- All transactions conducted at Kiosks are accompanied by high percentage-based fees (20-30%). (On Feb. 26, 2025, the Iowa Attorney General announced that it is suing both BitCoin and CoinFlip for imposing excessive and often hidden transaction fees, ranging from 21%-23% of the transaction.) *It is important to remember that customers who wish to purchase cryptocurrency are not prevented from doing so using a computer or an app, where the fees are lower (often a flat rate of $.10 to $1.00 per transaction) and cash is not required.*
- The host business (where the Kiosk is located) also receives a percentage of the markup.

- Based on the investigation by the Iowa Attorney General, the majority of scam victims are over the age of 60.
    - *The high volume of scam transactions being performed at Kiosks, coupled with the excessive fees that are being charged at the Kiosks, means that both the operator and the host are profiting from the victims.*
- Criminals have already found their way around the MN daily transaction limits by telling victims to use different Kiosks to complete a large transaction.
- Criminals manipulate, intimidate, and threaten their victims into using the Kiosks to send cash, including schemes such as:
    - the victim has committed a crime and needs to pay money to avoid jail,
    - that the victim is due a payment or owes a payment on PayPal,
    - investment schemes,
    - the scammer falsely represents themselves as government officials or law enforcement officers and requests personal or financial information for an alleged refund
- *In 2023, the FBI reports that there were approximately 69,468 total complaints in the U.S. with a cryptocurrency nexus for a total loss of $5.6 billion dollars, an increase of 45% since 2022.*

3. Local Impact

According to local reports regarding fraud incidents at Kiosks:

- Forest Lake had losses totaling over $300,000 in the last two years,
- White Bear Lake reported about $125,000 from 2023,
- Woodbury had $6.6 million in reported cryptocurrency losses since 2021,
- Stillwater had nearly $75,000 in losses since 2023 and provided this recent example:

  "On October 22, 2024, a victim was contacted by a suspect via telephone and told to retrieve $20,000 from her savings due to an "overpayment" to her PayPal account. The victim was directed to drive to the gas station in downtown Stillwater and deposit this $20,000 into the Athena Bitcoin ATM at the Amoco Gas Station. The gas station employee called police. The Stillwater Police responded and stopped the female after she had deposited $5,820 and explained to her that she was being scammed."

Most cities, including Stillwater, do not have sufficient public safety resources to monitor or regulate the Kiosks or the crimes that result therefrom and the City has a duty to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens, particularly the elderly, from these types of financial crimes. The duty to protect the citizens outweighs the benefit of these Kiosks and therefore, justifies a prohibition on Virtual Currency Kiosks.

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
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Legislative Aide

To: City of Saint Paul City Councilmembers

Date: May 14, 2025

Subject: Cryptocurrency Kiosks and Local Government Actions

EXECUTIVE SUMAMRY

- Cryptocurrency Kiosks look like an ATM and are found in convenience stores, pharmacies, tobacco shops, liquor stores and grocery stores. Instead of dispensing cash, their purpose is to allow customers to sell and purchase cryptocurrency.
- In 2023, the FBI reports that there were approximately 69,468 total complaints in the U.S. with a cryptocurrency nexus for a total loss of $5.6 billion dollars, an increase of 45% since 2022.
- The decentralized nature of cryptocurrency, the speed of these irreversible transactions and the ability to move money all over the world makes cryptocurrency attractive for criminals in general.
- Local governments across Minnesota are taking steps to regulate or prohibit the operation of cryptocurrency Kiosks within city limits, citing a lack of public safety resources to effectively monitor the Kiosks or address the financial crimes associated with them.
- Cities have a responsibility to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of their residents—particularly vulnerable populations such as the elderly.
- Given these concerns, the need to protect citizens outweighs any potential benefits these Kiosks may offer, thereby justifying regulatory action at the local level.

BACKGROUND

Cryptocurrency Kiosks or Virtual Currency Kiosks ("Kiosks"), as referred to in Minnesota state law, look like an ATM, and are found in convenience stores, pharmacies, tobacco shops, liquor stores and grocery stores, but instead of dispensing cash, their purpose is to allow customers to sell and purchase cryptocurrency.

> A Kiosk is defined in Minnesota law as "an electronic terminal acting as a mechanical agent of the virtual currency Kiosk operator to enable the virtual currency Kiosk operator to facilitate the exchange of virtual currency for money, bank credit, or other virtual currency, including but not limited to (1) connecting directly to a separate virtual currency exchanger that performs the actual virtual currency transmission, or (2) drawing upon the virtual currency in the possession of the electronic terminal's operator." (Minn. Stat. §53B.69 subd. 10.)

Example of a cryptocurrency Kiosk

City Hall Suite 310B Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102-1615 651-266-8620
Email: ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us www.stpaul.gov/ward2

AA-ADA-EEO Employer

The Kiosks accept cash from consumers and then do the following with it:

- Credit it to the account of another person
- Move it from one account to another account for the same person 3
- Relinquish control of the currency to another person

There are multiple brands of Kiosks that sell different types of cryptocurrency. Most Kiosks do not allow a consumer to withdraw cash (sell cryptocurrency), instead only allowing a consumer to insert cash to purchase cryptocurrency. While some legitimate transactions may take place through these Kiosks, the machines have quickly become a preferred payment method for scammers.

CRYPTOCURRENCY KIOSKS & CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

In 2023, the FBI reports that there were approximately 69,468 total complaints in the U.S. with a cryptocurrency nexus for a total loss of $5.6 billion dollars, an increase of 45% since 2022.

The decentralized nature of cryptocurrency, the speed of these irreversible transactions and the ability to move money all over the world makes cryptocurrency attractive for criminals in general. When you add the ability to access a victim's cash via the Kiosk and the ability to target victims who do not have an online presence, there is significant opportunity for criminal activity.

Criminals manipulate, intimidate, and threaten their victims into using the Kiosks to send cash, including schemes such as:

- the victim has committed a crime and needs to pay money to avoid jail,
- that the victim is due a payment or owes a payment on PayPal,
- investment schemes, and
- the scammer falsely represents themselves as government officials or law enforcement officers and requests personal or financial information for an alleged refund.

Criminals often start with a phone call and are highly skilled at creating a sense of urgency, panic, and isolation in their victims. The criminals will remain on the phone with the victim throughout the transaction(s) to ensure that the victims lie to bank employees, local law enforcement, and other bystanders if necessary. In some scams, criminals falsely represent themselves as government officials or law enforcement officers.

Once cash is deposited into a suspect's virtual wallet, it is very difficult, if not impossible to recover and these cases are very difficult and time consuming to investigate.

It is important to note that customers who wish to purchase cryptocurrency are not prevented from doing so using a computer or an app, where the fees are often a flat rate of $.10 to $1.00 per transaction and cash is not required.

The Kiosk operator often marks up the cryptocurrency by 20-30%. Frequently the hosting business (often a convenience store) also receives a cut of the markup. In cases of criminal activity, suspects are often willing to pay these steep fees in exchange for greater anonymity and a lower risk of being caught—especially since the fees are effectively covered by the stolen funds. The combination of high transaction volumes linked to scams and the excessive fees charged suggests that both the Kiosk operators and host businesses are profiting at the expense of the victims.

CRYPTOCURRENCY KIOSKS & CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN SAINT PAUL

The following information was provided by the Saint Paul Police Department in May of 2025.

- In 2024 there were four cryptocurrency Kiosk scams with a total of approximately $16,900 reporting to have been lost; overall there were 15 scams involving crypto.
    - The majority of these scams involved individuals being contacted on social media by fake investors.
    - No money was reported as recovered from these scams.
- In 2025 there have been two cryptocurrency Kiosk scams with a total of approximately $11,621 reporting to have been lost; overall there have been eight scams involving crypto this year.
    - The majority of these scams continue to be from individuals being contacted by fake investors.
    - So far, $1,200 has been reported as recovered and returned to the victim of a scam.

All but one of the cryptocurrency Kiosk scams involved an individual being contacted by someone claiming to be law enforcement and instructing the victim to pay a bail amount to prevent their arrest and directing them to a cryptocurrency Kiosk. Only one of these scams claimed to be SPPD.

See Appendix A for additional information.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

Federal: Kiosk operators are regulated federally by the U.S. Treasury Department Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"). Kiosk operators must register with FinCEN as a "money service business" and meet the recordkeeping requirements from the Bank Secrecy Act and anti-money laundering statutes, but the Kiosks themselves are not regulated by this Act.

State: In Minnesota, there are licensing requirements for virtual currency operators. A virtual Kiosk operator ("Kiosk Operator") is defined in Minnesota statue as "a licensee that operates a virtual currency Kiosk within Minnesota." Minn. Stat. §53B.69 subd. 11. The license requirements, exemptions, and penalties are set forth in Minn. Stat. §53B generally. The applicable license for a Kiosk operator is a money transmitter license. The license requires operators to disclose certain details to the consumer such as:

- all fees,
- whether the transaction is covered by insurance,
- the revocability of the transaction,
- liability for mistaken, unauthorized or accidental transfers,
- the basis for any recovery from the licensee,
- whether the person has the right to stop payment or revoke the transaction,
- and at the conclusion, certain information is required in the confirmation of the transaction.

Licensees are required to maintain records of all transactions for 5 years.

In 2024, the Minnesota legislature passed new requirements which apply to any license under Chapter 53B who operates virtual currency Kiosks. The new law added:

- A disclaimer that explains that this is not a bank transaction and that it is not subject to any federal oversight or protections,
- Daily transaction limits ($2,000),
- Refunds (for new customers only, and if within 72 hours of the transaction), and

- The following statement which must be acknowledged by the customer:
  "Warning: Losses due to fraudulent or accidental transactions are not recoverable and transactions in virtual currency are irreversible. Virtual currency transactions may be used by scammers impersonating loved ones, threatening jail time, and insisting you withdraw money from your bank account to purchase virtual currency."

Unfortunately, criminals have also already found their way around Minnesota's new laws intended to protect new customers with refund protection and daily transaction limits.

Scammers will send the victim to a QR code to the scammer's wallet, so even if the victim has never been to a Kiosk before, they are not considered a new customer because they are using the scammer's account.

Likewise, to get around the daily limit, victims will be told to use different Kiosks to complete a large transaction, often traveling many miles from home and crossing into Wisconsin, to avoid the daily-transaction limit.

CRYPTOCURRENCY KIOSKS & LOCAL ACTION

Local governments across Minnesota are taking steps to regulate or prohibit the operation of cryptocurrency Kiosks within city limits, citing a lack of public safety resources to effectively monitor the Kiosks or address the financial crimes associated with them.

Cities have a responsibility to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of their residents—particularly vulnerable populations such as the elderly. Given these concerns, the need to protect citizens outweighs any potential benefits these Kiosks may offer, thereby justifying regulatory action at the local level.

Two municipalities taking action against these Kiosks in Minnesota include:

Stillwater

The Stillwater Police Department approached the City Attorney's Office to discuss what options the City has to regulate these Kiosks to protect the community after seeing a significant rise in the number of reports of scams from cryptocurrency Kiosks.

Stillwater originally proposed creating an ordinance to help regulate the presence and operation of cryptocurrency Kiosks within the city by requiring the owner to register their contact information and registration number. These requirements would be coupled with a city-provided informational warning placard that would be required to be posted on or very near the Kiosk.

However, the city ran into the issue of knowing where the Kiosks are – they are aware of at least four – but have no idea who owns and operates them.

Given these challenges, Stillwater shifted to asking for the machines to be banned from operating in the city all together to avoid wasting the public safety resources it would take to monitor or regulate the Kiosks or the crimes that result.

The Stillwater City Council adopted an ordinance banning cryptocurrency Kiosks on April 15, 2025. The ordinance went into effect April 18, 2025.

Now Stillwater is working to notify any businesses that have cryptocurrency Kiosks about the new ordinance. Any business that currently have a Kiosk will have up to 60 days to remove the machine. Failure to remove will result in an administrative citation or other enforcement action as needed.

Forest Lake

Within the past few years, the Forest Lake Police Department has received a significant number of reports of scams and fraud arising from multiple cryptocurrency Kiosks located through the city. The policy department approached the city council with the city attorney to find out what options the city may have to regulate the Kiosks to better protect the community.

Rather than banning cryptocurrency Kiosks, Forest Lake officials are moving forward with a plan that would require that all Kiosks located within the city be registered. The city has strong authority to register businesses and uses with the City. Examples of this are tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, massage therapists, tattoo parlors, and other businesses that have obvious public health or safety concerns. The City of Forest Lake sees these Kiosks as no different and having clear public safety concerns because of the amount of fraud running through the machines, the vulnerable population groups targeted, and the inability to recover the stolen funds.

Forest Lake's ordinance will require the property owner ("Hosting Business") where cryptocurrency Kiosks are located to register each machine with the city. A Kiosk can only be registered if they confirm to the following:

- Complete an application providing the name, business address and valid registered agent of the Kiosk Operator;
- Pay a $2,000 registration fee to cover the City's actual costs related to registration and enforcement of the ordinance;
- Provide a copy of a valid state license'
- Copy of the lease/rental agreement between the Hosting businesses and the Kiosk Operator;
- Any information required by the State for the State license;
- Written confirmation from the Forest Lake Police Department that the Kiosk Operator has had no more than two instances of substantiated fraud, as determined by the FLPD involving any Kiosk owned or operated by that Kiosk Operator within the City in the past six months;
- Post a sign as provided by the City on the Kiosk warning of the danger of fraud and scams;
- Have a dedicated, close-circuit camera for the Kiosk, positioned as required by Forest Lake Police Department and shall provide video footage to FLPD within 48 hours of request;
- Pass compliance checks by Forest Lake Police Department.

In addition, if a Hosting Business has had a previous registration denied, suspended or revoked, the owner of the business may not apply for a new registration for two years.

Because of the nature of the cryptocurrency industry in general, Forest Lake believes enforcing registration against the property owner is the preferred method because they own the property where the Kiosk is physically located. The goal of the ordinance is to balance the protection of the community without instituting a ban on the Kiosks.

The Forest Lake City Council passed their ordinance on April 15, 2025and the ordinance took effect on April 17, 2025.

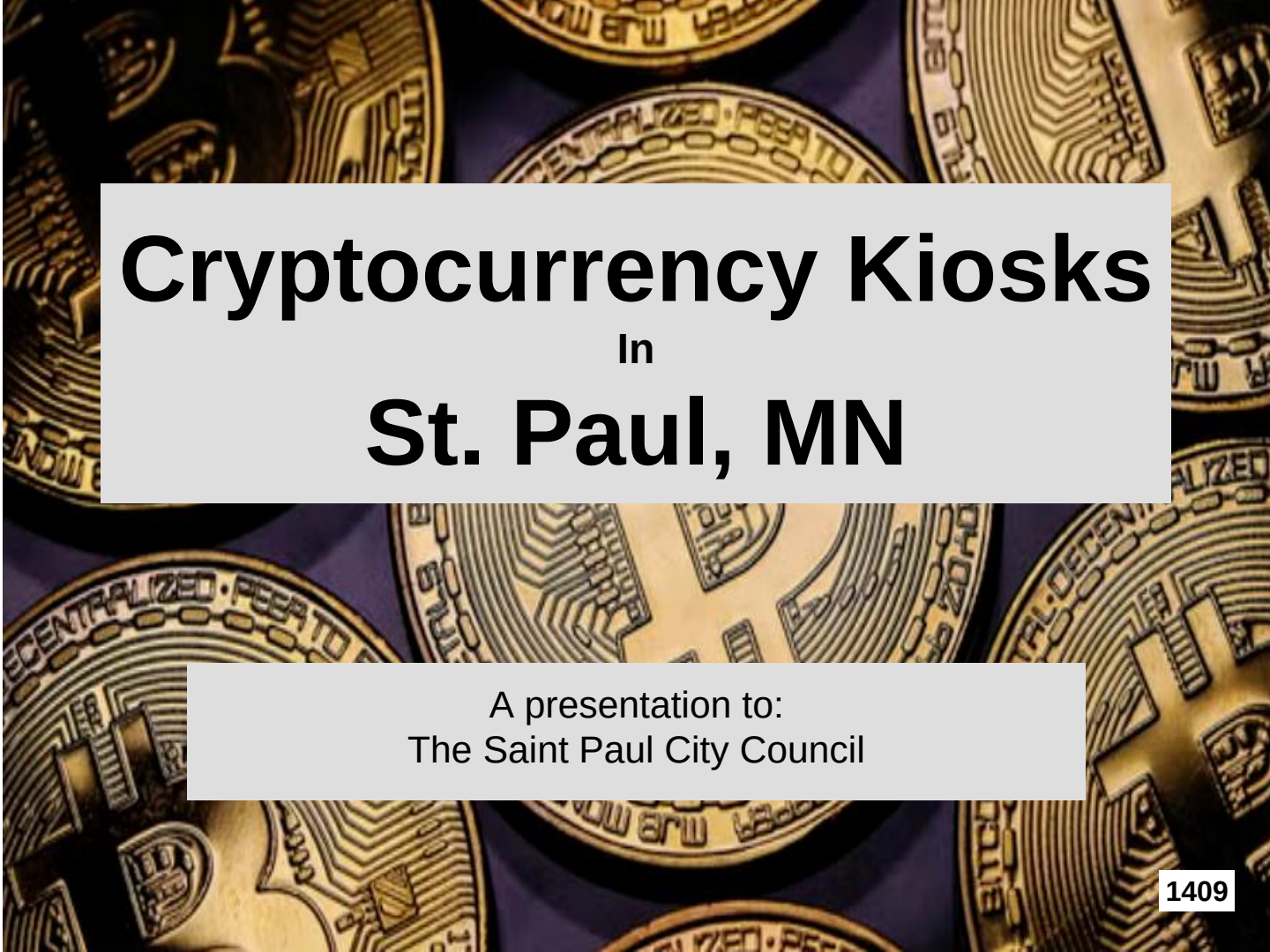
APPENDIX A

2024 DATA SET FOR CRYPTOCURRENCY SCAMS IN THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL

SCAM TYPE	CN	CALLDATE	PRIMARYRMSOFFENSE	DETAILS
ATM Scams	24018834	1/6/2024 13:33	FRAUD-SWINDLING	Wash Co pay not to get arrested- Cub Foods in Roseville
	24810097	2/1/2024 18:19	FRAUD-UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CREDIT CARD	SPPD pay to not get arrested- Cub Foods in New Brighton MN
	24811071	2/29/2024 13:41	FRAUD-ALL OTHER	Ramsey Co pay to not get arrested- Coinstar ATM no known location
	24815194	9/25/2024 14:51	FRAUD-ALL OTHER	Ramsey Co pay to not get arrested- Coinstar ATM no known location
Fake Investor Scams	24811522	3/25/2024 13:09	FRAUD-ALL OTHER	Fake Investor; Facebook
	24811910	4/15/2024 15:42	FRAUD-SWINDLING	Fake Investor; Facebook
	24813000	6/7/2024 15:51	FRAUD-SWINDLING	Fake Investor; unknown source
	24813255	6/23/2024 20:24	FRAUD-SWINDLING	Fake Investor; Facebook
	24814568	8/26/2024 21:26	FRAUD-ALL OTHER	Fake Investor; Plenty of Fish
	24816359	11/20/2024 11:05	FRAUD	Fake Investor; unknown source
Hackers	24812358	5/8/2024 12:12	FRAUD-IDENTITY FRAUD	Phone hacker
	24175154	9/17/2024 10:39	FRAUD-ALL OTHER	Computer hacker
	24816476	12/1/2024 0:18	FRAUD	Computer hacker
Fake Jobs	24813511	7/2/2024 14:47	FRAUD-SWINDLING	AirBnb Fake Job
	24813799	7/17/2024 8:59	FRAUD-UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CREDIT CARD	Fake Job

2025 DATA SET FOR CRYPTOCURRENCY SCAMS IN THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL TO DATE

SCAM TYPE	CN	CALLDATE	PRIMARYRMSOFFENSE	DETAILS
ATM Scam	25810998	2/26/2025 22:44	FRAUD-IDENTITY FRAUD	Police pay to not get arrested- no specific crypto machine
	25049765	3/27/2025 8:58	FRAUD	Bill Collector; St. Peter's Market ATM
Fake Investor	25002205	1/4/2025 19:03	FRAUD-SWINDLING	Fake Investor; dating site
	25013307	1/25/2025 10:46	FRAUD-SWINDLING	Fake Investor; Inestment Company
	25811524	3/27/2025 16:13	FRAUD-SWINDLING	Fake Investor; unknown source
	25811731	4/7/2025 21:51	FRAUD-ALL OTHER	Fake Investor; Facebook
	25811911	4/14/2025 14:36	FRAUD	Fake Investor; Facebook
Fake Repairperson	25063989	4/17/2025 14:17	EMBEZZLEMENT	Fake TV Repair Fee Roku



Cryptocurrency Kiosks

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"They are Oscar-level actors."

They know how to address all your concerns. They know how to mentally prepare you for what you're doing. And they always have an answer as to how they're helping you. They can add veiled threats in these situations to motivate the victim as well."

Bottom line: Don't believe anything anyone tells you, said Marty Fleischhacker, MN Dept of commerce

Scope of the Cryptocurrency Fraud Problem

- In 2023, Americans reported losing over $5.6 billion to cryptocurrency scams, a 45% increase from 2022. The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) reported a 53% increase in losses from cryptocurrency-related investment fraud schemes, from $2.57 billion in 2022 to $3.96 billion in 2023. Scammers are increasingly targeting seniors with intimidation tactics and manipulations, often using cryptocurrency ATMs.

- According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, cryptocurrency ATM schemes have increased, particularly among older adults. Of the more than 5,500 complaints involving cryptocurrency kiosks reported to the agency's Internet Crime Complaint Center in 2023 (the latest data available), almost half came from people over 60. Of the roughly $189 million of losses involved in the complaints, $124 million belonged to those over 60

- In 2023, consumers in Minnesota reported losing $125.6 million to fraud, according to Federal Trade Commission data. Nationally, the FTC says, Americans lost more than $10 billion that year; due to underreporting, that figure is likely far higher.

How Crypto ATM Scams Work

- Several factors make crypto attractive to scammers: There's no bank or other centralized authority to flag suspicious transactions, crypto transfers can't be reversed, and most people are still unfamiliar with how crypto works, according to the FTC.

- Cryptocurrency ATM/Kiosks, are used for legitimate purposes to convert dollars into digital currency. But criminals also rely on them as a fast, easy and often untraceable way to get access to victims' cash. Often used in tech support, extortion or government impersonator scams, a criminal will instruct their victim to withdraw cash from their own bank and deposit it into a crypto ATM/Kiosk to buy virtual currency. The virtual currency is then sent to the scammer's digital wallet, usually irreversibly.

- With cryptocurrency ATM/Kiosks there's "a large level of confusion" because people aren't familiar with them. "When the scammer gets them on the phone, keeps them on the phone, directs them to go obtain cash from the bank ... they're just in the mold where they're just following directions,"

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'Just too trusting': North metro woman shares bank scam story in hopes of sparing others

She doesn't know if she'll regain her sense of security: 'He knocked that out of me. Maybe forever.'

'Once it's gone, there's no getting it back': Scammers sending victims to cryptocurrency ATMs

"I don't want anyone else to go through what I went through," one victim said.

Stillwater passes ordinance to ban cryptocurrency ATMs after residents scammed out of $250,000

Recent Law Targets Cryptocurrency Scams in Minnesota

Stillwater police raise alert about scams requiring crypto payments

Protecting Elderly Citizens from Crypto Scams in Brooklyn Park

How crooks convinced her to put $17,500 into a bitcoin ATM to 'secure' her money

AARP Fights Back Against Scammers Who Use Crypto ATMs to Steal Millions

Measures Being Adopted to Stop Crypto ATM Fraud

- Transaction limits for new users
- Live verbal confirmation for larger transactions,
- Full refunds for fraudulent transactions reported within a certain timeframe
- Operator requirements like registration, disclosure of ATM locations, and provision of receipts with transaction details.
- State and federal legislatures are also pushing for these and other preventative measures on the operator side.
- Disclose to consumers relevant terms and conditions.

New Minnesota crypto law goes into effect to protect consumers against fraud

A new Minnesota law goes into effect on August 1, 2024, to protect consumers against cryptocurrency fraud. The Minnesota Department of Commerce Financial Institutions and Enforcement Divisions are taking action to ensure crypto companies are licensed to operate in Minnesota and comply with the new consumer protection law.

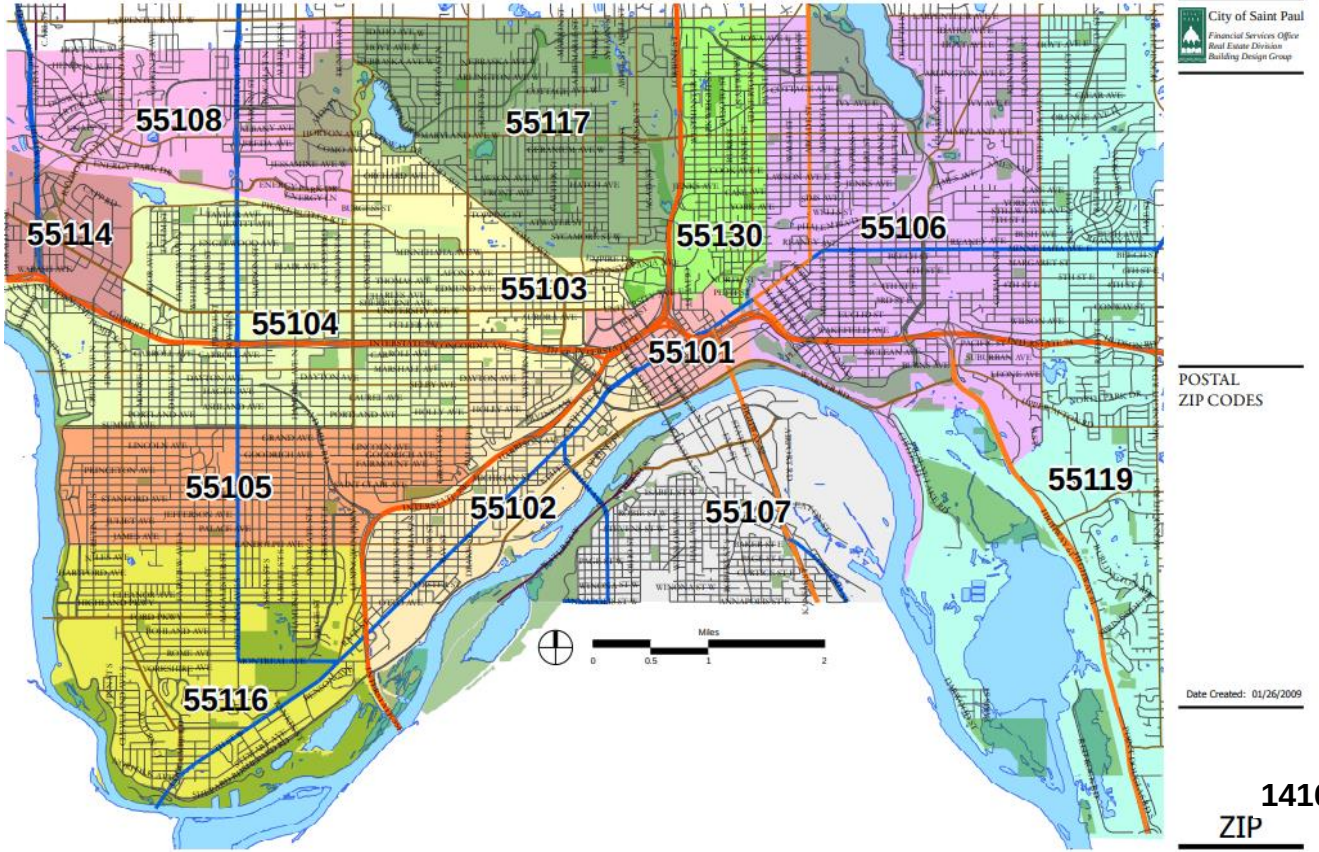
Consumers are using crypto kiosks, which work similar to cash ATMs, with increasing frequency. Unfortunately, crypto kiosk users are increasingly also becoming victims of scams. During the 2024 Legislative Session, Commerce worked with the bill's chief authors Rep. Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger and Sen. Jen McEwen, as well as with local law enforcement and other stakeholders, to develop this critical consumer protection bill.

The law applies to licensed crypto kiosk operators, requiring them to:

- Disclose to consumers relevant terms and conditions.
- Issue refunds for those involved in fraud if they are a new customer.
- Set a maximum daily transaction limit of $2,000 for new customers.

"Unfortunately, crypto scams are becoming more common, and scammers used crypto kiosks to steal money from consumers. This new law works to protect Minnesotans from scams and to recover funds consumers lost to fraud," said Commerce Commissioner Grace Arnold.

St Paul, MN Zip Code Map



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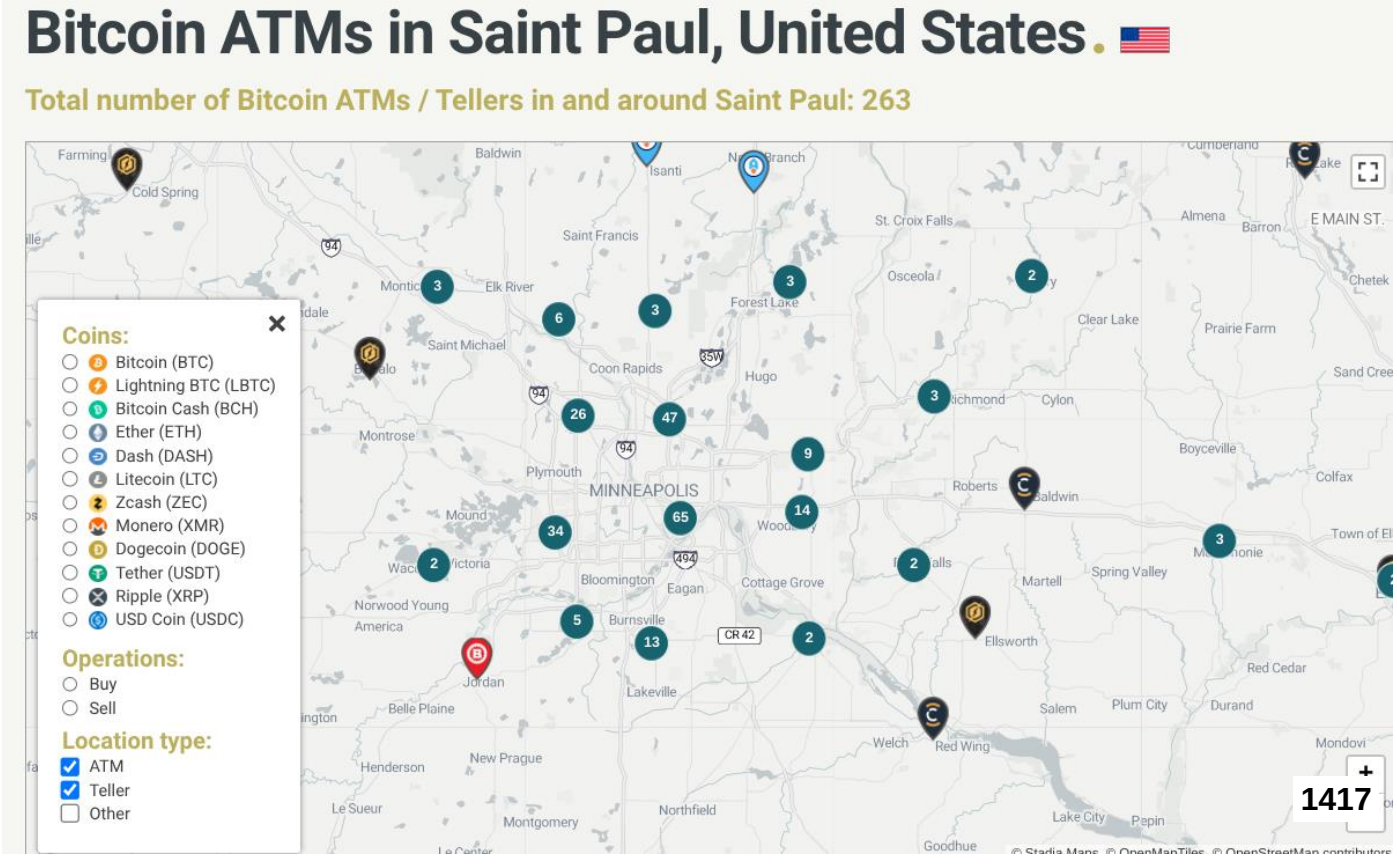

What is a Cryptocurrency Kiosk/ATM

- Kiosks are similar to your traditional ATM but focus only on cryptocurrency-related transactions. Many cryptocurrency kiosks exist in gas stations, check cashing establishments, and grocery stores.
- You can use a kiosk in the same way you use your cryptocurrency wallet on a cryptocurrency-related app.
- Minnesotans may be lured by scammers to use a kiosk to transfer money to a wallet as a way for the scammers to steal their money and disappear without a trace. Often, these requests to transfer money are urgent in nature in an attempt to prompt the person to act quickly.
- Kiosk operators are also required to have a money transmission license.

What is a Cryptocurrency Kiosk

Major Bitcoin Kiosks in St Paul, MN

- **Athena Bitcoin**
  - 9 St Paul Locations
  - 3,600 US Locations
- **Bitcoin Depot** -
  - 10 St Paul Locations
  - 103 MN locations
  - 16,331 US Locations
- **Rockit Coin**
  - 4 St Paul Locations
  - 26 MN Locations
- **Coinflip**
  - 9 St Paul Locations
  - 5,000 US Locations

- There are 30,000 Bitcoin ATMs in the United States, up from only about 1,200 at the end of 2017
- There are more than 375 Bitcoin ATMs in Minn

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Major Bitcoin Kiosks in St Paul by Zip Code

Major Bitcoin Companies in St Paul MN					
Zipcode	**Athena Bitcoin**	**Bitcoin Deport**	**Rockit Coin**	**Coinflip**	**Total**
55101		1		1	**2**
55102	1				**1**
55103		1			**1**
55104	1	2			**3**
55105	1		1		**2**
55106	1			2	**3**
55107					**0**
55108			1		**1**
55109	1				**1**
55114					**0**
55116	1	1	1	1	**4**
55117	1	2			**3**
55118	1	1		1	**3**
55119			1	2	**3**
55121	1				**1**
55122		1		1	**2**
55128		1		1	**2**
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Bitcoin Depot Kiosks in St Paul - 10 Locations

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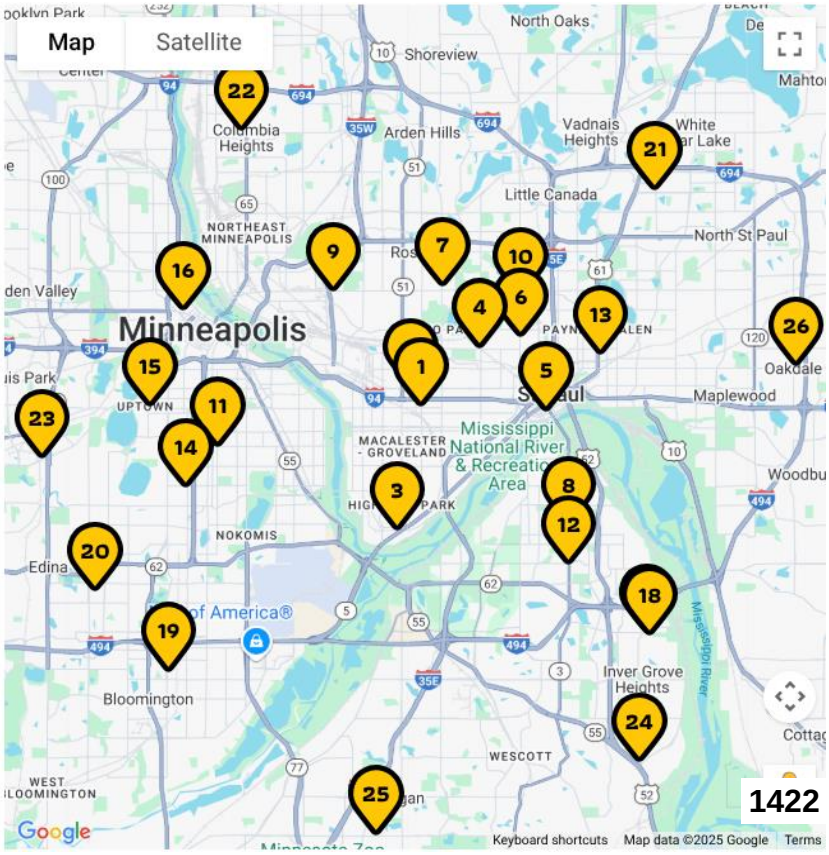

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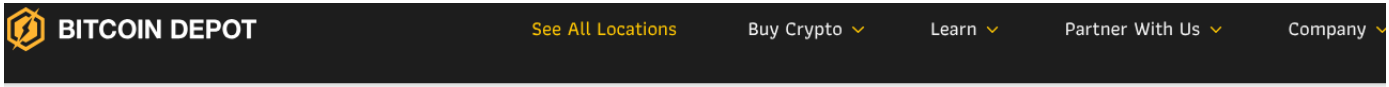

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1345 Marshall Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55104
(678) 435-9604

Bitcoin Depot - Bitcoin ATM - 2439 7th St W
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Saint Paul, MN 55116
(678) 435-9604

Bitcoin Depot - Bitcoin ATM - 4595 Nicols Rd
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Saint Paul, MN 55122
(678) 435-9604

Bitcoin Depot - Bitcoin ATM - 1025 Hadley Ave N
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Saint Paul, MN 55128
(678) 435-9604

Bitcoin Depot - Bitcoin ATM - 1104 Rice St
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Saint Paul, MN 55117
(678) 435-9604

Bitcoin Depot - Bitcoin ATM - 381 Minnesota St
381 Minnesota St
Saint Paul, MN 55101
(678) 435-9604

Bitcoin Depot - Bitcoin ATM - 1365 S Robert St
1365 S Robert St
Saint Paul, MN 55118
(678) 435-9604

Bitcoin Depot - Bitcoin ATM - 1475 University Ave W
1475 University Ave W
Saint Paul, MN 55104
(678) 435-9604

Bitcoin Depot - Bitcoin ATM - 623 Como Ave
623 Como Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55103
(678) 435-9604

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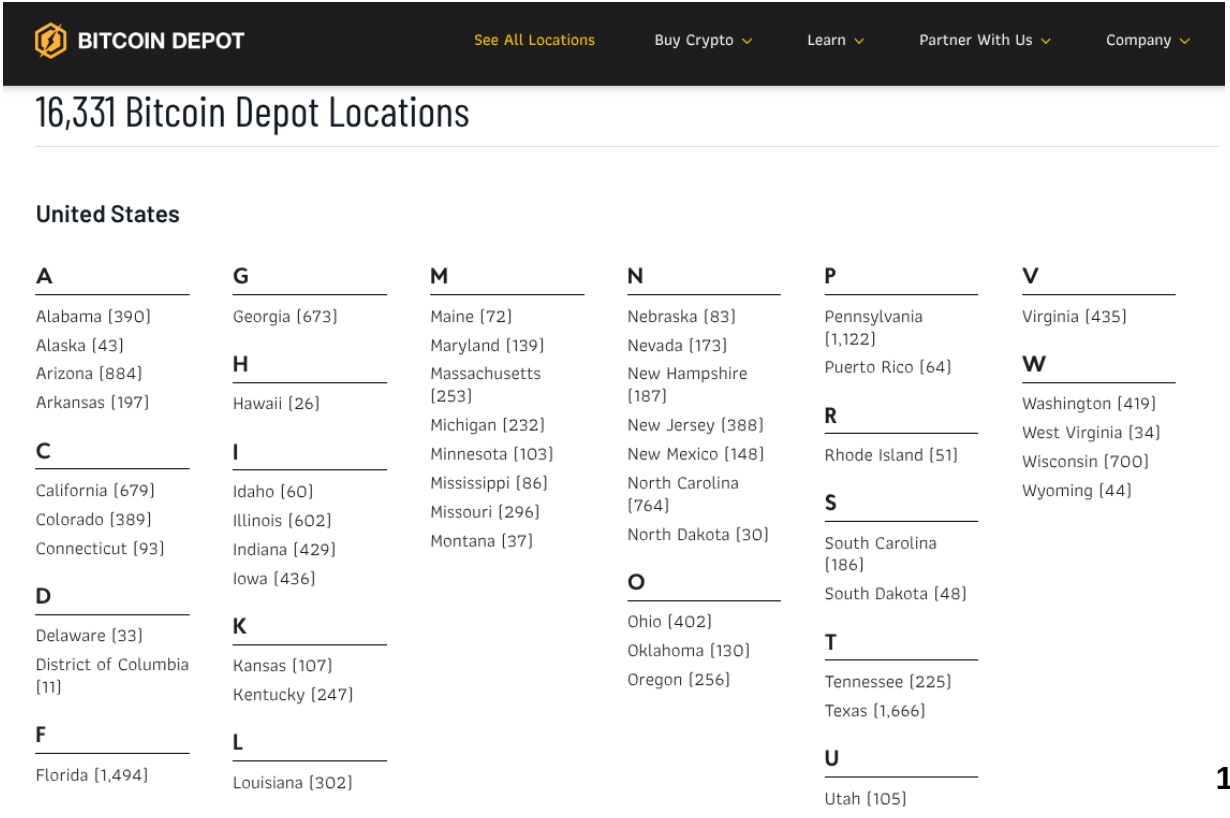
Bitcoin Depot Kiosks in USA - 16,331 Locations



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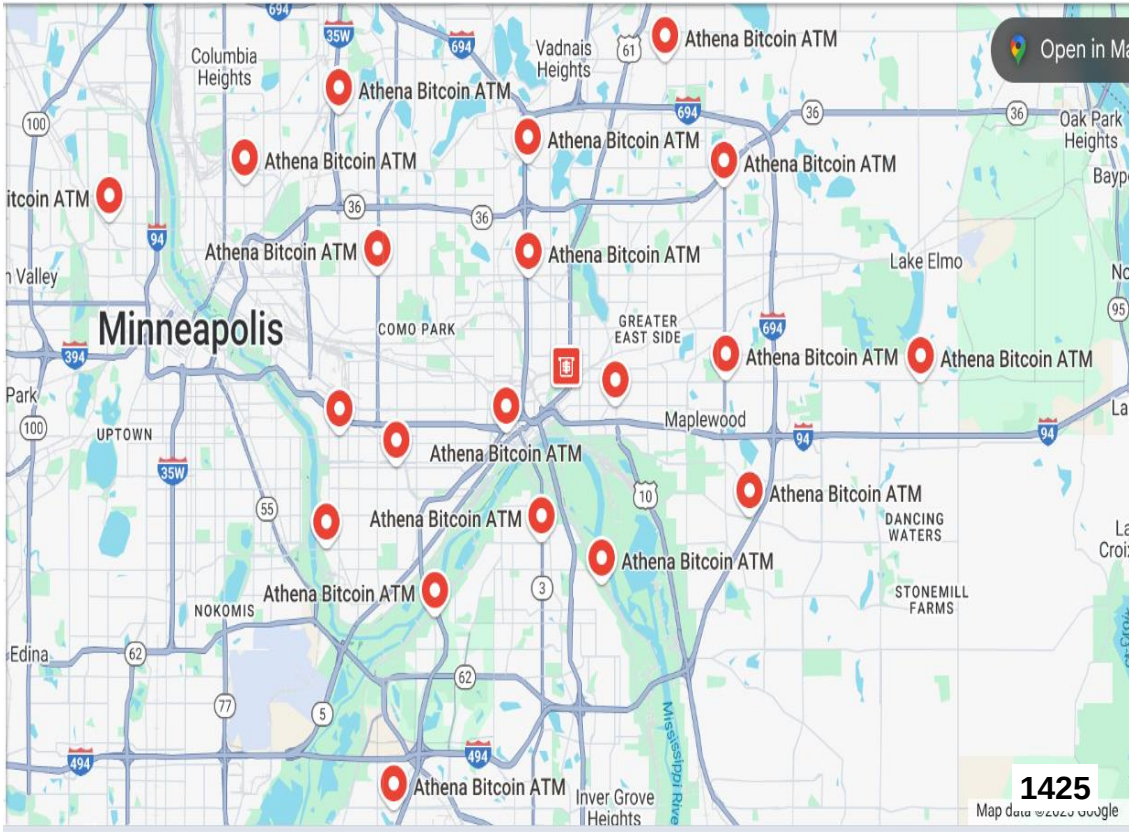
Athena Bitcoin Kiosks in St Paul - 9 Locations

ATHENA BITCOIN™

With nearly 3,600 locations nationwide, Athena Bitcoin makes buying Bitcoin easy and accessible. Our ATMs are designed with top-notch security measures to protect your transactions and give you peace of mind.



Athena Bitcoin Kiosks in St Paul - 9 Locations

Athena Bitcoin ATM
306 Larpenteur Ave E 55117

Athena Bitcoin ATM
97 Annapolis St E 55118

Athena Bitcoin ATM
1345 Grand Ave 55105

Athena Bitcoin ATM
2057 Marshall Ave 55104

Athena Bitcoin ATM
530 St Peter St 55102

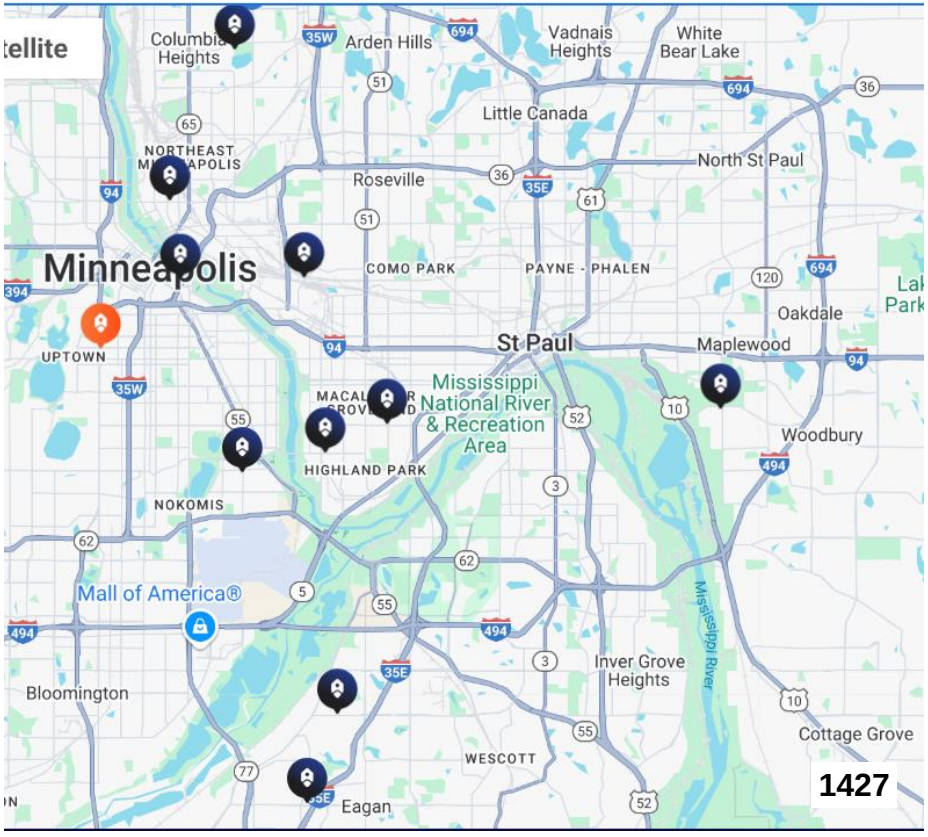
Athena Bitcoin ATM
2473 Division St N 55109

Athena Bitcoin ATM
1390 3rd St E 55106

Athena Bitcoin ATM
966 Sibley Memorial Hwy 55121

Athena Bitcoin ATM
2221 Ford Pkwy 55116

RockitCoin Kiosks in St Paul - 4 Locations



RockitCoin Kiosks in St Paul - 4

Marathon / Lucky's Station
1351 Randolph Ave St Paul, MN 55105 USA

BP Gas
2005 Ford Pkwy St Paul, MN 55116 USA

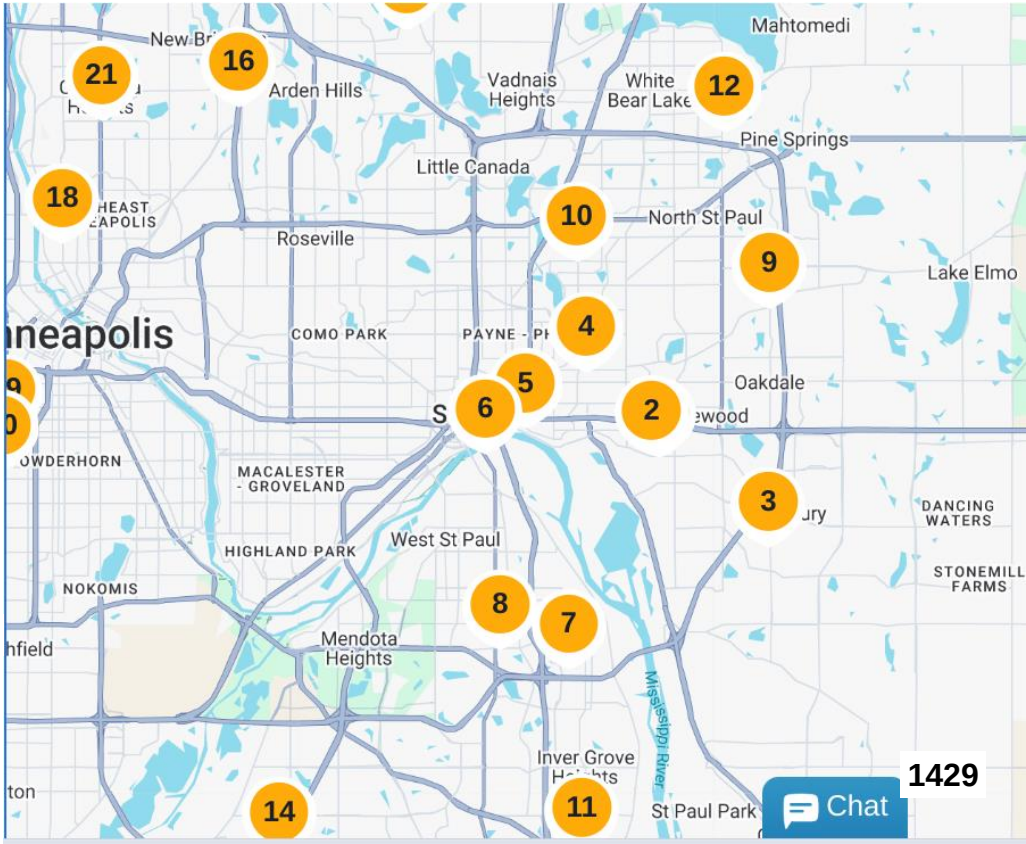
Winner Gas / Pump N Munch
2233 Energy Park Dr #900 St Paul, MN 55108 USA

Shell / McKnight Tobacco n Wireless
279 McKnight Rd S St Paul, MN 55119 USA

Coinflip Kiosks in St Paul - 9 Locations

About CoinFlip

The company operates the world's largest network of cryptocurrency kiosks by transaction volume with more than 5,000 kiosks across 49 U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Italy, Panama, Mexico and Brazil.Oct 17, 2024



Coinflip Kiosks in St Paul - 9 Locations

Smokes Vapor Zone

2111 Old Hudson Road Saint Paul, MN 55119

Sunray BP

344 Ruth St N St Paul, MN 55119

Maryland Tobacco

1375 Maryland Avenue East Saint Paul, MN 55106

Your Exchange Money Ctr

785 Seventh St E St Paul, MN 55106

East 7th Liquor

385 E 7Th St. St. Paul, MN 55101

Tobacco & Ecig Sales

1676 S Robert St S West St. Paul, MN 55118

Holiday Station #3513

3344 Hadley Ave North Oakdale, MN 55128

Holiday Station #3827

8490 South East Point Douglas Rd Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Vape Genius & CBD

3406 Federal Dr Eagan, MN 55122

Thank You

St. Paul City Council
300 City Hall, 15 Kellogg Boulevard, West
St. Paul, MN 55102
November 11th, 2025

Council President and Members of the Saint Paul City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Ordinance 25-76. Our organizations represent retailers, grocers, and employers serving residents throughout Saint Paul and the region. We share the Council's interest in reducing fraud and improving consumer safety.

Our members benefit from having Crypto-Kiosks in our stores. Kiosk operators pay rent to the owners of these stores, which reduces overhead cost for the business with a steady income source. Additionally, having these kiosks in our member's stores drives business that would otherwise go elsewhere. Our members benefit from having the opportunity to attract different consumer types into their place of business.

Minnesota's statewide digital-kiosk regulations are still early in implementation. Commerce's initial enforcement actions show progress, but they also suggest gaps that may require broader coordination. If individual cities enact different, conflicting policies, the overall system will become harder to enforce, and consumers might face inconsistent protections depending on where they live or shop.

A prohibition in Saint Paul will unintentionally reduce the City's visibility into kiosk activity, redirect transactions into neighboring communities with different rules, and make statewide enforcement more complex.

We hope the Council can work with us to consider alternatives to a Saint Paul-only prohibition and to engage with statewide partners, including regulators, legislators, retailers, and community organizations. We want to build a coordinated consumer-protection framework that works for all of Minnesota.

Our organizations stand ready to assist in developing a consistent statewide strategy that strengthens enforcement, supports frontline workers, and increases consumer safety without creating uneven or fragmented rules across Minnesota.

Thank you for your consideration.

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AARP Comments on Ord 25-76
City of St. Paul City Council
November 12, 2025

President Noecker and St. Paul City Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on Ord 25-76.

AARP is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that helps strengthen communities, promote healthy living, and empowers people to choose how they live as they age. More than 620,000 Minnesotans are AARP members, including more than 54,000 in Ramsey County. The AARP Minnesota state office is located in St. Paul.

AARP has long worked to educate consumers, support fraud victims, and improve fraud detection and prevention across industries, including work on policy solutions at the federal, state, and local level. We believe strong consumer protections against fraud are needed, especially given the fast-growing problem of cryptocurrency kiosks being used as a vehicle for delivering money to scammers. The impact of fraud on victims and their families is wide reaching and can be financially and emotionally devastating, especially for older adults.

What are cryptocurrency kiosks?
Today, it is estimated there are more than 30,000 crypto kiosks (or crypto ATMs) nationwide, including more than 400 in the state of Minesota, and around 20 in St. Paul. In its most basic form, crypto kiosks are a simple way for individuals to convert fiat currency (general government currency like the U.S. dollar) into cryptocurrency. Crypto kiosks are unstaffed machines that look like a traditional ATM and are often found at convenience stores, gas stations, and other high-traffic areas. Instead of *distributing* cash like a traditional ATM, these machines *take in* cash in exchange for digital cryptocurrency. A person walks up to a stand-alone kiosk to purchase cryptocurrency by inserting cash or their debit card and completing a few basic steps.

Photo credit: NBC News

How are crypto kiosks used to defraud victims?

Crypto kiosk scams usually consist of two parts. First, a criminal will contact a potential victim and intentionally move that person to a heightened emotional state of mind using strategies such as a deceptive romance scam, investment scam, tech support scam, sweepstakes scam, or identify theft scams. Once a scammer has their victim believing them, they will direct them to send money using one of a variety of different payment methods, including crypto kiosks.

Criminals are known to give detailed instructions to their victims, including how to withdraw cash from their bank, locate a kiosk, and then use the kiosk to deposit the cash to buy and send virtual currency to the criminals in irreversible transfers. With the widespread availability of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, criminals are becoming more sophisticated in their approach, thereby making it harder for individuals to detect fraud. As a result, criminals are more successful in their attempts, which is a greater challenge for law enforcement and policymakers who are trying to stay ahead of new scams.

Criminals, often impersonating government officials or businesses, convince individuals that they must address an urgent financial matter, directing them to purchase gift cards, share credit card details, or withdraw large amounts of cash and put that money into a crypto kiosk, which is then transferred to a digital wallet controlled by the criminal.

(*Athena security camera photos of District scam victims.*)

Photo credit: District of Columbia Office of Attorney General

The FBI's annual 2024 Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) Annual Report revealed that in 2024 individuals over the age of 60 reported losses exceeding $4.8 billion, marking an almost 43% increase from 2023. Older adults are disproportionately affected by fraud and scams using crypto kiosks. In 2024, the FBI's IC3 received over 10,956 complaints involving crypto kiosks, and Americans reported over $246.7 million in stolen funds. This represents a 99 percent increase in the number of complaints and a 31 percent increase in reported victim losses from 2023.

What is AARP doing to address this problem?
In 2024, AARP Minnesota worked with the state legislature to enact Minnesota Statute 53B.75, which regulates crypto kiosk machines. The law requires signage, disclosure of important information like fees and receipts, refunds for new customers, and daily transaction limits for new customers. Unfortunately, reports of fraud continue as scammers have worked around the law to continue defrauding Minnesotans through these machines, including circumventing the definition of a "new" customer.

AARP's fraud prevention work has grown over time as we have heard from our members that fraud is a top concern for them and their financial security. The AARP Fraud Watch Network (FWN) was created in 2013 and fraud prevention work through our state offices has grown significantly in recent years. AARP regularly provides free timely information to consumers and their families through the work of our FWN (aarp.org/fraud) and FWN Helpline, which is available to people of any age even if they are not an AARP member.

AARP Minnesota regularly provides consumer education on fraud prevention and scam alerts. We partner with law enforcement, regulatory agencies, the Better Business Bureau, and the

Attorney General to host webinars, media partnerships, shredding events, tele-town halls, volunteer presentations and training, and other fraud prevention and awareness events. We have more than 800 volunteers nationwide, including 20 in Minnesota, who deliver fraud education in their communities and work directly with victims of fraud.

AARP's comprehensive approach to fraud prevention – spanning education, advocacy, direct support, and industry collaboration – demonstrates our steadfast commitment to safeguarding financial well-being and peace of mind of older Americans. Through continued community engagement, we can work to ensure that everyone is equipped to recognize, resist, and recover from scams – protecting not only personal assets, but also restoring trust and security across communities.

Conclusion
Given the alarming rise in fraud perpetrated through cryptocurrency kiosks, it is clear that current safeguards are insufficient. The state law enacted in 2024 was a step forward, but it falls far short of addressing the scale and sophistication of this growing threat. These machines continue to serve as easy targets for criminals, putting consumers—especially older adults—at significant financial risk. AARP Minnesota remains steadfast in its commitment to advocate for stronger, more comprehensive regulations that close loopholes, enhance oversight, and prioritize consumer protection.

Sincerely,

Meghan Redmond, St. Paul
AARP Minnesota | Associate State Director – Community Engagement
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File Number: RES PH 25-253

File ID:	RES PH 25-253	**Type:**	Resolution-Public Hearing	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	1	**Contact Number:**	651-266-6130	**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	11/03/2025
File Name:	Setting the Solid Waste Service Fee for 2026.			**Final Action:**	
Title:	Setting the Solid Waste Service Fee for 2026.				
Notes:					
Sponsors:	Noecker			**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:				**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Lydia Kopf (Campbell)			**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	lydia.campbell@ci.stpaul.mn.us			**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

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Text of Legislative File RES PH 25-253

Setting the Solid Waste Service Fee for 2026.

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File Number: RES PH 25-254

File ID:	RES PH 25-254	**Type:**	Resolution-Public Hearing	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	1	**Contact Number:**	651-266-6130	**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	11/03/2025
File Name:	Authorizing Public Works to request $828,344 in SCORE grant funds from Ramsey County to support the curbside recycling program and setting the 2026 City Recycling Service Fees.			**Final Action:**	

Title: Authorizing Public Works to request $828,344 in SCORE grant funds from Ramsey County to support the curbside recycling program and setting the 2026 City Recycling Service Fees.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:		**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Lydia Kopf (Campbell)	**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	lydia.campbell@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

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Authorizing Public Works to request $828,344 in SCORE grant funds from Ramsey County to support the curbside recycling program and setting the 2026 City Recycling Service Fees.

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File Number: RES PH 25-255

File ID:	RES PH 25-255	**Type:**	Resolution-Public Hearing	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	1	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/28/2025
File Name:				**Final Action:**	

Title: Authorizing the Public Library Agency to accept Minnesota Department of Education grant funds and amending the Library's 2025 financing and spending plans in the amount of $500,000 to support reconstruction of the Hamline Midway Library.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Jost	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	RES PH 25-255 Amending 2025 Library Agency Special Projects Fiscal Analysis.xlsx	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	Nesha.Jackson-Walls@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

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Text of Legislative File RES PH 25-255

Authorizing the Public Library Agency to accept Minnesota Department of Education grant funds and amending the Library's 2025 financing and spending plans in the amount of $500,000 to support reconstruction of the Hamline Midway Library.

City of Saint Paul Financial Analysis

File ID Number: RES PH 25-1711

Budget Affected: Operating Budget | Public Library Agency | Special Fund

Total Amount of Transaction: 500,000.00

Funding Source: Other | Please specify funding source: MDE Grant

Appropriation already included in budget? No

Charter Citation: City Charter 10.7.1

Fiscal Analysis

The funds will be use to support the reconstruction of Hamline Midway Library.

Detail Accounting Codes:

GENERAL LEDGER (GL) - ANNUAL BUDGET

Spending Changes

(Action Accomplished)

GL Annual Budget						
Company	Fund-Dept-Cost Center	Account	Description	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
3	27543800	79220	TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	-	500,000.00	500,000.00
						-
						-
			TOTAL:	-	500,000.00	500,000.00

Financing Changes

(Action Accomplished)

GL Annual Budget						
Company	Fund-Dept-Cost Center	Account	Description	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
3	27543800	43101	FEDERAL GRANT STATE ADMIN	-	500,000.00	500,000.00
				-	-	-
			TOTAL:	-	500,000.00	500,000.00

ACTIVITY LEDGER (AC) - LIFE TO DATE ACTIVITY BUDGET

Complete this section for Grants, Capital, Capital Bond Proceeds, STAR, TIF, and HRA amendments.

Spending Changes

(Action Accomplished)

Life to Date Activity Budget						
Activity Group	Activity	Account Category	Description	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
				-		-
			TOTAL:	-	-	-

Financing Changes

(Action Accomplished)

Life to Date Activity Budget						
Activity Group	Activity	Account Category	Description	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
			TOTAL:	-	-	-

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File Number: RES PH 25-218

File ID:	RES PH 25-218	**Type:**	Resolution-Public Hearing	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	1	**Contact Number:**	266-8851	**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	09/16/2025
File Name:	Ratifying Asmt - Grand/Snelling Parking Lot Places to Park			**Final Action:**	

Title: Ratifying the assessment for benefits, costs, and expenses for the Grand/Snelling parking lot operation and maintenance costs for 2026. (File No. 18746-25, Assessment No. 257202)

Notes:

Sponsors:	Jost	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	Assessment Roll	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	Lynn Rolf	**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	lynn.rolf@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

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Text of Legislative File RES PH 25-218

Ratifying the assessment for benefits, costs, and expenses for the Grand/Snelling parking lot operation and maintenance costs for 2026. (File No. 18746-25, Assessment No. 257202)

Owner or Taxpayer	Property Description	Item Description	Unit Rate	Quantity	Charge Amts	Property ID
Ham & Bean Properties Llc 1539 Grand Ave St Paul MN 55105-2229 ***1539 GRAND AVE** *Ward: 3	SUMMIT VIEW LOT 21 BLK 2	Operation and Maintenance City Processing Fee *** Owner and Taxpayer ***	1.00 1.00	1,397.25 111.78	$1,397.25 $111.78 $1,509.03	**03-28-23-32-0082**
Macalester College 1600 Grand Ave St Paul MN 55105-1899 ***1567 GRAND AVE** *Ward: 3	GRAND AND SNELLING PLACE LOTS 7 8 AND LOT 9	Operation and Maintenance City Processing Fee *** Owner and Taxpayer ***	1.00 1.00	7,824.60 625.97	$7,824.60 $625.97 $8,450.57	**03-28-23-32-0076**
Snelling And Grand Llc 6495 City West Pkwy Eden Prairie MN 55344-3246 ***1580 GRAND AVE** *Ward: 3	SUMMIT VIEW LOT 9 BLK 3	Operation and Maintenance City Processing Fee *** Owner and Taxpayer ***	1.00 1.00	4,471.20 357.70	$4,471.20 $357.70 $4,828.90	**03-28-23-32-0094**
Macalester College 1600 Grand Ave St Paul MN 55105-1899 ***40 SNELLING AVE S** *Ward: 3	GRAND AND SNELLING PLACE LOTS 1 AND LOT 2	Operation and Maintenance City Processing Fee *** Owner and Taxpayer ***	1.00 1.00	8,104.05 648.32	$8,104.05 $648.32 $8,752.37	**03-28-23-32-0074**
Snelling And Grand Llc 17586 Toft Cv Eden Prairie MN 55347-1092 ***58 SNELLING AVE S** *Ward: 3	SUMMIT VIEW LOT 10 BLK 3	Operation and Maintenance City Processing Fee *** Owner and Taxpayer ***	1.00 1.00	2,051.16 164.09	$2,051.16 $164.09 $2,215.25	**03-28-23-32-0095**

Owner or Taxpayer	Property Description	Item Description	Unit Rate	Quantity	Charge Amts	Property ID
Snelling And Grand Llc 17586 Toft Cv Eden Prairie MN 55347-1092 ***64 SNELLING AVE S** *Ward: 3	SUMMIT VIEW LOT 11 BLK 3	Operation and Maintenance City Processing Fee *** Owner and Taxpayer ***	1.00 1.00	2,048.37 163.87	$2,048.37 $163.87 $2,212.24	**03-28-23-32-0096**
Snelling And Grand Llc 17586 Toft Cv Eden Prairie MN 55347-1092 ***68 SNELLING AVE S** *Ward: 3	SUMMIT VIEW N 1O FT OF LOT 13 AND ALL OF LOT 12 BLK 3	Operation and Maintenance City Processing Fee *** Owner and Taxpayer ***	1.00 1.00	2,048.37 163.87	$2,048.37 $163.87 $2,212.24	**03-28-23-32-0097**

Total Operation and Maintenance:	$27,945.00
Total City Processing Fee:	$2,235.60
Project Total:	**$30,180.60**
Less Total Discounts:	**$0.00**
Project Total:	**$30,180.60**

7 Parcel(s)
0 Cert. Exempt Parcel(s)

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File Number: RES PH 25-243

File ID:	RES PH 25-243	**Type:**	Resolution-Public Hearing	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	1	**Contact Number:**	(651) 266-9137	**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/16/2025
File Name:	SLV - Turkey Trot Saint Paul - 11/12/2025			**Final Action:**	

Title: Approving the application of MN Run Series/Podium Sports Marketing Inc. for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Turkey Trot Saint Paul on November 27, 2025, by Shepard Road between Washington Street and Sherman Street.

Notes:

Sponsors:	Noecker	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	Turkey Trot Saint Paul Application, ENS1, Map, Turkey Trot Saint Paul.Notice to Owners, Owners List, Turkey Trot Saint Paul.Letter to Applicant	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:	BARB	**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	grace.wagner@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

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Text of Legislative File RES PH 25-243

Approving the application of MN Run Series/Podium Sports Marketing Inc. for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Turkey Trot Saint Paul on November 27, 2025, by Shepard Road between Washington Street and Sherman Street.

4/16/25

SAINT PAUL
SAFETY & INSPECTIONS

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY & INSPECTIONS (DSI)
ANGIE WIESE, DIRECTOR

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Sound Level Variance Application

Legislative Code Chapter 293. - Noise Regulations Application and $178 fee should be submitted a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the event date to allow ample time for required public notification period and scheduling of a Council public hearing. Applications submitted within sixty (60) days of the event date may not satisfy the processing timeline requirements.

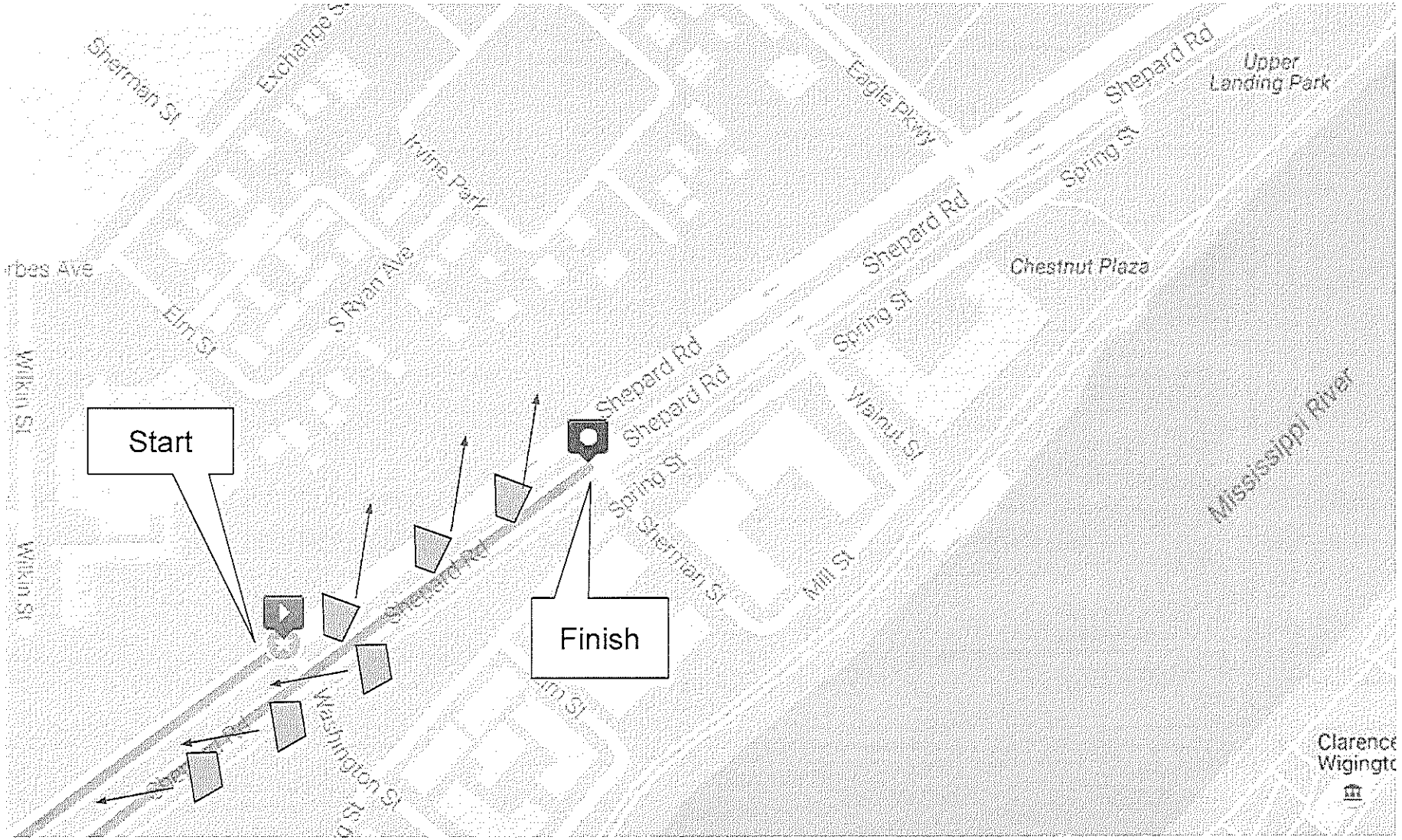
1. *Organization/person seeking variance:* MN Run Series / Podium Sports Marketing Inc
2. *Event Name:* Turkey Trot Saint Paul
3. *Address and physical description of noise source location (Event, Worksite):* Upper Landing Park, St Paul, MN
4. *Responsible person:* Skylar Swenson *Title:* Race Operations Manager
5. *Telephone:* 763-452-8326 *E-Mail:* skylar@mnrunseries.com
6. *Date(s) variance requested:* 11/27/25
7. *Noise source - Time(s) of operation:* 7:30AM - 11:00AM
   - Time(s) of pre-event sound check: 7:00AM
8. *Sound level requested (dBA/Decibels):* 85 dba
9. *Mailing address w/zip code:* 1835 5th Ave, Anoka, MN 55303
10. *Briefly describe the noise source and equipment involved:* 4-6 speakers, set up at the start/finish line to announce runners at beginning and end of the race.
11. *Describe the steps that will be taken to minimize the noise levels:* We will actively work with our announcer to make sure nothing is too loud and will adjust if neccesary.
12. *State reason for seeking variance (example - music, announcements, construction, etc.):* music and announcing for race
13. *Maximum number of attendees:* 6500
14. *A site diagram & map must be attached showing location of noise source(s), streets, stages, tents, etc.* ***(If there will be amplified sound, indicate location and direction that all speakers will be facing). Multiple locations may require more than one application.***
15. *Submit completed application, site diagram/map, and* ***$178*** *fee to:*

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS 375 JACKSON STREET, SUITE 220
SAINT PAUL, MN 55101-1806

Signature of responsible person: _____ **Date:** 4/16/25

Turkey Trot St Paul

- Speakers will be positioned so that sound is not directed at the condos.
- Rather, they will be pointed for sound to go down the road.



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Date: 05/06/2025

Received From: MN RUN SERIES
1835 5TH AVE ANOKA MN 55303

Description:

Invoice Details	Invoice Amount	Amount Paid
1178442		
Noise Variance	$178.00	$178.00

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: **$178.00**

Paid By:

Payment Type	Check #	Received Date	Amount
Credit Card	V3670	05/06/2025	$178.00

Frances Birch

From: City of Saint Paul <cityofsaintpaul@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:41 AM
To: Frances Birch
Subject: Courtesy Copy: Sound Level Variance Application Turkey Trot Saint Paul

This is a courtesy copy of an email bulletin sent by Frances Birch.

This bulletin was sent to the following groups of people:

Subscribers of ENS - D9: West 7th / Fort Road Federation (1467 recipients)

An application for a sound level variance has been received from Skylar Swenson, for MN Run Sports/Podium Sports Marketing Inc., for a Turkey Trot Saint Paul event on Thursday November 27, 2025 from 7:30am-11:00am with a pre-event sound check at 7:00am. The event will take place at 226 Spring Street - Upper Landing Park. Further details on this event will be forthcoming.

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Turkey Trot Saint Paul 300 ft Map

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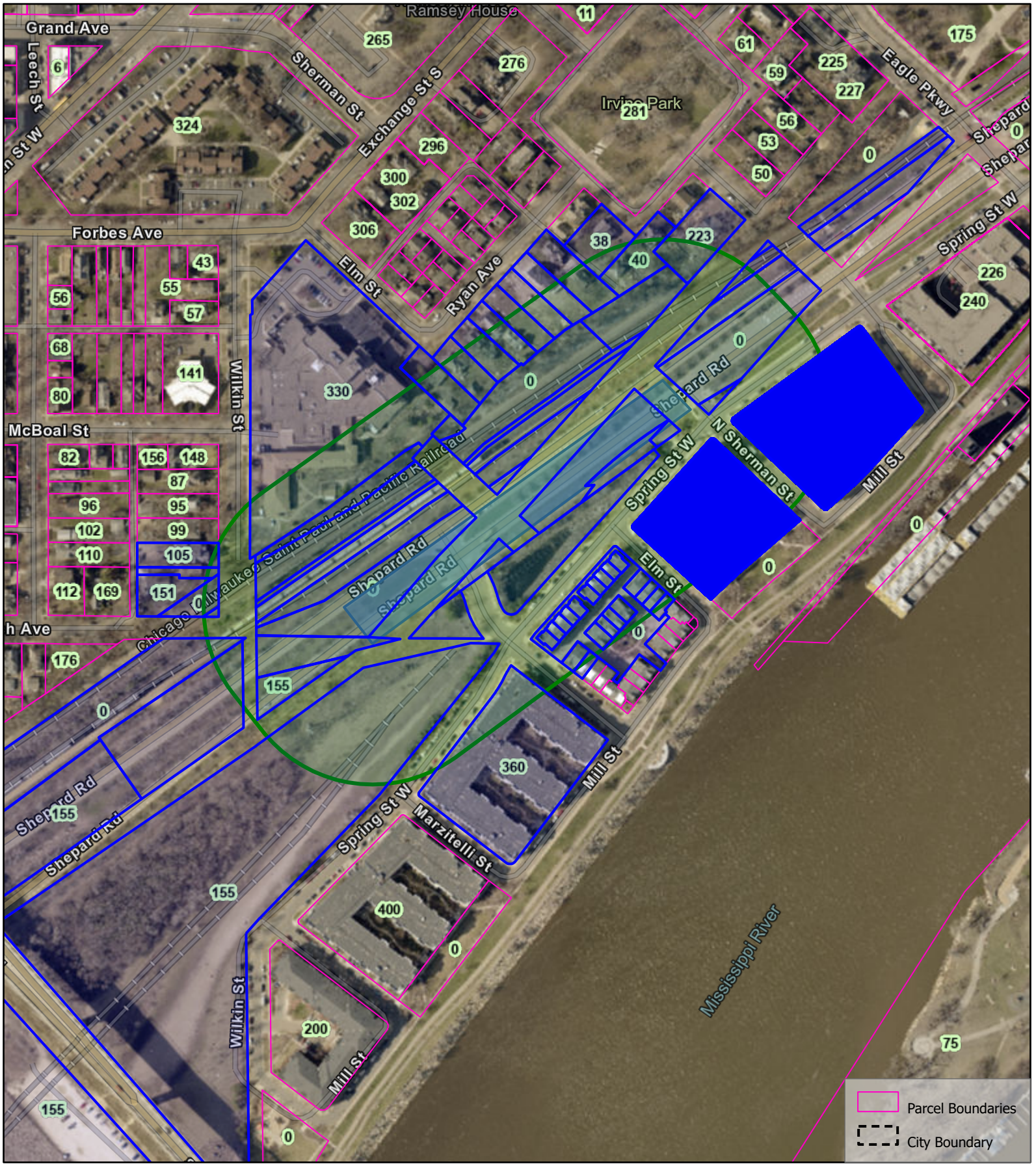

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October 17, 2025

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REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Sound Level Variance
MN Run Series/ Podium Sports Marketing, Inc. – 2025 Turkey Trot Saint Paul

Dear St. Paul Property Owner:

This is to inform you of a request for a variance from the sound level limitations as indicated in the St. Paul Noise Ordinance (Chapter 293 of the St. Paul Legislative Code). Property owned by you and located near the noise source, may be affected by this variance request. Rental property owners must provide a copy of this notice to all renters or post a copy in a common area of the building so it can be viewed by the occupants.

Description of Variance:

Location: On Shepard Road between Washington Street and Sherman Street

Noise Source: Skylar Swenson, MN Run Series/ Podium Sports Marketing, Inc, Race Operations Manager, has requested a sound level variance, for 85 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Turkey Trot Saint Paul at Shepard Road between Washington Street and Sherman Street on Thursday, November 27, 2025. The variance is requested for the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with a pre-event sound check at 7:00 a.m. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 27, 2025, with a pre-event sound check at 7:00 a.m. for the Turkey Trot Saint Paul event. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources on November 27, 2025. 3) The applicant shall monitor the decibel level from the variance approved distance of each noise source and create a report that records the general operating decibel levels within 15 minutes of the start each performing act and at intervals no greater than 60 minutes apart thereafter. The report shall be made available for viewing by city staff, upon request during the variance or within 30 days thereafter. Applicant shall also conduct a decibel reading during the variance upon request of city staff. 4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 11:00 a.m. on November 27, 2025.

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Owner Name	Address	City, State, ZIP
JULIE A MILLER TR	324 SPRING ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4412
LESLIE J YODER JOHN B CARNAHAN	320 SPRING ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4412
BRIAN D PETERSON KAREN M PETERSON	331 MILL ST	ST PAUL MN 55102-4413
DANIEL CULLEN STACY HEATHCOTE	326 SPRING ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4412
SANDRA L TERHARK	322 SPRING ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4412
TAI-SHAN LY VAN THIEN HOANG	336 SPRING ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4412
JOSEPH D CARD	327 MILL ST	ST PAUL MN 55102-4413
ELIZABETH R. MILLER-MANCHESTER	329 MILL ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4413
LYNEL R NELSON	334 SPRING ST	ST PAUL MN 55102-4412
BRYAN HOWARD LOGUE KELLY ANN LOGUE	332 SPRING ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4412
CHRIS FECTEAU	328 SPRING ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4412
SOO LINE RAILROAD CO	120 S 6TH ST FL 7	MINNEAPOLIS MN 55402-1803
OULMAN PROPERTIES LLC	974 7TH ST W	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-3557
LAUREL GAMM CHARLES STEPHENS	151 GOODRICH AVE	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-2715
CITY OF ST PAUL	25 4TH ST W # 1000	ST PAUL MN 55102-1692
LARRY R MUMA DEBRA K DEEGAN	3445 NIGHTHAWK CT	PUNTA GORDA FL 33950-6675
BRENDA R SAVAGE DENISE K BLAKENSHIP	181 ELM ST	ST PAUL MN 55102-4416
ROBERT A BLANDA	190 WASHINGTON ST	ST PAUL MN 55102-4415
WILLIAM M ASHTON	188 WASHINGTON ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4415
JACOB EDWARD DEUTSCHLANDER EDWARD GEORGE DEUTSCHLANDER	183 ELM ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4416
ST PAUL PW SEWER PUMPING STAT	15 KELLOGG BLVD W	ST PAUL MN 55102-1613
UPPER LANDING URBAN VILLAGE	1801 AMERICAN BLVD E # 21	BLOOMINGTON MN 55425-1230
US REIF UPPER LANDING MN LLC	1270 SOLDIERS FIELD RD	BOSTON MA 02135-1003
KURT SCHWICHTENBERG	314 RYAN AVE	ST PAUL MN 55102-2551
RANDALL R GAWTRY BARBARA R GAWTRY	318 RYAN AVE	ST PAUL MN 55102-2551
TIMOTHY P GOLDEN JOAN L GOLDEN	284 SPRING ST UNIT 102	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
GARY PETERSEN LINDA PETERSEN	284 SPRING ST # 103	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
ANTHONY S GALLAHUE STACI E GALLAHUE	284 SPRING ST UNIT 108	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
RIAZ AZIZ MARY D DUFFY AZIZ	284 SPRING ST # 109	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
THE BURROWS TRUST	284 SPRING ST UNIT 110	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
MARGARET A HUNT	256 SPRING ST # 114	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
TERILL HOLTZ	256 SPRING ST # 115	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4486
MATTHEW T BLYTHE SANDRA BLYTHE	256 SPRING ST UNIT 116	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
IAN HOXWORTH LAUREN ANNE HODGES	256 SPRING ST UNIT 120	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
SHANNON M MONTOYA JASON D KOENIG	256 SPRING ST # 121	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
ZHIMING ZHAO	430 ALTHEA LN	HOPKINS MN 55343-7180
PATRICIA JM BEST SVETOMIR N MARKOVIC	284 SPRING ST # 204	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
SUSAN R WOODS-BEESON TR	284 SPRING ST 205	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
HOLLIS L MONNETT TR	284 SPRING ST UNIT 210	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
SANDRA STEVENSON	256 SPRING ST UNIT 212	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
LYNN C HARTMANN TR MARY E JOHNSON TR	256 SPRING ST UNIT 213	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4488
JUDITH OKEFFE LESTER WILLIAM J LESTER	256 SPRING ST # 217	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
JOHN DWYER	256 SPRING ST # 218	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4488
JENNIFER NASIFOGLU	256 SPRING ST # 222	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4489
DONALD M HEPPELMANN KRISTY K HEPPELMANN	284 SPRING ST UNIT 301	ST PAUL MN 55102-4419
AMANDA L. KLOSTERMAN	284 SPRING ST 305	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
BRETT L FRITZE	284 SPRING ST UNIT 284	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
CHRISTOPHER STOLEE MARITA STOLEE	284 SPRING ST UNIT 308	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
BARBARA J EDLING	256 SPRING ST # 312	ST PAUL MN 55102-4419
DONNA R KEKICH	256 SPRING ST # 313	ST PAUL MN 55102-4490
SAMUEL OBLENES	256 SPRING ST UNIT 314	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
ANDREW S EILERS	256 SPRING ST UNIT 318	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
PETER SCOTT KELLEY DARLENE K KELLEY	PO BOX 2634	DAPHNE AL 36526-2634
MICHAEL J GISCH DEBRA J GISCH	284 SPRING ST UNIT 401	ST PAUL MN 55102-4419
JEAN F HENJUM GERRY FLANNERY	284 SPRING ST UNIT 402	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4484
PATRICIA A PAULUS	284 SPRING ST # 403	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
RANDALL MOSENG JULIE A MOSENG	604 PINE VALLEY CT	ONALASKA WI 54650-8688
MARY ROGERS	284 SPRING ST UNIT 408	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
KELLY K MATSUOKA	284 SPRING ST UNIT 409	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419

DAVID LASTINE JENNIFER LASTINE	256 SPRING ST UNIT 413	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
JAMES NIVEN	256 SPRING ST UNIT 418	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4492
SUSAN M BERGEN TR	256 SPRING ST UNIT 419	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
GEORGE ABRAHAMS MARTHA A SMITH	256 SPRING ST UNIT 420	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
PETRA S LACHER LARSON	284 SPRING ST # 309	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-0652
RIVERFRONT FLATS UPPR LANDING CONDO ASSN	1801 AMERICAN BLVD E STE 21	BLOOMINGTON MN 55425-1230
ROBIN L PETERSON	284 SPRING ST UNIT 302	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
MIRA KARA SCHROEDER	284 SPRING ST UNIT 311	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-1720
PEGGYANN MEYER JAMES MCMAHON	256 SPRING ST # 412	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
BARBARA MARIE COLOSIMO THOMAS CARL COLOSIMO	256 SPRING ST # 321	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
PAUL I KEITH	256 SPRING ST # 316	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
THERESE NELSON	256 SPRING ST # 315	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
AMANDA S GRIMM STEVEN P POPE	256 SPRING ST UNIT 415	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
CURTIS C SCHMIDT TR JULIE SCHMIDT TR	256 SPRING ST # 417	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4492
DAVID EUGENE SCULLEN CHRISTINE MARIA SCULLEN	256 SPRING ST # 122	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-0002
DAVID R NEWBERG JANET M NEWBERG	284 SPRING ST UNIT 405	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
MELANIE KIIHN	284 SPRING ST # 411	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
WASEEM W MATHEWS	4302 PICKWICK CIR APT 201	HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92649-3121
ELISA MARTHA URIBE	284 SPRING ST # 304	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
RICHARD J FORD MARY B FORD	284 SPRING ST UNIT 105	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
JACK B SCHAFFER JANET R SCHAFFER	256 SPRING ST STE 119	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
WENDY BURT	256 SPRING ST UNIT 118	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
CHARLES GODFREY CHRISTINE HULT	10 CALLE COMPA	SANTA FE NM 87507-7784
KIMBERLY WIKLUND	256 SPRING ST UNIT 214	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
KATHLEEN SWEENEY	256 SPRING ST # 215	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
ED KING JANIS KING	1919 TIMBER DR	CEDAR FALLS IA 50613-4724
DALE E ZELLMER TR CLAUDIA A ZELLMER TR	284 SPRING ST UNIT 206	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
MATTHEW J MCNEILL	284 SPRING ST # 208	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
MICHAEL JARVINEN	284 SPRING ST UNIT 209	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
DANA M SCHNOBRICH ELLEN DWYER SCHNOBRICH	284 SPRING ST UNIT 306	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
ANDREW L ROE JUDITH A ROE	256 SPRING ST UNIT 421	ST PAUL MN 55102-4493
ANN M MAST JOHN CHARLES ZEYER	340 SPRING ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4412
BRYAN J BREDESON CRAIG J BOUSHEE	338 SPRING ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4412
ROGER A RUEGG JANE F GODFREY	333 MILL ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4413
CITY HOMES UPPER LANDING HOMEOWNERS ASSN	7260 UNIVERSITY AVE NE STE 200	FRIDLEY MN 55432-3128
LIU QIAO HONGYING JIANG	185 ELM ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4416
STEVEN H BOLLINGER BARBARA J BOLLINGER	2931 DOLORES DR	SAINT CLOUD MN 56303-0423
C ST P M AND O RY CO	1400 DOUGLAS STOP 1640	OMAHA NE 68179-0002
STATE OF MN TRUST EXEMPT	PO BOX 64097	SAINT PAUL MN 55164-0097
MELISSA VIGDAL BENJAMIN VIGDAL	38 IRVINE PARK	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-2413
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR	330 EXCHANGE ST S	ST PAUL MN 55102-2311
SHAY M ZIELINSKI JOHN R ZIELINSKI	256 SPRING ST UNIT 216	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
KIMBERLY AUS	298 SPRING ST	ST PAUL MN 55102-4419
JACOB GRENDAHL	296 SPRING ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
NICKOLAS BROTT	294 SPRING ST UNIT 113	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
JAMES SEABERG JR JUDY SEABERG	292 SPRING ST UNIT 114	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
ANN LEVUO JUHNKE	312 SPRING ST UNIT 314	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4435
LAURIE F HACKING JAMES M HACKING	4343 N 21ST ST # 206	PHOENIX AZ 85016-0506
DIANE M YOUNG REVOCABLE TRUST	312 SPRING ST UNIT 413	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4433
ABIGAIL MCKENZIE RICHARD LANCASTER	312 SPRING ST # 411	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4418
SUSAN TIGNER LEGRED	198 ELM ST # 107	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4417
LINDA R ROSZAK	302 SPRING ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4418
TERI MATHEWS DAVID MATHEWS	312 SPRING ST 306	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4435
THE THOMAS C HEALY REVOCABLE TRUST	451 BAYFRONT PL APT 5508	NAPLES FL 34102-6480
THOMAS A HARM MARY L JORDAN	180 ELM ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4417
PATRICK KELLY ESTRELLA C KELLY	182 ELM ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4417
JEFFREY THONE JACQUELINE THONE	186 ELM ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4417
STEVEN B YATES CHELSEY I WALK	190 ELM ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4417
THOMAS L JOHNSON JULIE A BROWN	194 ELM ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4417
ROBERT DAVID DONOHOE TR BETH ANN DONOHOE TR	226 GOLDEN BEAR DR	AUSTIN TX 78738-1721

BILL WELCH TR DATED APRIL 7 2015	S4304 LEDGES PL	EAU CLAIRE WI 54701-2225
PAUL DELANEY	312 SPRING ST UNIT 409	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4436
DEBRA A ARMSTRONG REVOCABLE TRUST	312 SPRING ST CONDO 405	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4436
NANCY R DANA	312 SPRING ST # 401	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4436
ERICKA WILSON	304 SPRING ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4418
ANNE CLIFFORD SONIA ST CHARLES	300 SPRING ST UNIT 110	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4418
SHARON K BRICK	312 SPRING ST UNIT 307	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4435
DANIEL M CLARK III LINDA S CLARK	312 SPRING ST UNIT 304	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4435
LINDSAY G STRAND MICHAEL D STRAND	312 SPRING ST # 310	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4435
RONALD LEE WESTAD JULIE A WESTAD	312 SPRING ST UNIT 407	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4436
KATHERINE L JOHANSEN	312 SPRING ST UNIT 403	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4436
KATHERINE GAY HADLEY	185 SHERMAN ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4422
JAMES ERET HOLLY B ERET	183 SHERMAN ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4422
KATHERINE MARIE MERRILL	90061 BARK POINT RD	HERBSTER WI 54844-0000
DALLAS LAURENTS LUANNE P LAURENTS	179 SHERMAN ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4422
KATHLEEN A HANOUSEK TR	175 SHERMAN ST # 201	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4422
CONNIE J FORD ROBERT P POWER	312 SPRING ST UNIT 410	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4436
LINDA OJALA KEITH MIESEL	312 SPRING ST UNIT 412	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4433
BLAKE R ANDERSON	290 SPRING ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
HEATHER ZEHRING	199 SHERMAN ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4422
JUSTIN GIBBONS	197 SHERMAN ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4422
RICHARD P STRONG PHYLLIS L STRONG	195 SHERMAN ST	ST PAUL MN 55102-4422
DEBORAH MONICKEN SUSAN KATTAS	312 SPRING ST # 313	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4435
JAMES L EPPERSON BARBARA L EPPERSON	312 SPRING ST # 311	ST PAUL MN 55102-4435
ALEXANDER J QUICK MARQUISE L HOPSON	312 SPRING ST UNIT 309	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4435
MICHELLE E HALVERSON	312 SPRING ST APT 303	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4435
ANTHONY F RICO	7160 E KIERLAND BLVD # 402	SCOTTSDALE AZ 85254-2990
ANN CLAIRE HOFFMAN PHILLIPS	187 SHERMAN ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4422
VINE ERICKSON LARSON LIVING TRUST	175 SHERMAN ST UNIT 203	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4422
ANNE L HELMHOLZ	312 SPRING ST UNIT 315	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4435
KELLY J ANDERSON	312 SPRING ST UNIT 301	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4434
CRAIG R GARRETT TR KENDRA J GARRETT TR	312 SPRING ST # 404	ST PAUL MN 55102-4436
BENJAMIN F TAYLOR KATHLEEN M KELLY	193 SHERMAN ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4422
STEVEN BRADLEY YOUNGBLOOD SARAH J YOUNGBLOOD	189 SHERMAN ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4422
DEBORA LYNCH-ROTHSTEIN MORRY N ROTHSTEIN	175 SHERMAN ST UNIT 202	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4422
BROOKS S EDWARDS TERRI L EDWARDS	811 FOX POINTE LN SW	ROCHESTER MN 55902-3471
WESLEY A THIES NANCY A THIES	312 SPRING ST # 402	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4436
ROBIN S ROLAND JEFFREY L ROLAND	312 SPRING ST UNIT 406	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4436
MARY HILFIKER	284 SPRING ST UNIT 303	ST PAUL MN 55102-4419
JAMES T STAHLMANN MARY K STAHLMANN	256 SPRING DR UNIT 320	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-0273
SANDRA J MAGUIRE	256 SPRING ST UNIT 414	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4492
GREGORY C PIERCE	256 SPRING ST UNIT 416	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
SARAH J WENTZ	284 SPRING ST UNIT 104	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
CHRISTINE L MEUERS	284 SPRING ST 106	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-3440
LAWRENCE M ANDERSON	256 SPRING ST UNIT 112	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
MARK WOLSKI CAROLYN WOLSKI	256 SPRING ST UNIT 113	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
MARY TODD CARPENTER TR	256 SPRING ST # 117	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
JAMES WATERS JACQUELYN HENNING	284 SPRING ST UNIT 201	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
DAVID BEAULIEU THERESA BEAULIEU	256 SPRING ST # 220	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
ANA MARIA OCAMPO NORENA DENNIS LEE VANVICK	256 SPRING ST UNIT 221	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4489
NANCY M REDLIN	284 SPRING ST # 310	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
ANN A GJELTEN TR	256 SPRING ST UNIT 317	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
LYNN MEREDITH TR CARI MEREDITH TR	256 SPRING ST 322	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4491
AUDLEY E BURFORD SOFIA BURFORD	284 SPRING ST UNIT 404	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
GARY HITE PERRI HITE	284 SPRING ST UNIT 406	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-6517
DANIEL D MEUERS PATRICIA J MEUERS	11081 CORSIA TRIESTE WAY # 104	BONITA SPRINGS FL 34135-9229
KAREN A STANCHFIELD RAYMOND R STANCHFIELD	256 SPRING ST UNIT 422	ST PAUL MN 55102-4493
JAMES E. MCNEAL TR SARAH J. MCNEAL TR	284 SPRING ST UNIT 107	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
CHRISTOPHER CHARLES DEPARDE MICHELE MARIE VIOLETTE	284 SPRING ST # 207	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
JAMES GILBERT	284 SPRING ST # 211	ST PAUL MN 55102-4419

GAIL K LUNDEEN WAYNE B LUNDEEN	284 SPRING ST UNIT 101	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-4419
KENNETH B PETERSON CONNIE J LEWIS	292 RYAN AVE	ST PAUL MN 55102-2551
SCOTT BREZNIAK JODI BREZNIAK	634 EAGLE RIDGE RD	WOODBURY MN 55125-1461
KENNETH R MCCORMICK MAXINE L MCCORMICK	40 IRVINE PARK	ST PAUL MN 55102-2413
ELYSE A JENSEN HEATH W JENSEN	223 WALNUT ST	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-2422
PATRICIA L CERVANTES	310 RYAN AVE	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-2551
DANIEL BENNETT JACLYN MARIE SPRTEL	302 RYAN AVE	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-1452
JOHN HENRY NEUMILLER JOAN HILLEBRAND NEUMILLER	300 RYAN AVE	SAINT PAUL MN 55102-2551
NORTHERN STATES POWER CO	414 NICOLLET MALL	MINNEAPOLIS MN 55401-1927

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ANGIE WIESE, DIRECTOR

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October 17, 2025

MN Run Series/ Podium Sports Marketing, Inc.
Skylar Swenson
1835 5th Avenue
Anoka, MN 55303

Dear Skylar Swenson:

DATE REVISION FOR CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

This is to confirm that our office has received your application for Turkey Trot Saint Paul event and that it is being processed. The Department of Safety and Inspections has recommended that a variance be issued with conditions.

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City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg
Boulevard
Phone: 651-266-8560

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File Number: RLH TA 25-115

File ID:	RLH TA 25-115	**Type:**	Resolution LH Tax Assessment Appeal	**Status:**	For Discussion
Version:	4	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	02/20/2025
File Name:	686 Edmund Ave			**Final Action:**	

Title: Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 686 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. VB2507A, Assessment No. 258826) (Public hearing closed and laid over from April 9, 2025)

Notes: Somdy Kong
somkong@hotmail.com
651-206-5573

Sponsors:	Bowie	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	686 Edmund Ave.Reg Notice 9-5-24.pdf, 686 Edmund Ave.Warning Ltr 10-7-24.pdf, 686 Edmund Ave.Vang email 10-22-25.pdf, 686 Edmund Ave.Vang email 10-23-25.pdf, 686 Edmund Ave.Vang email 11-12-25.pdf	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Legislative Hearings	02/25/2025	Referred	City Council	04/09/2025		

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 4/9/2025

Notes: *If CC cert is issued by April 9, reduce assessment from $5,077 to $2,538 and make payable over 5 years; otherwise approve in full and make payable over 5 years.*

4/8/25: FOLLOW-UP, no CC cert. approve and payable over 5 years.

Somdy Kong, owner, appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Lisa Martin: Category 2 Vacant Building fee from September 5, 2024. Opened October 4, 2020. Code Compliance Inspection Report on file and active permits. Some garbage complaints, 15 Summary Abatement Orders sent and 3 work orders.

Kong: I just pulled the permits as Ms. Martin said. Doing what I can at this time. Right now, I'm working

super hard on it and the reason I'm coming here is because there is a lack of funds at this point in time on it. What can I do or is there some source of funding I can apply for? What can I do? I'm trying so hard to get my Code Compliance certificate. Doing what I can to get the building up and running.

Moermond: as far as assistance in the rehab, I'd refer you to the Planning and Economic Development department. I don't have anything to do with that. If they don't have anything they may know of other sources. With respect to the Vacant Building fee I can't take into account your financial situation. I can't turn the fee into a subsidy for finishing the rehab. I'd like to give you a chance on this and say your Council Public Hearing is April 9 and it will be in the program 6 months out of the billable year. If you're done by then, I'll recommend it is reduced by half and make it payable over 5 years either way.

3	City Council	04/09/2025	Laid Over	City Council	09/10/2025	Pass

Action Text: Public hearing closed and laid over to September 10, 2025

Notes: *Laid over to September 10, 2025 to consider prorating the assessment.*

Somdy Kong, owner, appeared in person.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: This is a vacant building fee covering October 5, 2024 - October 5, 2025. My recommendation would have been to cut the assessment in half if work was completed by today. It has not, and so my recommendation is to ratify the whole assessment of $5,077.

Council President Noecker: Would we look at prorating if work is done before the October renewal?

Moermond: We're 7 months in now. After the 6-month mark, I rarely recommend prorating the assessment.

Councilmember Bowie: Can we prorate it at 9 months or later?

Moermond: My recommendation is to ratify it in full and make it payable over 5 years. Council has the ability to reduce an assessment. You do not do that outside of exceptional circumstances.

Somdy Kong: I don't have the money for this assessment. I pulled my permits and am doing my best. I want to get this done. This is a lot of money for me to handle.

Bowie: How far along are you with the work? What is necessary for you to complete that work?

Kong: I pulled the permits. I have pictures on my phone. I took down the garage and then went inside the house. I'm trying to do what I can, and saving this money would help with that.

Bowie: How much time will it take?

Kong: I have until October 5. I want to get done before then. I don't want to have to come back here. I'm shooting for September.

Bowie moved to close the public hearing. Approved 7-0.

Bowie: Could we revise this to prorate the assessment if he's done in September?

Moermond: Council could make that adjustment. My recommendation is to approve the assessment in full. For background, this property went into the vacant building program in October of 2020. A code compliance inspection was performed in 2023. Two building permits have been pulled. One is for interior demolition and the other for building to address code compliance issues. These were both pulled in January of 2025. The report lists five pages of corrections from all the trades areas, and permits are not yet pulled related to four of them. We are looking at being helpful in the future, but at this juncture I do not see work being done soon.

Bowie: I move Moermond's recommendation.

Councilmember Yang: Moermond, you typically recommend ratifying the full assessment if work isn't done within 6 months, correct? So what is the motion?

Moermond: The motions is to accept my recommendation. There was discussion of laying the matter over to September and reexamine it then, but that was never moved.

Bowie: I am open to withdrawing my motion to discuss that, if councilmembers feel strongly about it.

Yang: If it was a friendly amendment, I would like to prorate this if he finishes the work by September.

Bowie: I will change my motion to move that layover.

Noecker: Which date in September? I will also note that we would be at the 11-month mark there. We don't usually prorate at that point.

Bowie: That would be a prorating it to cut a month off the fee, yes.

Yang: I would prefer that, if the work is done by then.

Noecker: The motion on the table to accept Moermond's recommendation and ratify the assessment. Is that changing?

Bowie: I will withdraw that motion and move to lay this over to September 10, 2025 to prorate the fee if work is done by then.

Councilmember Johnson: I will not support that. I don't hear what challenges Kong is facing, and it is important that we be consistent.

Noecker: I agree and will not support the motion either. It is inconsistent with what we have done and I don't see a justification for departing from standard practice.

Bowie: We have done this in the past, but I understand that it's not consistent with what we usually do.

3	City Council	09/10/2025	Laid Over	City Council	10/22/2025	Pass

Action Text: Laid over to October 22, 2025

Notes: *Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: My recommendation is to lay this over to October 22, to allow us to access property information from the new PAULIE system.*

Councilmember Bowie moved to lay over to October 22, 2025.

3	City Council	10/22/2025	Laid Over	City Council	11/12/2025	Pass

Action Text: Laid over to November 12, 2025

Notes: *Laid over to November 12, 2025.*

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: This is an assessment for October 2024 through October 2025. I will be recommending approval of the assessment, as the property is still in the vacant building program. I want to make sure the owner has notice of my recommendation, which is why I am asking for this to be laid over to November 12.

Councilmember Bowie moved to lay over to November 12, 2025.

Text of Legislative File RLH TA 25-115

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 686 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. VB2507A, Assessment No. 258826) (Public hearing closed and laid over from April 9, 2025)

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
Steve Magner, Manager of Code Enforcement

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

Telephone: 651-266-8989
Facsimile: 651-266-1919
www.stpaul.gov/dsi

September 05, 2024

Somdy Kong
647 Thomas Ave
St Paul MN 55104-2744

Customer #:1578445
Bill #: 1893136

VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION RENEWAL NOTICE

Dear Sir or Madam:

As the owner or responsible person for the property located at
686 EDMUND AVE
you are required by law to register this building with the Department of Safety and Inspections on the form provided with this letter and to pay the annual Vacant Building registration fee of $4,918.00 . The purpose of this fee is to provide partial reimbursement to the City for administrative costs. This fee is due annually as required in Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 43.

The renewal due date for this building is October 05, 2024 . The annual registration fee and the enclosed registration form for this building is due on the renewal date. If you pay by mail, please fill in the enclosed registration form and return it with your payment.

If the registration fee is not received in this office within 45 days of the date of this letter, the full amount owed will be assessed to, and collected with, the taxes for this property as permitted by Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 43.

You may pay this registration fee online by going to online.stpaul.gov and selecting the 'Make a Payment' option. You will need your customer number and bill number to process a payment - both can found on this letter.
If you wish to pay in person, you may do so from 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday at:

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806
Do Not Mail Cash

You may file an appeal to this fee (unless the fee has been previously appealed) or registration requirements by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (651) 266-8688. Any appeal must be made within ten (10) days of the date of this notice.

The Code Enforcement Officer has notified the Building Inspection and Design Section that this property meets the legal definition of a registered vacant building and in accordance with Legislative Code Chapter 33, no permits (except demolition, wrecking and removal permits) will be issued until the requirements of all applicable ordinances are fulfilled.

All catergory 2 and category 3 vacant buildings must be winterized with gas and water services shut off or, alternately, an excess flow gas valve must be installed in the dwelling, within sixty (60) days of the date of this notice.

WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL IS REQUIRED BEFORE A CATEGORY 2 OR CATEGORY 3 VACANT BUILDING CAN BE OCCUPIED OR SOLD.

Category 2: Requirements include: 1. register/re-register the building, 2. pay outstanding fee(s), 3. obtain a code compliance report, 4. submit for approval a rehab cost estimate from a licensed contractor and a schedule for completion of all code compliance work, 5. submit proof of financial responsibility acceptable to the City, and 6. obtain Zoning approval of the proposed use.

Category 3: All requirements listed for Category 2 vacant buildings, AND obtain a Certificate of Occupancy OR Certificate of Code Compliance prior to the sale of the building.

If the use of this building meets the definition of a nonconforming use by the Zoning Code, then the use will lose its nonconforming status 365 days from the date the building was declared vacant.

You must contact the Enforcement officer , Rick Gavin, at 651-266-1910 to find out what must be done before this building can be legally reoccupied.

The Enforcement Officer may declare this building to constitute a Nuisance Building subject to demolition and issue an Order to Abate under authority of Legislative Code Chapter 45. In the event this building is declared a Nuisance Building, subject to demolition, the Enforcement Office will notify all owners and interested parties of the Order to Abate as provided in the Legislative Code Chapter 45.

If you have questions about this annual registration fee or other vacant building requirements, please contact the District Inspector, Rick Gavin, at 651-266-1910.

This registration form and fee is required by law. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Steve Magner
Vacant Buildings Program Manager

Enclosures: Regulations Requirements Information
Vacant Building Registration Form
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October 07, 2024

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Bill #: 1893136

VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION FEE
WARNING LETTER

The Saint Paul City Council has adopted legislation which requires owners of vacant buildings to pay an annual fee and submit a registration plan on the form(s) enclosed with this letter. The annual fee is $4,918.00. The purpose of this fee is to partially reimburse the City for administrative costs for registering and processing the Vacant Building Owner Registration forms and for the cost of monitoring these properties for compliance with Saint Paul Legislative Codes.

The fee for the vacant building located at 686 EDMUND AVE is now past due. You have fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter to pay this bill before this fee is sent to assessment, to be collected with your property taxes.

DO NOT MAIL CASH

Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 43, requires this fee be paid no later than thirty (30) days after the building becomes vacant, and if not paid, the owner shall be subject to collections and prosecution as prescribed in the Legislative Code. Also, if at any time the registration fee is unpaid and owing, building permits will be denied for this building.

The full amount owed will be assessed to, and collected with, the taxes for this property as permitted by Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 43.

The owner(s) still will be subject to a criminal Summons and Complaint for failure to pay this vacant building registration fee. This citation will necessitate a court appearance in Ramsey County District Court and the owner(s) will be subject to penalties provided for by law. The enclosed registration form must accompany the fee payment.

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Steve Magner
Vacant Buildings Program Manager

Enclosures: Regulations Requirements Information
Vacant Building Registration Form
SM: rg
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Mai Vang

From: Mai Vang
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 12:47 PM
To: 'somkong@hotmail.com'
Subject: 686 Edmund Ave - File No VB2507 - correction

Hello Mr. Kong,

My apologies for this lateness, but I want to inform you that your assessment appeal before Council on **October 22nd at 3:30 pm, Room 300 Council Chambers is now rescheduled to February 4, 2026 at 3:30 pm** due to the ongoing data recovery from DSI. Please note, the city council public hearing was closed at the April 9th meeting so you will not be able to testify. On February 4th, it will be about looking up information on where the vacant building status is at.

Best,

Mai Vang
(She, her)
Legislative Hearing Coordinator | St Paul City Council
M: (651) 266-8585 ; D: (651) 266-8563
310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd, St Paul, MN 55102

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Mai Vang

From: Mai Vang
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 8:49 AM
To: somkong@hotmail.com
Subject: 686 Edmund Avenue Update

Hello Mr. Kong,

Disregard my 2 emails sent yesterday, October 22nd. Ms. Marcia Meormond reviewed your file and after receiving communication from Building Inspector, Clint Zane, indicating that the status of the project is still the same. He has not been there since the "building only" code compliance inspection in January to confirm if you can continue with construction based on the original report and at that time he said it would be confirmation if you continued with that. Your anniversary date on when the vacant building file was opened was on October 4, 2020. We are going on one full year for the 2025-2026 annual fee. Therefore, Ms. Moermond is recommending approval of this vacant building fee. The item will be on the Council Agenda on November 12 @ 3:30 p.m. Given that the public hearing was closed at the February 25, 2025 Council meeting, you will not be able to testify further at the City Council.

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Mai Vang

From: Mai Vang
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 8:01 AM
To: 'somkong@hotmail.com'
Subject: 686 Edmund Avenue VB fee - Correction

Hello Mr. Kong,

In my October 23rd email, I stated that Ms. Moermond's recommendation is to approve the vacant building fee; however, she has amended to approve and payable over 5 years.

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Master

File Number: RLH SAO 25-62

File ID:	RLH SAO 25-62	**Type:**	Resolution LH Summary Abatement Order	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	2	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/21/2025
File Name:	235 Bates Avenue			**Final Action:**	

Title: Appeal of Deborah Ruberto to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 235 BATES AVENUE.

Notes: Walk-in. LH teleconference on 10/28/25 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Call Deborah Ruberto, 651-359-1416, no email.

Sponsors:	Johnson	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	235 Bates Ave.appeal.10-21-25.pdf, 235 Bates Ave.photos from inspector sent 10-21-25.pdf, 235 Bates Ave.Ruberto Ltr.10-30-25	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	Racquel.Naylor@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Legislative Hearings	10/28/2025	Referred	City Council	11/12/2025		

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 11/12/2025

Notes: *Grant to January 1, 2026 for compliance with items related to weight lifting and punching bag(s), and grant to November 24, 2025 for balance of the orders; also grant to November 24, 2025 for compliance with the Vehicle Abatement Order.*

Deborah Ruberto, owner, appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Lisa Martin: October 10, 2025 a Summary Abatement Order was issued to all the property owners on that strip to remove 10 to please remove and dispose of the boats, contents, broken temporary structure, furniture, appliance, refuse and debris from the property by October 17 as well as a boat and trailer, Cadillac and Bonneville in a Vehicle Abatement Order.

Moermond: you wrote these don't belong to you.

Ruberto: I don't drive. I don't own a boat. The City let the owner before I moved in pour concrete in our community property. Install a giant car shed. The only thing I have is a rain bucket by my garage door. That's all that's mine in the entire backyard.

Moermond: let's walk through the implication. You're getting this order as you are part of the same complex since it is a condo set up. Even though they belong to someone else in the condo, everyone

gets the same orders since it's the same property. If Mr. Owens doesn't take care of his property there will be a bill if the City does it, that bill would be divided by units and you'd get the responsibility for 1/5th of the bill. He should owe money to you if that happens, and you could go after him on it, but because it is a condo that is shared area. That stinks for you and I get that.

Ruberto: if it's a shared area why did the City allow him to pour concrete or put up a permanent shed?

Moermond: I don't have permits in front of me to know what's going on. I just don't know. Because it is there doesn't mean he pulled a permit to do it. We see a fair bit of that.

Ruberto: I know, because the next door neighbor went to court to fight it and they let him keep it.

Moermond: I don't know what happened there, but I can tell you what the City does doesn't change your condo agreement.

Ruberto: why does he have to move the vehicles? They've been there for 25 years. I don't understand that part.

Martin: vehicles all need to be operational, have current tabs, be parked on an approved surface, the boat trailer has flat tires. That applies to all vehicles.

Moermond: the trailer itself is missing vital parts, on an unapproved surface, and has flat tires. The Cadillac is on an unapproved surface, and the Bonneville is lacking current tabs, appears inoperable, and is also on an unapproved surface. That needs to be taken care of or the City will tow them. The simplest thing for everyone involved is to take care of it yourself.

Ruberto: we fought for years and then went to court because we'd finally had it with the City not helping. And then there's a picture with the front of my house. What's up with that? I have 3 grandchildren living with me.

Moermond: I'm not seeing an issue with the kid's toys. They're plastic, the City wouldn't ask for those things to be removed.

Martin: no, it is just a photo showing the conditions and there is no issue at the front of her property. It is all pretty much in the back with the vehicles.

Ruberto: ok, that's the part that confused me. I'll go talk to Emmett again, but I'm telling you he is going to fight it. There was a lady who dealt with him for about 20 years, he does what he wants and gets away with it. The car shed can stay? I'm trying to figure out exactly what has to be done. He's had a metal one there for 20 years.

Moermond: the orders say the temporary structure has to go. When I reviewed the photographs with staff, and we talked about this with Emmett, it was obvious that the temporary structure was missing parts. They were laying on the ground. It can only be there temporarily, not a permanent garage.

Ruberto: oh, so the one in fairly good condition has to be removed also? There's one directly behind my house that is tan that has to be removed?

Moermond: yes. We have a tarp over hanging it. He could get a regular shed but what he has now looks to be a temporary building. They aren't meant to be up forever.

Ruberto: ok. I will try talking to the neighbors, but we'll be in for a fight with Emmett.

Moermond: I'm so sorry you're in the position.

Ruberto: the City allows him to do stuff that was fought for years and now we're paying for it even though it was fought in court. I'm not getting that.

Moermond: I don't have access to those records so I can't speak on that, but the condo association stuff is kind of cooked into the law that way.

Ruberto: I'll talk to him. How long does he have to get this done? I know he appealed too.

Moermond: we said January 21 to deal with the weights and boxing things, but everything else done

by November 24.

Ruberto: I'm writing that down. Oh, he has to remove all his gym stuff too?

Moermond: yes.

Ruberto: Oh, ok.

Moermond: we will send a letter telling you this and also send you a copy of the letter he got so you know what it says. Both of these will be on the November 12th Council agenda. You both can speak to the Council at that time if you choose to.

Text of Legislative File RLH SAO 25-62

Appeal of Deborah Ruberto to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 235 BATES AVENUE.

APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
Telephone: (651) 266-8585
legislativehearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us

RECEIVED
OCT 21 2025
CITY CLERK

We need the following to process your appeal:

- [x] $25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number 957233)
- [x] Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed & any attachments you may wish to include
- [x] Walk In [ ] Mail [ ] Email

Appeal taken by:

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing staff)
Tuesday, October 28, 2025
Location of Hearing:

- [x] **Telephone:** *you will be called between* 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
- [ ] **In person** *(Room 330 City Hall)* **at:** _____
(required for all condemnation orders and Fire C of O revocations and orders to vacate)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 235 Bates Ave City: St Paul State: mn Zip: 55106

Appellant/Applicant: Deborah Ribuffo Email _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 651-359-1416

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Residence _____ Cell _____

What is being appealed and Why? Attachments Are Acceptable

- [ ] **Vacate Order/Condemnation/ Revocation of Fire C of O**
- [x] **Summary/Vehicle Abatement**
- [ ] **Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction**
- [ ] **Code Enforcement Correction Notice**
- [ ] **Vacant Building Registration**
- [ ] **Other** (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)

Everything on Property belongs to owner of 237 Bates, All vehicles, Carports on Property are his its just parked on all the Community Property.

I Do not own any of vehicles or boats on premises or any of The other things out there.

Revised 8/17/2023

10/10/25

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

SUMMARY ABATEMENT ORDER

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Deborah A [redacted] Ruberto
235 Bates Ave
St. Paul MN 55106-5503

TO:

ner or person(s) responsible for: 235 Bates Ave you are
y ordered to eliminate all nuisance conditions which are in violation of Chapter 45 of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

Remove improperly stored or accumulated refuse including: garbage, rubbish, discarded furniture, appliances, vehicle parts, scrap wood and metal, recycling materials, household items, building materials or rubble, tires, brush, etc., from yard areas.

Please remove and properly dispose of the Boats & contents, Broken temp structure, Furniture, Appliance, Refuse and debris from the property.

Cut and remove tall grass, weeds and rank plant growth.

Remove and properly dispose of all animal feces from yard areas.

IMMEDIATELY secure all buildings which are open to unauthorized entry, including:

Other:

lo not correct the nuisance or file an appeal before 10/17/25, the City will correct the nuisance and charge all costs, ng boarding costs, against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes.

s: If the City corrects the nuisance, the charges will include the cost of correction, inspection, travel time, equipment, etc. The rate will be imately $ 450 per hour plus expenses for abatement.

You must maintain the premises in a clean condition and provide proper and adequate refuse storage at all times

FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN A CRIMINAL CITATION

l by: Anthony Munos *Badge Number* 331 *Phone Number (651)* 266-9058

ou have any questions about this order, the requirements or the deadline, you should contact the Inspector listed above, Monday through Friday

PPEALS: You may appeal this order and obtain a hearing before the City Council by completing an appeal application with e City Clerk before the appeal deadline noted above or seven (7) days after the date mailed, which ever comes first. No peals may be filed after that date. You may obtain an appeal application from the City Clerk's Office, Room 310 in City all, 15 W Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102. The telephone number is (651) 266-8688. You must submit a copy of this mmary Abatement Notice with your appeal application.

ARNING Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If the violations are not corrected within the time period quired in this notice, the city's costs in conducting a reinspection after the due date for compliance will be collected from the owner her than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. If additional new violations are discovered within the next following 12 months, the y's costs in conducting additional inspections at this same location within said 12 months will be collected from the owner rather than ing paid by the taxpayers of the city. Any such future costs will be collected by assessment against the real property [illegible]

10/10/25

SAINT PAUL
SAFETY & INSPECTIONS

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Department of Safety and Inspections
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

VEHICLE ABATEMENT ORDER

Deborah A. & Ruberto
235 Bates Ave
St. Paul MN 55106-5503

Yog hais tias koj tsis to taub tsab ntawv no, hu rau ntawm (651) 266-8989. Lawv mam nrhiav ib tug neeg txhais lus los pab koj. Si necesita un traductor, por favor llamanos al (651)266-8989. No costo.

s owner or person(s) responsible for 235 Bates Ave you are hereby notified THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ARE IN IOLATION OF THE SAINT PAUL LEGISLATIVE CODE, CHAPTERS 45, OR 163:

Vehicle	#1	#2	#3
Make	Boats & trailer 1,2,3	Cadillac	Bonneville
Color	White/Green	Black	Silver
License	Na	RVV-456 Oct-26	Emmitt Avg
Violation	C, E, G	E	A, D, E

Vehicle	#4	#5	#6
Make			
Color			
License			
Violation			

VIOLATION CODE:
A - Lacks current license/tabs
B - Open to entry/unsecured
C - Missing vital parts/dismantled
G. Flat tires
I. - Other _____
D - Appears undriveable/inoperative
E - Unimproved surface
F – Commercial vehicle on residential property
H – Violation of side yard setback

FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULTS IN TAGGING AND/OR TOWING CHARGES: If the City impounds and disposes of the vehicle(s), the charges assessed to the above property will be approximately $1,000.00 for each vehicle. This charge does not include impound fees and other related costs for release of vehicle(s).

Vehicles found to be in violation on or after 10/17/25 will be removed, impounded and disposed of in accordance with law. The cost of this abatement will be charged against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes. Noncompliance with this order and repeat violations will result in the issuance of criminal citation

Issued by: Anthony Mans *Badge Number:* 331 *Phone Number:* 651-266-9058

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*WARNING: Code Inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If multiple trips within a year to your property are required to ensure compliance with the law, you may be charged for the cost of inspections and enforcement trips to your property. Such charges are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

235 Bates Ave.photos sent via email on 10-21-25

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October 30, 2025

Deborah Ruberto
235 Bates Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55106

VIA MAIL

Re: Appeal for property at 235 BATES AVENUE

Deborah Ruberto:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on October 28, 2025 Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond recommended that the City Council **grant to January 1, 2026 for compliance with items related to weight lifting and punching bag(s), and grant to November 24, 2025 for balance of the orders; also grant to November 24, 2025 for compliance with the Vehicle Abatement Order** (these are the same as given to 239 Bates Ave).

This matter will go before the City Council at Public Hearing on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 3:30 pm. in room 300 City Hall.** If you are contesting Ms. Moermond's recommendation you may:

1. appear in person (*please arrive before 3:30 p.m. and check in with staff outside Council chambers when you arrive*).

If you don't wish to contest then **no further action is needed** and the Council will proceed with Ms. Moermond's recommendation above without discussion. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 651-266-8585.

Sincerely,

/s/
Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

Encl: copy of letter sent to Emmet Owens 239 Bates Ave

c:

CE Supervisors

Anthony Munos – Department of Safety & Inspections, Code Inspector

City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg
Boulevard
Phone: 651-266-8560

Master

File Number: RLH SAO 25-60

File ID:	RLH SAO 25-60	**Type:**	Resolution LH Summary Abatement Order	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	2	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/15/2025
File Name:	239 Bates Avenue			**Final Action:**	

Title: Appeal of Emmett J. Owens, Jr. to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 239 BATES AVENUE.

Notes: Walk-in. LH on 10/21/25 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 330 City Hall.
Emmett J. Owens, Jr.
612-426-0334 landline
651-793-2370 cell

Sponsors:	Johnson	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	239 Bates Ave.appeal.10-15-25.pdf, 439 Bates Ave.Photos 10-21-25.pdf, 239 Bates Ave.Owens Ltr.10-24-25	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	Racquel.Naylor@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

Ver-sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Legislative Hearings	10/21/2025	Referred	City Council	11/12/2025		

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 11/12/2025

Notes: *Grant to January 1, 2026 for compliance with items related to weight lifting and punching bag(s), and grant to November 24, 2025 for compliance with balance of orders. Grant to November 24, 2025 for compliance with VAO.*

Emmett Owens, owner, appeared

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Moermond: I know you started talking about three properties

Owens: 233, 237, and 239 Bates are what I own.

Moermond: and today we have orders on 239 Bates you appealed.

Staff report by Supervisor Lisa Martin: we have current photos just taken this morning. A Summary Abatement Order was issued October 10 to please remove and dispose of the boats, contents, broken temporary structure, furniture, appliance, refuse and debris from the property with a deadline of October 17th. There's also a Vehicle Abatement Order for boats, trailer, Cadillac, and a Bonneville.

In the photos, we have on the boulevard a bucket full of debris, wood chair, the yard has a laundry basket, household items that are in the yard, white tables outside. East side pride signs stapled to the tree, we will have those removed, you can't put things on the right-of-way, especially a tree. In the back it does show these vehicles, including a temporary structure, a bunch of metal, weightlifting equipment, some chairs, orange cones. Lots of exterior storage that isn't allowed. We have a cat tree, punching bag, more chairs, tarps and miscellaneous things being stored outside that isn't allowed.

Owens: that's all been taken care of.

Moermond: Ms. Martin, you have photos recently taken by an inspector. We'll put them up on the screen.

Martin: they were taken at 9:11 this morning.

Moermond: there are still some things that remain that are really not outdoor items. She was looking at those as things to still be addressed.

Owens: that's some of my gym equipment. I was in the gym this morning at 6 am. A lot of the kids use it to work out. I've had the St. Paul police by twice; someone was killed right across the street and they wanted to view my camera so they took the black boxes out. I allowed that with no problem. I've been there 30 years; I own 3 of the properties. They're side by side town homes, total of 5. I own 3 out of 5. The other neighbor, Johnson, he's the one with the boats and jet skis back there. I don't know if he was informed to move them out? Everything is cleared up and looking pretty good.

Martin: notice went to all of the town home owners because for the back area with the parking and vehicles and exterior storage, if we do a cleanup it is assessed to each owner of a property equally. There's no way of knowing what belongs to who. Ramsey County considers it a common area therefore all of the property owners will be assessed for a cleanup. We'd like to not do that, so if all of the owners could take care of these items. I know you said you're working on it, but there's some white tables out there, a chair on the boulevard, a bucket full of tree debris that needs to be removed. In the back we had the vehicles—do they have current tabs?

Owens: yes, they do.

Martin and they're all operable?

Owens: yes.

Martin: I'd need to see if there was a site plan for the structure approved. A lot of storage out there in that structure and it all needs to go.

Owens: there's only a car under there now. One weight bench I can move. I just work and strength train. I had a snow blower back there.

Martin: snow blower, lawn mower, out door equipment is fine outside but any interior things can't be outside. Furniture. Weight equipment. That isn't designed to be outside. There's a cat tree.

Owens: my neighbor loves her cats. My renter does. I'll get that out of there. I got the trash cans back there. It is pretty organized as far as I'm concerned.

Martin: keeping the boulevard grass cut as well. It looks tall.

Owens: I was going to do that today but its raining.

Moermond: there were more than just tabs—one had a tab problem, but looking at the orders it says boats and trailers with missing parts, parked on an unapproved surface, and flat tires. Are those things addressed?

Owens: yes. The boats belong to Bruce Johnson at 231 Bates, the very end. They moved some this weekend and I helped him push it out to be removed. We would have got more done if the weather would have held.

Moermond: I just wanted to double check. The black Cadillac? Just says unapproved surface, so is that now moved?

Owens: I can move it to the street. I sometimes park up against my garage.

Moermond: and the Bonneville? Had expired tabs, appeared inoperable, and wasn't on an approved surface. You said you got the tabs taken care of?

Owens: I can go down and get the tabs if they're expired, but it is one of my prized cars and has the cover on it and the wind blew it off the last couple of days.

Moermond: it has last year's tabs. You're working on it, there's a lot to do, I'm happy it is underway.

Owens: my punching bag—I like to go and warm up sometimes, but I can move it inside or outside or whatever with winter coming.

Moermond: what are you wanting to keep outside? It sounds like you're asking to keep the weights and punching bag outside?

Owens: yes.

Moermond: anything else specifically to discuss?

Owens: no, I can have all this moved. The cat trampoline and all that stuff. The punching bag I can put that in the front and the chair I can use. I put it on my balcony when its warmer.

Moermond: what kind of chair?

Owens: it is vinyl or leather.

Moermond: oh, the chair by the recycling container?

Owens: yes, exactly.

Moermond: that's going to be a no. This is indoor furniture on the outside. It isn't made to be protected from the weather. Move it in.

Owens: indoors or outdoors or just get rid of it period?

Moermond: the doors? You want to keep those?

Owens: what doors?

Moermond: I saw doors by the recycling container.

Owens: I took that out of my house, I can probably bring it back inside.

Moermond: I think you should. The cat tree, you have someone picking it up?

Owens: I don't want to keep it. My tenant loves her pets and the cats must have got sick of it so she moved it back. I can get it disposed.

Moermond: do you all have individual cans?

Owens: yes, 3 are mine.

Moermond: with that City service you get a certain number of items you can have picked up.

Owens: yes, I've done that. I've paid them.

Moermond: you call the City and they will pick up one bulky item a month for free. 12 per year. Free. The cat tree looks like something you could make a call on. We can get you the number. I'm thinking you need time to wrap things up. I'm not thrilled about the punching bag and weights. I understand they're in use. Do you have a regular garage?

Owens: yes. My prized corvette is in there. The other stuff I can make room and put it in there, mainly I

just need my snowblower to make the sidewalk safe for the kids going to school.

Moermond: They can be used outside, but not stored outside. I'm thinking temporary use is ok, but permanent storage isn't ok.

Owens: I just love my weight equipment.

Moermond: the temporary structure is going?

Owens: yes. Two cars under there. My jeep Cherokee and my silver Riviera. I usually keep covers on them.

Moermond: I'm inclined to say the weights and punching bag should be stored someplace and then taken out when you want to use it. Permanent storage shouldn't be outside. For the weights and the punching bag, let's say January 1, 2026. I'm saying that far out so you have time to create the structure you are intending too. The other stuff, you have it underway. It's been a couple of weeks since you got the orders. You're about half done?

Owens: maybe more. If it wasn't raining I'd have done something with the cat trampoline. Punching bag in the house.

Moermond: I'm looking at a few weeks. Let's say November 24th, which is the Monday of Thanksgiving week.

Text of Legislative File RLH SAO 25-60

Appeal of Emmett J. Owens, Jr. to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 239 BATES AVENUE.

APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
Telephone: (651) 266-8585

RECEIVED
OCT 15 2025
CITY CLERK

We need the following to process your appeal:

- [x] $25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul)(if cash: receipt number 957227)
- [x] Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed
- [ ] Attachments you may wish to include
- [x] This appeal form completed
- [x] Walk-In OR [ ] Mail-In
  for abatement orders only: [ ] Email OR [ ] Fax

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
Location of Hearing:
[ ] **Telephone:** *you will be called between*
_____ & _____
[x] **In person** *(Room 330 City Hall)* **at:** 11:00 a.m.
(required for all Fire C of O revocation & vacate; Condemnation orders)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 239 Bates Avenue City: Saint Paul State: MN Zip: 55106

Appellant/Applicant: Emmett J. Owens, Jr. Email _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence 612-426-0334 Cell 651-793-2370

Signature: Emmett Owens Jr. Date: October 15, 2025

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell _____

What Is Being Appealed and Why? *Attachments Are Acceptable*

- [ ] Vacate Order/Condemnation/ Revocation of Fire C of O
- [x] Summary/Vehicle Abatement
- [ ] Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction
- [ ] Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- [ ] Vacant Building Registration
- [ ] Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)

I have lived there the longest and own over half of the property. I own 3 units. New tenants moved in and parked things back there. I want to repair my carport and move boxes and things that are out there. I have not had a complaint in over 30 years. The new tenants have jet skis and boats.

Revised 3/18/2021

10/10/25

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

SUMMARY ABATEMENT ORDER

>g hais tias koj tsis to taub tsab ntawv no, hu rau ntawm (651) 266-8989. Lawv mam nrhiav ib tug neeg txhais lus los pab >j.

Emmett J. Owens Jr
239 Bates Ave
St. Paul MN 55106-5563

TO:

ner or person(s) responsible for: 239 Bates Ave you are
/ ordered to eliminate all nuisance conditions which are in violation of Chapter 45 of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

Remove improperly stored or accumulated refuse including: garbage, rubbish, discarded furniture, appliances, vehicle parts, scrap wood and metal, recycling materials, household items, building materials or rubble, tires, brush, etc., from yard areas.

Please remove and properly dispose of the Boats & contents, Broken temp structure, Furniture, Appliance, Refuse and debris from the property.

Cut and remove tall grass, weeds and rank plant growth.

Remove and properly dispose of all animal feces from yard areas.

IMMEDIATELY secure all buildings which are open to unauthorized entry, including:

Other:

>o not correct the nuisance or file an appeal before 10/17/25, the City will correct the nuisance and charge all costs, >g boarding costs, against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes.

S: If the City corrects the nuisance, the charges will include the cost of correction, inspection, travel time, equipment, etc. The rate will be imately $ 450 per hour plus expenses for abatement.

You must maintain the premises in a clean condition and provide proper and adequate refuse storage at all times

FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN A CRIMINAL CITATION

l by: Anthony Minos *Badge Number* 331 *Phone Number (651)* 216-9058
>u have any questions about this order, the requirements or the deadline, you should contact the Inspector listed above, Monday through Friday

PPEALS: You may appeal this order and obtain a hearing before the City Council by completing an appeal application with e City Clerk before the appeal deadline noted above or seven (7) days after the date mailed, which ever comes first. No >peals may be filed after that date. You may obtain an appeal application from the City Clerk's Office, Room 310 in City all, 15 W Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102. The telephone number is (651) 266-8688. You must submit a copy of this ummary Abatement Notice with your appeal application.

/ARNING Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If the violations are not corrected within the time period quired in this notice, the city's costs in conducting a reinspection after the due date for compliance will be collected from the owner ther than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. If additional new violations are discovered within the next following 12 months, the y's costs in conducting additional inspections at this same location within said 12 months will be collected from the owner rather than ing paid by the taxpayers of the city. Any such future costs will be collected by assessment against the real property and are in addition any other fines or assessments which may be levied

10/10/25

SAINT PAUL
SAFETY & INSPECTIONS

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Department of Safety and Inspections
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

VEHICLE ABATEMENT ORDER

Emmett J. Owens Jr
239 Bates Ave
St. Paul MN 55106-5503

Yog hais tias koj tsis to taub tsab ntawv no, hu rau ntawm (651) 266-8989. Lawv mam nrhiav ib tug neeg txhais lus los pab koj. Si necessita un traductor, por favor llamanos al (651)266-8989. No costo.

As owner or person(s) responsible for 239 Bates Ave you are hereby notified THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE SAINT PAUL LEGISLATIVE CODE, CHAPTERS 45, OR 163:

Vehicle	#1	#2	#3
Make	Boats & trailer 1,2,3	Cadillac	Bonneville
Color	White/ Green	Black	Silver
License	No	RVV-456 Oct-26	Emmitt Avg
Violation	C, E, G	E	A, D, E

Vehicle	#4	#5	#6
Make			
Color			
License			
Violation			

VIOLATION CODE:
A - Lacks current license/tabs
B - Open to entry/unsecured
C - Missing vital parts/dismantled
G. Flat tires
I. - Other _____
D - Appears undriveable/inoperative
E - Unimproved surface
F - Commercial vehicle on residential property
H - Violation of side yard setback

FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULTS IN TAGGING AND/OR TOWING CHARGES: If the City impounds and disposes of the vehicle(s), the charges assessed to the above property will be approximately $1,000.00 for each vehicle. This charge does not include impound fees and other related costs for release of vehicle(s).

Vehicles found to be in violation on or after 10/17/25 will be removed, impounded and disposed of in accordance with law. The cost of this abatement will be charged against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes. Noncompliance with this order and repeat violations will result in the issuance of criminal citation

Issued by: Anthony Flores *Badge Number:* 331 *Phone Number:* 651-266-4058

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*WARNING: Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If multiple trips within a year to your property are required to ensure compliance with the law, you may be charged for the cost of inspections and enforcement trips to your property. Such charges are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

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CITY OF SAINT PAUL
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
310 CITY HALL
15 WEST KELLOGG BOULEVARD
SAINT PAUL, MN 55102-1615
Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer
EMAIL: legislativehearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us
PHONE: (651) 266-8585 FAX: (651) 266-8574

October 24, 2025

Emmett Owens, Jr.
239 Bates Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55106

VIA MAIL

Re: Appeal for property at 239 BATES AVENUE

Emmett Owens, Jr.:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on October 21, 2025 Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond recommended that the City Council grant t**o January 1, 2026 for compliance with items related to weight lifting and punching bag(s), and grant to November 24, 2025 for balance of the orders; also grant to November 24, 2025 for compliance with the Vehicle Abatement Order.**

This matter will go before the City Council at Public Hearing on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 3:30 pm. in room 300 City Hall.** If you are contesting Ms. Moermond's recommendation you may:

1. appear in person (*please arrive before 3:30 p.m. and check in with staff outside Council chambers when you arrive*).

If you don't wish to contest then **no further action is needed** and the Council will proceed with Ms. Moermond's recommendation above without discussion.

As mentioned in the hearing, you get 1 bulky item per month removed for free (for each unit/house; so theoretically each property you own you could do one/month).
How to Schedule bulky item collection:
Contact the City at least two business days in advance of your garbage collection day to request a pickup**.** Please call 651-266-6101.

How Many Items Can I Have Collected?
Starting April 2025: All households with one to four units are allowed one bulky item pick-up per unit, per calendar month with regular garbage service. These pickups are included in the cost of your regular collection.
You may only have three total appliances and/or electronics picked up per unit annually.

Additional Bulky Items: If you need to dispose of additional items during the same month, you can pay $30 per bulky item (plus tax) to have them collected.

Ms. Moermond will review this case under new resolutions at a November 25, 2025 & January 6, 2026 Legislative Hearings at 11:00 a.m. to determine if you have abated the nuisance(s) listed above on deadline. The City Council Public Hearings will be scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2025 and Wednesday January 14, 2026 at 3:30 pm. in room 300 City Hall. You are welcome to attend any of these hearings. If you are contesting Ms. Moermond's recommendation from the November 25 and January 6 hearings, you may appear in person. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 651-266-8585.

Sincerely,

/s/
Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

c:
CE Supervisors
Anthony Munos – Department of Safety & Inspections, Code Inspector

City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg
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File ID:	RLH SAO 25-59	**Type:**	Resolution LH Summary Abatement Order	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	2	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/10/2025
File Name:	597 Forest Street			**Final Action:**	

Title: Appeal of Philip and Kelly Oliver to a Summary Abatement Order at 597 FOREST STREET.

Notes: Walk-in. LH teleconference on 10/21/25 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Call Philip & Kelly Oliver, 806-445-9625, PhilKel96@gmail.com.

Sponsors:	Johnson	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	597 Forest St.appeal.10-10-25.pdf, 597 Forest St.Photos 10-8-25.pdf, 597 Forest St.Oliver Ltr.10-24-25	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
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1	Legislative Hearings	10/21/2025	Referred	City Council	11/12/2025		

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 11/12/2025

Notes: *Deny the appeal, noting the property is now in compliance.*

Kelly Oliver, owner, appeared via phone

Moermond: i have the supervisor for this area on the line and she says the yard is in compliance now, it is taken care of.

Oliver: we'd been working on it, but we don't know the guidelines and regulations and citation was vague, so we wanted to make sure what was expected.

Moermond: that makes perfect sense. Right now the orders they're using aren't the normal ones because of the computer system after the cyber-attack. This didn't have on there the max of 8", which is the standard. That's State law and City code.

Oliver: were they talking about the curb on both sides? Or the back yard? What we're they talking about?

Moermond: the boulevard, sidewalk and curb and the back yard where there's just grass.

Oliver: none of that was ever 8" tall. There was some decorative vines inside the fenced area of the yard, that's why we were confused.

Moermond: we have it addressed. I can see in the photos it looks kind of tall in patches, which sometimes happens. Where you are at now is great. 8", if you have any questions at all, the inspector is a great point of contact. Ms. Martin, any suggestions?

Martin: I would always suggest calling in the inspector or the complaint line at 266-8989 and they can give you direction as well.

Oliver: and I called the inspector three times and never got a call back. That's why I called the City and asked what I was supposed to do. I didn't want to be charged. We moved here from Austin.

Martin: I'm also flagging the snow upcoming. Make sure sidewalks on both sides are cleared full width and salted and sanded and access to the road needs to be cleared.

Oliver: I hired someone.

Moermond: I'm glad you're on top of things. I'm sorry this was kind of a rude introduction to local expectations. You're in good shape now, the pictures weren't horrible, and i think you'll be great moving forward.

Text of Legislative File RLH SAO 25-59

Appeal of Philip and Kelly Oliver to a Summary Abatement Order at 597 FOREST STREET.

APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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OCT 10 2025
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- [x] **Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed & any attachments you may wish to include**
- [x] Walk In [ ] Mail [ ] Email

Appeal taken by: Racquel

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing staff)
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
Location of Hearing:

- [x] **Telephone:** *you will be called between* 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
- [ ] **In person** *(Room 330 City Hall)* **at:** _____
(required for all condemnation orders and Fire C of O revocations and orders to vacate)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 597 Forest St City: St Paul State: MN Zip: 55106

Appellant/Applicant: Philip & Kelly Oliver Email philkel96@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 806 445-9625

Signature: Kelly Oliver Date: 10/10/25

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Residence _____ Cell _____

What is being appealed and Why? Attachments Are Acceptable

- [ ] **Vacate Order/Condemnation/ Revocation of Fire C of O**
- [ ] **Summary/Vehicle Abatement**
- [ ] **Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction**
- [x] **Code Enforcement Correction Notice**
- [ ] **Vacant Building Registration**
- [ ] **Other** (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)

We need to know what is wrong. So we can fix it. What is the ~~the~~ Standards/Guidelines?

Revised 8/17/2023

SAINT PAUL
SAFETY & INSPECTIONS

375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806
Phone: 651-266-8989 Fax: 651-266-8951
Visit our website at www.stpaul.gov/dsi

Summary Abatement Order

Date: **10-8-25**

Yog hais tias koj tsis to taub tsab ntwav no, hu rau ntawm (651) 266-8989. Lawv mam nrhiav ib tug neeg txhais lus los pab koj.

To: **PHILLIP OLIVER**
597 FOREST ST
SAINT PAUL MN 55106

To: _____

☒ As owner or person(s) responsible for: **597 FOREST ST** you are hereby ordered to eliminate all nuisance conditions which are in violation of Chapter 45 of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

☐ Remove improperly stored or accumulated refuse including: garbage, , discarded furniture, appliances, vehicle parts, scrap wood and metal, recycling materials, household items, building materials or rubble, tires, brush, etc., from yard areas.

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☐ Remove and properly dispose of all animal feces from yard areas.

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☒ Other:

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You must maintain the premises in a clean condition and provide proper and adequate refuse storage at all times. Failure to comply may result in a criminal citation

Issued by: **Chris Doree** Badge number: **321** Phone number: (651) **266-1927**

If you have any questions about this order, the requirements or the deadline, you should contact the Inspector listed above, Monday through Friday.

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DSI's Mission

To preserve and improve the quality of life in Saint Paul by protecting and promoting public health and safety for all.

Mai Vang

From: Chris Doree
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 9:30 AM
To: Mai Vang
Subject: Re: 597 Forest St - SA to TGW

Sent from my

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On Oct 13, 2025, at 7:35 AM, Mai Vang <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

GM Chris,
I will need photo(s) for the hearing on 10/21. Thanks.

Mai Vang
(She, her)
Legislative Hearing Coordinator | St Paul City Council
M: (651) 266-8585 ; D: (651) 266-8563
310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd, St Paul, MN 55102
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CITY OF SAINT PAUL
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
310 CITY HALL
15 WEST KELLOGG BOULEVARD
SAINT PAUL, MN 55102-1615
Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer
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October 24, 2025

Philip and Kelly Oliver
597 Forest St.
St. Paul, MN 55106

VIA EMAIL: philkel96@gmail.com

Re: Appeal for property at 597 FOREST STREET

Philip and Kelly Oliver:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on October 21, 2025 Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond recommended that the City Council deny your appeal (as conditions existed at the time orders were written), noting that the **nuisance is abated and the matter is now resolved.**

This matter will go before the City Council at Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 3:30 pm. in room 300 City Hall, **however no further action is needed by you and the Council will proceed with the above finding without discussion.** If you have any questions, please contact our office at 651-266-8585.

Sincerely,

/s/
Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

c:
CE Supervisors
Chris Doree – Department of Safety & Inspections, Code Inspector

City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg
Boulevard
Phone: 651-266-8560

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File Number: RLH CO 25-10

File ID:	RLH CO 25-10	**Type:**	Resolution LH Correction Order (Code Enforcement Only)	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	3	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/10/2025
File Name:	3341488 Hazelwood Street			**Final Action:**	

Title: Appeal of Michael Haubrich to a Correction Notice at 1488 HAZELWOOD STREET.

Notes: Walk-in.
LH teleconference on 10/21/25 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Call Mike Haubrich, 651-334-7257, tuibguy@gmail.com.

11/12/25: called PO and told him his appeal is granted. Will send signed RES when signed. MV

Sponsors:	Yang	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	1488 Hazelwood St.appeal.10-10-25.pdf, 1488 Hazelwood St.photos 10-3-25.pdf	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	Racquel.Naylor@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

Ver-sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Legislative Hearings	10/21/2025	Referred	City Council	11/12/2025		

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 11/12/2025
Notes: *Recommendation forthcoming.*

Michael Haubrich, owner, appeared via phone
Hannah Kenny, daughter of owner, appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Lisa Martin: Correction notice was issued October 3, 2025 in regards to a camper that was connected with extension cords and hose which seems as if it is being used as an illegal dwelling.

Haubrich: there's no extension cord. There's a cord rated for RV's with its own circuit for a circuit breaker. It isn't a 110v extension cord. It is safe. Also this is a 2 bedroom house and she sometimes spends time out there, but she lives in the house. Those are the two items.

Moermond: it is an electrical cable providing power to the camper, is that fair?

Kenny: it was providing electrical with a 30 amp outlet with a 30 amp RV rated cord.

Moermond: when I hear these things it isn't the fire hazard as much as creating a dwelling unit. I like hearing it is at least the right cable at least. We're talking about a habitable space, Ms. Martin, do you hve more to share how you interpret habitable? Sleeping is part of habitability.

Kenny: I live in the home.

Martin: the other thing, is if you're cooking, going to the bathroom

Kenny: no.

Martin: most campers we see are stored ina driveway unless they're at a campsite. If we see one deployed the assumption is someone is living there.

Kenny: I eat out, I definitely don't cook there. I don't use the bathroom.

Martin: it appears to be being used as a dwelling.

Kenny: I maybe use it 2-4 hours a day, I sometimes do my makeup in there when my dad is in the house doing stuff.

Moermond: I will tell you that if this were a registered Vacant Building, in City code it would be one that isn't approved for habitation perhaps due to a fire, unsanitary conditions, in those cases a person can be in the building from 8 am to 8 pm and that could be for purposes of repairs, remodeling, not living there. I want to go back and see if reading that gives me better guidance on what we can do with this situation. I'm glad to hear you aren't living in the trailer. That wouldn't be ok code-wise.

Kenny: it isn't well insulated enough to sleep in. It is just for camping purposes.

Text of Legislative File RLH CO 25-10

Appeal of Michael Haubrich to a Correction Notice at 1488 HAZELWOOD STREET.

APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
Telephone: (651) 266-8585
legislativehearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us

We need the following to process your appeal:

- [x] **$25 filing fee** (non-refundable) **(payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number_____)**
- [x] **Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed & any attachments you may wish to include**
- [x] Walk In [ ] Mail [ ] Email

Appeal taken by: Naylor

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing staff)
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
Location of Hearing:

- [x] **Telephone:** *you will be called between* 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
- [ ] **In person** *(Room 330 City Hall)* **at:** _____
(required for all condemnation orders and Fire C of O revocations and orders to vacate)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1488 Hazelwood St City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55106

Appellant/Applicant: Michael R Hausich Email tuibguy@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 651-334-7257

Signature: [signature] Date: 10/10/25

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Residence _____ Cell _____

What is being appealed and Why? Attachments Are Acceptable

- [ ] **Vacate Order/Condemnation/ Revocation of Fire C of O**
- [ ] **Summary/Vehicle Abatement**
- [ ] **Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction**
- [x] **Code Enforcement Correction Notice** Cord is on dedicated circuits, no occupant in RV
- [ ] **Vacant Building Registration**
- [ ] **Other** (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)

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SAFETY & INSPECTIONS

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Angie Wiese, PE (MN), CBO, DIRECTOR

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St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806
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Michael R Haubrich
1488 Hazelwood St.
St. Paul MN 55106

CORRECTION NOTICE

Date: October 3, 2025
RE: 1488 Hazelwood St.

Dear Sir/Madam:

The City of Saint Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections has inspected the above referenced property on October 3, 2025 and has determined that the following deficiencies exist in violation of the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

1. SPLC 34.19. – **ACCESS:** Provide access to the inspector to all areas of the building.

   PLEASE PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE INSPECTOR TO THE REAR YARD AND INSIDE THE CAMPER TRAILER THANK YOU.

2. SPLC 45.03. - **EXTENSION CORDS:** Immediately, discontinue use of frayed, deteriorated, damaged, or spliced electrical cords adequate to meet the building's needs. This work may require a permit(s), call DSI at (651) 266-9090.

   PLEASE DISCONNECT AND REMOVE ALL EXTENSION CORDS FROM THE CAMPER TRAILER AND FROM THE ENTIRE PROPERTY. EXTENSION CORDS SHALL NOT BE USED IN LIEU OF ELECTRICITY THANK YOU.

3. SPLC 34.14. - ILLEGAL DWELLING. Remove the illegal occupancy from inside the camper trailer.

CAMPER TRAILERS ARE NOT PERMANENT HABITABLE STRUCTURES. PLEASE IMMEDIATELY VACATE THE INSIDE OF THE CAMPER TRAILER. FAILURE TO VACATE THE INSIDE OF THE CAMPER TRAILER MAY RESULT IN FINES. THANK YOU.

You are hereby notified to correct these deficiencies in accordance with the appropriate codes. **The enforcement Officer will re-inspect these premises on or after October 10, 2025** by which date the violations noted must be corrected. Failure to correct these deficiencies may result in an abatement and /or additional fees for re-inspection.

You may file an appeal to this notice by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (651) 266-8585. Any appeal must be made in writing within 10 days of the date of this notice. (You must submit a copy of this Notice when you appeal and pay a filing fee.)

If you have any questions or request additional information concerning this matter, please contact Inspector Willie Williams, at (651) 266-1942. To arrange an appointment or request an extension of time to complete repairs, you will need to speak directly to the inspector.

Sincerely,

Willie Williams

Enforcement Officer

Badge No: 324

Footnote:

To see the legislative Code go to www.stpaul.gov on the internet, clidk on "Departments", then click on "Department of Safety and Inspections", scroll down the page for the "Codes". Most Correction Notices derive from Chapter 34.

***WARNING:** Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If multiple trips within a year to your property are required to ensure compliance with the law, you may be charged for the cost of inspections and enforcement trips to your property. Such charges are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

1488 Hazelwood St.Photos 10-3-25

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City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg
Boulevard
Phone: 651-266-8560

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File Number: RLH FCO 25-64

File ID:	RLH FCO 25-64	**Type:**	Resolution LH Fire C of O OR Correction Order	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	2	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/06/2025
File Name:	1205 Homer St			**Final Action:**	

Title: Appeal of Todd Knudten to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1205 HOMER STREET.

Notes: Todd Knudten
tknudten@yahoo.com
612-702-2103

Sponsors:	Jost	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	1205 Homer St.appeal 10-6-25.pdf, 1205 Homer St.inspector photos 7-17-25 (sent 9-22-25), 1205 Homer St.Knudten Ltr.10-17-25	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

Ver-sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Legislative Hearings	10/14/2025	Referred	City Council	11/12/2025		

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 11/12/2025

Notes: *Grant to January 19, 2026 for compliance.*

Todd Knudten, owner, appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Mitch Imbertson: this is a commercial gas station with a fire inspection in July. Report was issued and we cited 2 items, first is to repair damaged pumps 3 and 4 to service. The second was related to unsupervised fuel dispensing. We are looking for a sign with the working as listed in report giving emergency instructions in case of spill or fire and requirement for an emergency call box. Historically this would have been a pay phone at most locations.

Knudten: this has been in operation since the 1950's and has been a self-service store since the 1970's, dispensing fuel for 24 hours a day for about 20 years now. I'm wondering what the reasoning is for 20 years after this has been happening, unsupervised overnights, I'm wondering why a phone with a direct line to 911 is necessary in today's world when cell phones are had by just about everyone. When this law was written I imagine it was prior to cell phones since it mentions coin operated phones. There's another part that indicates there needs to be posted telephone numbers for owner, operator and Fire Department. It seems ridiculous to have to have my name and number by this call box. Another concern would be false alarms if it goes directly to 911. How are the false alarms going to be

handled? Currently if I have false alarms on my burglar alarm they start to charge me. I'm wondering what code says about that. I'm also wondering where is this in operation in St. Paul? Talking with my vendors I'm getting a deer in the headlight reaction; they don't know of any stores with this.

There is a kill switch for a spill at the store. That's labeled on the front of the building that turns the pumps off. I don't see a reason for a phone box in 2025. Just seems like an expense I'd incur for little or no benefit to the community.

Moermond: Mr. Imbertson, this seems to be where a particular section of code wasn't enforced or was missed by previous inspectors. I've certainly read the City Attorney's insight that just because it was missed in the past doesn't mean it isn't a present violation. What's the Department say?

Imbertson: I don't know an exact explanation in this case. It is possible it was missed in the past, but we don't track information on which stations are 24 hours or not and staffed and if they allow after hours dispensing, unless they were proactively asking us. It could have very easily been inspected and received incorrect information or been under the impression it was staffed, or it was true at the time it was inspected and changed later. It also could have had a phone on site that is no longer there. We see that frequently.
As far as excessive alarms, I don't want to speak for the police, I assume they'd handle it the same as any other sort of prank phone call system. It isn't connected to the alarm system.

Knudten: it isn't considered a nuisance to the Police Department?

Moermond: it is more important that it is available. It certainly wouldn't be the first 911 hang up having to be investigated. Going back to the kill switch. That is important and it is its own thing under the fire code. We're just down to the notion someone should be able to pick up phone or similar device to be able to get through to 911 to handle an emergency. It is presuming that not all people have cell phones. I heard you say your vendors aren't familiar with this?

Knudten: yes.

Moermond: Mr. Imbertson has looked into this, as we've been going more of these. In the locations we've found we have been enforcing it consistently in any case we're aware of this. Circumstances could be different in each case, so I don't know specifics, but we've been consistent as far as we've been aware. We've seen various means of compliance, from a standard phone to a single button call box connected to a cell dialer or phone line that dials straight out to 911.

Knudten: there are stores in St. Paul with these?

Imbertson: yes.

Moermond: we can get you some information. Let's give you until mid-January for compliance. There are 3 ways to comply as I see it: which means installing that phone or other alternative, or a proposal that accomplishes the same thing, an alternative means of compliance, or you could stop pumping after-hours. Let's say January 19th, 2026. You can certainly ask for a different outcome from the Council. For me, it is too unfortunate to let go and it is unfortunate it wasn't called out earlier.

Text of Legislative File RLH FCO 25-64

Appeal of Todd Knudten to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1205 HOMER STREET.

RLH FCO 25-64

APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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We need the following to process your appeal:

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- [X] Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed & any attachments you may wish to include

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Appeal taken by: MAI

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing staff)
Tuesday, 10.14.25
Location of Hearing:

- [X] Telephone: *you will be called between* 2pm & 4pm
- [ ] In person *(Room 330 City Hall)* at: _____
(required for all condemnation orders and Fire C of O revocations and orders to vacate)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1205 Homer Street City: St.aul State: MN Zip: 55116

Appellant/Applicant: Todd Knudten Email tknudten@yahoo.com

Phone Numbers: Business 6516990000 Residence _____ Cell 6127022103

Signature: _____ Date: 9/29/25

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Business_____ Residence_____ Cell_____

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What is being appealed and why? Attachments Are Acceptable

- ☐ Vacate Order/Condemnation/ Revocation of Fire C of O _____
- ☐ Summary/Vehicle Abatement _____
- ☑ Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction 13446
- ☐ Code Enforcement Correction Notice _____
- ☐ Vacant Building Registration _____
- ☐ Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) _____

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SAINT PAUL
SAFETY & INSPECTIONS

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July 17, 2025

TODD KNUDTEN
1205 HOMER ST
ST PAUL MN 55116

FIRE INSPECTION CORRECTION NOTICE

RE: 1205 HOMER ST
Ref. #13446

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on July 17, 2025 for the renewal of your Fire Certificate of Occupancy. Approval for occupancy will be granted upon compliance with the following deficiency list. The items on the list must be corrected prior to the re-inspection date.

A re-inspection will be made on September 18, 2025 at 9:00 am.

Failure to comply may result in a criminal citation or the revocation of the Fire Certificate of Occupancy. The Saint Paul Legislative Code requires that no building shall be occupied without a Fire Certificate of Occupancy. The code also provides for the assessment of additional re-inspection fees.

YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING TENANTS IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LIST OF DEFICIENCIES ARE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

DEFICIENCY LIST

1. 2305.2 Equipment maintenance and inspection.
Motor fuel-dispensing facility equipment shall be maintained in proper working order at all times in accordance with Sections 2305.2.1 through 2305.2.5
Continue with your plans to repair the damaged pumps 3 and 4 to bring them back into service.

2. MSFC 2304.3 - Unsupervised dispensing locations must be provided with daily site visits by the owner/operator, regular equipment inspection and maintenance, conspicuously posted instructions for the safe operation of dispensing equipment, a fire alarm transmitting device (a telephone not requiring a coin to operate is acceptable),

posted telephone numbers for the owner/operator and Fire Department and a sign posted in a conspicuous location reading:
'IN CASE OF SPILL OR RELEASE
1. USE EMERGENCY PUMP SHUTOFF!
2. REPORT THE ACCIDENT!
FIRE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NO. 9-1-1
FACILITY ADDRESS_____'
-Provide a fire alarm transmitting device (call box to 911) if permitting unattended self-service dispensing.

Saint Paul Legislative Code authorizes this inspection and collection of inspection fees. For forms, fee schedule, inspection handouts, or information on some of the violations contained in this report, please visit our web page at: http://www.stpaul.gov/cofo

You have the right to appeal these orders to the Legislative Hearing Officer. Applications for appeals may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 310 City Hall, City/County Courthouse, 15 W Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul MN 55102 Phone: (651-266-8585) and must be filed within 10 days of the date of this order.

If you have any questions, email me at: dennis.keffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8996 between 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Dennis Keffer
Fire Safety Inspector II

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Reference Number 13446

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1205 Homer St.Inspector Photos sent 9/22/25

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October 17, 2025

Todd Knudten
1205 Homer St.
St. Paul, MN 55116

VIA EMAIL: tknudten@yahoo.com

Re: Appeal for property at 1205 HOMER STREET

Todd Knudten:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on October 14, 2025 Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond recommended that the City Council **grant to January 19, 2026 for compliance.**

This matter will go before the City Council at Public Hearing on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 3:30 pm. in room 300 City Hall.** If you are contesting Ms. Moermond's recommendation you
may:

1. appear in person (*please arrive before 3:30 p.m. and check in with staff outside Council chambers when you arrive*).

If you don't wish to contest then no further action is needed and the Council will proceed with Ms. Moermond's recommendation above without discussion. If you have any questions please contact our office at 651-266-8585.

Sincerely,

/s/
Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

c:
Fire Supervisors
Dennis Keffer – Department of Safety & Inspections, Fire Safety Inspector

City of Saint Paul

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File Number: RLH FCO 25-61

File ID: RLH FCO 25-61 **Type:** Resolution LH Fire C of O OR Correction Order **Status:** Agenda Ready

Version: 2 **Contact Number:** **In Control:** City Council

File Created: 09/22/2025

File Name: 933 Minnehaha Ave W **Final Action:**

Title: Appeal of Abdalla Tobasi to a Fire Fire Inspection Report at 933 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST.

Notes: Abadalla Tobasi
atobasi@aol.com
612-865-3185

Sponsors: Bowie **Enactment Date:**

Attachments: 933 Minnehaha Ave W.appeal 9-22-25.pdf, 933 Minnehaha Ave W.Photos 7-29-25.pdf, 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25, MN Fire Code - Unsupervised Dispensing Codes.pdf, 809 Selby Ave & 933 Minnehaha Ave W.Imbertson email 10-14-25.pdf, 809 Selby Ave & 933 Minnehaha Ave W.email chain 10-14-25.pdf, 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-17-25 **Financials Included?:**

Contact Name: **Hearing Date:**

Entered by: Mai Vang **Ord Effective Date:**

History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Legislative Hearings	09/30/2025	Laid Over	Legislative Hearings	10/14/2025		

Action Text: Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 10/14/2025

Notes: *Layover to LH October 14, 2025 at 1 pm for further discussion.*

Abdalla Tobasi, owner, appeared via phone

Moermond: I am calling about your two appeals at 933 Minnehaha and 809 Selby Avenue. [Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Mitch Imbertson: at 933 Minnehaha we have a correction order related to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy inspection for a commercial gas station. One of the codes cited is the one being appealed, the requirement to provide outside telephone or communication for unattended fuel dispensing. This is for when the gas station is not staffed or open inside. This gives people pumping gas a means to contact front desk or emergency services such as fire or fuel spill that sort of thing. "A telephone not requiring a coin to operate or other approved means of notifying the fire

department shall be provided on the site in an approved location. The telephone must be available at all times that dispensing can occur." Historically that's been met by a pay phone on the site. This is a somewhat frequent issue we come across due to many payphones no longer existing. The Selby address is a very similar issue with the addition that there is another order for a piece of missing signage from a similar code requirement.

Tobasi: I've owned one of those gas stations for 34 years, the other 24 years. I've been through lots of inspections before and the gentleman who came in to inspect because of my experience I am up to date and I get everything done. Maybe a couple small things to fix which I do right away. This time around he gave me a few things to get done and I have no issues except when it came to the phone outside. I said I will do my best to provide something and spent about a month talking to the Minnesota Service Station & Convenience Store Association. They said they've never heard of this requirement. I talked to my alarm company. They don't do that. I spent a lot of months trying to figure out how to get a phone outside and I wasn't successful. Then I called the inspector and said I couldn't find anyone to provide this service. I have no issues doing things required, but I couldn't find any company that provides this service. That's why I'm appealing. I am happy to do so in the future if I can find someone who will do it, but that's why I'm appealing to get permission to pass for now until I figure something out. I checked a lot of gas stations in the area and no one has it. Someone told me an alarm company and I contacted them and they said they don't do that.

Moermond: has this been called out in the past Mr. Imbertson? It seems pretty straightforward.

Imbertson: one thing that is unfortunate is being unable to get feedback on similar situations from the Association. It is a common suggestion we make to check with a trade or business association to see what similar businesses are doing to comply. Things we may not even be aware of. This isn't specific to St. Paul, this is MN State fire Code, which is pulled from the international fire code. Most states should have same or similar requirements. It isn't a unique requirement to St. Paul. As far as other stations, many may not be open for dispensing after hours or may not have been at the time of previous inspections. This is specific only to unattended fuel dispensing. We do hear from many stations that it isn't advantageous to keep them open after hours due to these requirements or the fire extinguisher requirements.

Tobasi: I know 99% of the stores do have after hours dispensing. When we did it back in 2015 or 2016 they told us to have a sign with an emergency shut -off button, which there is, and a fire extinguisher which I also have at both stores. That was all the requirement to my knowledge. The MN association is throughout information and they weren't able to provide me with any way to provide a company that will do it. I am willing to do it but I don't have any way of finding who does it.

Moermond: tell me about the emergency button.

Tobasi: it says in case of emergency press this button. It shuts off all the fuel equipment on site. Dismantles the entire operation.

Moermond: so not adding fuel TO a fire, but it may already be burning. Is that the concern Mr. Imbertson?

Imbertson: that's a separate requirement actually. I'm happy to hear that all exists, but it isn't equivalencies or trade offs for the communication requirements.

1 Legislative Hearings 10/14/2025 Referred City Council 11/12/2025

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 11/12/2025

Notes: *Grant to January 1, 2026 for compliance.*

Abdalla Tobasi, owner, appeared via phone

Moermond: following up on your two properties and the call box situation. Wanted to walk through some of Supervisor Imbertson's findings. I wanted the exact fire code language and some of their experience in St. Paul. Mr. Imbertson has done some follow up, let's get that report.

Staff update by Supervisor Mitch Imbertson: in the follow up weeks we're finding as far as we can tell we have been enforcing this consistently at other locations and requiring call box or phone under the same code provided on your report. Another option for compliance would be to discontinue the after-hours dispensing. But if it continues during hours when store isn't open we couldn't find any reason for exception. Single purpose call boxes that have a single button and connected to a cell

dialer or phone line calling to 911 directly. No intermediate monitoring service needed. That's what we've found other stations use. That would meet that communication requirement.

Tobasi: I couldn't find someone to do this for me. For 30 years I haven't had a problem, I've done everything you asked of me. I'd be glad to hire them to get this done but I don't know who to find. That's why I was trying to find information from the MN Service Station Association.

Moermond: you shared that in the last hearing. We did have the Fire Supervisor identify a few locations with this. I'm really going to say, I don't think this is something we should be granting an exception for. There are alternatives. I'm going to ask the Council to give you an extension to January 1, 2026 for compliance, which means installing that phone or other alternative, or a proposal that accomplishes the same thing, an alternative means of compliance, or you could stop pumping after-hours.

Text of Legislative File RLH FCO 25-61

Appeal of Abdalla Tobasi to a Fire Fire Inspection Report at 933 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST.

APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
Telephone: (651) 266-8585
legislativehearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us

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- [X] Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed & any attachments you may wish to include

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Appeal taken by:

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing staff)
Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
Location of Hearing:

- [X] **Telephone:** *you will be called between* 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm
- [ ] **In person** *(Room 330 City Hall)* **at:** _____
  (required for all condemnation orders and Fire C of O revocations and orders to vacate)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 809 Selby and 933 Minnehaha Ave W. City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55104

Appellant/Applicant: Abdalla Tobasi Email atobasi@aol.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 612-865-3185

Signature: _____ Date: 9/18/25

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 612-865-3185

What is being appealed and why? Attachments Are Acceptable

- [ ] **Vacate Order/Condemnation/ Revocation of Fire C of O** _____
- [ ] **Summary/Vehicle Abatement** _____
- [X] **Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction** providing outside telephone
- [ ] **Code Enforcement Correction Notice** _____
- [ ] **Vacant Building Registration** _____
- [X] **Other** (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) providing outside telephone

Revised 1/31/2023

Fire Inspection Report

City of Saint Paul
Department of Safety and Inspections
375 Jackson Street – Suite 220
Saint Paul MN 55101-1806

Owner Name: ABAALLA TOBASI
Owner Address: 933 MINNEHAHA AVE W
City State Zip: ST PAUL MN 55104
Owner Phone: 612 865 3185

License:
Complaint:
C of O:
Date: 7-29-25

Building Address:

You are hereby notified to remedy the conditions stated below immediately. A reinspection will be made after the reinspection date stated below. If you consider any of these code requirements to be unreasonable, you may appeal to the Legislative Hearing Officer. Applications for appeals may be obtained at the City Clerks Office, 310 City Hall 651-266-8585 within 10 days of the date of the original orders.

Code	Conditions to be Corrected
MSFC 604.1	ABATEMENT OF ELECTRICAL HAZARDS CHICKEN RESTAURANT ELECTRICAL PANEL - CAP OFF EMPTY SPACE IN BREAKER BOX
MSFC 1010.1.7	EGRESS DOOR MUST BE READILY OPENABLE - CONVENIENCE STORE BACK EGRESS DOOR - REMOVE DOOR BAR AND HARDWARE FROM THE EGRESS DOOR
MSFC 2304.3.6	AFTER HOURS FUEL DISPENSING - IF CONTINUING AFTER HOURS FUEL DISPENSING - PROVIDE AN EMERGENCY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION FOR FIRE DEPT CONTACT

Owner or Representative Signature

Occupancy Type: MERCANTILE
Inspector Signature: DENNIS KEFFER
CFO Key:
Reinspection Date: SEPT 15, 2025 9:30 am

** For further information on this report, contact the Fire Inspection Division at 651-266-8989 **

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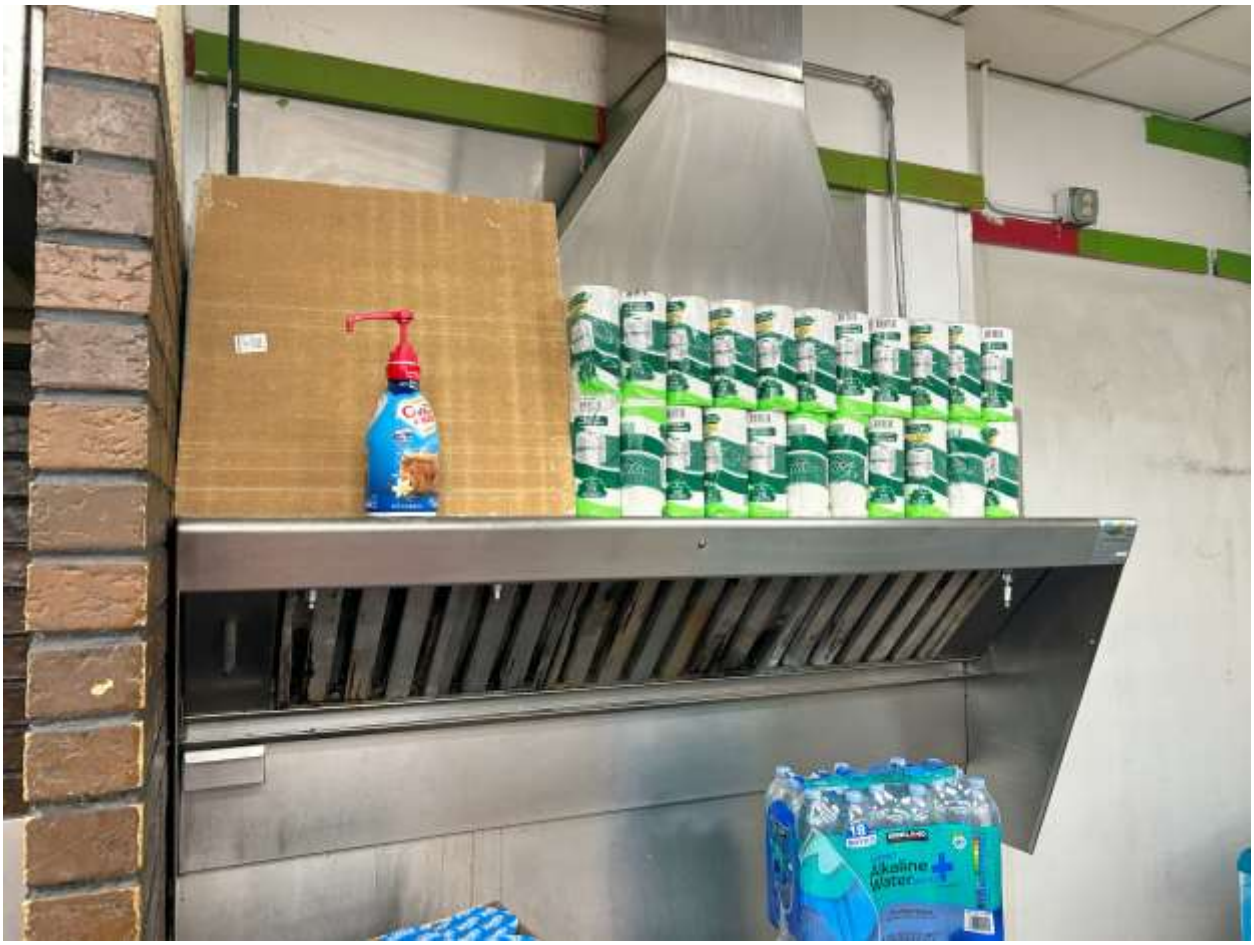
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933 Minnehaha Ave W.Inspector Photos 7-29-25

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15 WEST KELLOGG BOULEVARD
SAINT PAUL, MN 55102-1615
Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer
EMAIL: legislativehearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us
PHONE: (651) 266-8585 FAX: (651) 266-8574

October 3, 2025

Abdalla Tobasi
933 Minnehaha Ave
St. Paul, MN 55104

VIA EMAIL: atobasi@aol.com

Re: Appeal for property at 809 Selby Avenue & 933 Minnehaha Avenue

Abdalla Tobasi:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on September 30, 2025 Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond continued these matters to Legislative Hearing on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025 via phone between 2 and 4 pm for further discussion.**

If you have any questions please contact our office at 651-266-8585.

Sincerely,

/s/
Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

c:
Fire Supervisors
Dennis Keffer – Department of Safety & Inspections, Fire Safety Inspector

Dispensing Facilities.
2304.3 Unattended Self-Service Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities.
2304.3.1 General.
2304.3.2 Dispensers.
2304.3.3 Emergency Controls.
2304.3.4 Operating Instructions.
2304.3.5 Emergency Procedures.
2304.3.6 Communications.
2304.3.7 Quantity Limits.
2304.4 Dispensing Into Portable Containers.
Section 2305 Operational Requirements
Section 2306 Flammable and Combustible Liquid Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities
Section 2307 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities
Section 2308 Compressed Natural Gas Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities

2304.3.6 Communications.

A telephone not requiring a coin to operate or other *approved*, clearly identified means to notify the fire department shall be provided on the site in a location *approved* by the *fire code official*.

2304.3.7 Quantity limits.

Dispensing equipment used at unsupervised locations shall comply with one of the following:

1. Dispensing devices shall be programmed or set to limit uninterrupted fuel delivery to 25 gallons (95 L) and require a manual action to resume delivery.
2. The amount of fuel being dispensed shall be limited in quantity by a preprogrammed card as *approved*.

2304.4 Dispensing into portable containers.

The dispensing of flammable or *combustible liquids* into portable *approved* containers shall comply with Sections 2304.4.1 through 2304.4.3.

2304.4.1 Approved containers required.

Class I, II and IIIA liquids shall not be dispensed into a portable container unless such container does not exceed a 6-gallon (22.7 L) capacity, is *listed* or of *approved* material and construction, and has a tight closure with a screwed or spring-loaded cover so designed that the contents can be dispensed without spilling. Liquids shall not be dispensed into portable or cargo tanks.

2304.4.2 Nozzle operation.

A hose nozzle valve used for dispensing Class I liquids into a portable container shall be in compliance with Section 2306.7.6 and be manually held open during the dispensing operation.

Mai Vang

From: Mitchell Imbertson
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 11:07 AM
To: Marcia Moermond
Cc: Mai Vang
Subject: FW: 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25

Good morning,

Here is some additional information and code references for this appeal.

https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/MNFC2020P1/chapter-23-motor-fuel-dispensing-facilities-and-repair-garages#MNFC2020P1_Pt04_Ch23_Sec2304.3

2304.3.6 Communications.
A telephone not requiring a coin to operate or other *approved*, clearly identified means to notify the fire department shall be provided on the site in a location *approved* by the *fire code official*.

2304.3.5 Emergency procedures.
An *approved* emergency procedures sign, in addition to the signs required by Section 2305.6, shall be posted in a conspicuous location and shall read:
IN CASE OF FIRE, SPILL OR RELEASE

1. 1.USE EMERGENCY PUMP SHUTOFF
2. 2.REPORT THE ACCIDENT!

FIRE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NO._____
FACILITY ADDRESS _____

Thanks,

Mitch Imbertson
Fire Safety Supervisor
Pronouns: he/him/his
Department of Safety & Inspections
375 Jackson St, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101
P: 651.266.8986| M: 651.755.7931
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From: Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2025 7:30 PM
To: Mitchell Imbertson <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Dennis Keffer <Dennis.Keffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: Roy Kingsley <Roy.Kingsley@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: RE: 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25

Thanks for the update Mitch.

I informed Dennis of this requirement and other jurisdictions also enforce this in Minnesota.

This is a picture that I took at a Holiday gas station in Plymouth just two weeks ago. Holiday is part of Circle K and they have locations throughout the US and Canada.

The BP in Falcon Heights on Snelling and Larpentuer also recently installed one earlier this year.

It is possible for a call box to be installed.

While I understand the assumption that everyone has a cell phone, what if their cell phone is inside the car and they need to retreive it during a fuel spill? They would need to open up their car door (metal to metal) creating the potential for a static charge. This would make them go back into the hazard area instead of staying a safe distance away while hitting the fuel shut off button and using the supplied call box.

If you have any questions or need me to staff the appeals, let me know.

Thank you.

AJ

From: Mitchell Imbertson <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2025 3:23 PM
To: Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Dennis Keffer <Dennis.Keffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: RE: 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25

They are appealing the communication requirement to have an emergency phone for after hours fuel dispensing at a gas station. I believe we have at least one more upcoming appeal as well that will be for the same issue.

I spoke with Roy about this before the previous appeal to try to get some feedback on how this is handled in other jurisdictions. He thinks it's common to count on everyone having a cell phone and have no emergency phone, but that there needs to be a sign clearly stating to call 911 in emergency and listing the full address of the gas station on the sign. I was able to mention this off-line to the hearing officer before the appeal, but she wasn't comfortable assuming everyone has a working phone in these locations. Roy also thought that this requirement might be going away entirely in future code editions.

I was asked to look up policies on this from other jurisdictions. I haven't found anything in writing, so I'm guessing that the situations Roy knew about were possibly just verbal agreements and not official enforcement policy. I also can't find anything in writing about upcoming code changes, but I didn't have time for any extensive research on it either.

Thanks,

Mitch

From: Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 6:49 AM
To: Dennis Keffer <Dennis.Keffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Mitchell Imbertson <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: FW: 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25

What are the items being appealed?

Thank you.

AJ

From: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings <LegislativeHearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 10:00 AM
To: atobasi@aol.com
Cc: Dennis Keffer <Dennis.Keffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Der Vue <Der.Vue@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Leanna Shaff <leanna.shaff@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Mitchell Imbertson <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25

Good morning,

Please see attached.

Thank you,
Joanna

Joanna Zimny
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Mai Vang

From: Mitchell Imbertson
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 11:58 AM
To: Marcia Moermond
Cc: Mai Vang
Subject: Fwd: Gas station call box second example

Additional example for the appeal today.

Thanks

Mitch Imbertson

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
> **Date:** October 14, 2025 at 11:32:05 AM CDT
> **To:** Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Mitchell Imbertson <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Dennis Keffer <Dennis.Keffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Brian Schmidt <brian.schmidt@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Roy Kingsley <Roy.Kingsley@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
> **Subject: Gas station call box second example**
>
> Mitch here is another example of a gas station call box for today's appeal.

This was taken today at the BP in Falcon Heights on Snelling and Larpenteur.

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October 17, 2025

Abdalla Tobasi
933 Minnehaha Ave
St. Paul, MN 55104

VIA EMAIL: atobasi@aol.com

Re: Appeal for property at 809 Selby Avenue & 933 Minnehaha Avenue

Abdalla Tobasi:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on October 14, 2025 Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond recommended that the City Council **grant to January 1, 2026 for compliance.**

This matter will go before the City Council at Public Hearing on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 3:30 pm. in room 300 City Hall.** If you are contesting Ms. Moermond's recommendation you
may:

1. appear in person (*please arrive before 3:30 p.m. and check in with staff outside Council chambers when you arrive*).

If you don't wish to contest then no further action is needed and the Council will proceed with Ms. Moermond's recommendation above without discussion. If you have any questions please contact our office at 651-266-8585.

Sincerely,

/s/
Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

c:
Fire Supervisors
Dennis Keffer – Department of Safety & Inspections, Fire Safety Inspector

City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg
Boulevard
Phone: 651-266-8560

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File Number: RLH CO 25-9

File ID:	RLH CO 25-9	**Type:**	Resolution LH Correction Order (Code Enforcement Only)	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	4	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	08/22/2025
File Name:	1635 Montreal Avenue			**Final Action:**	

Title: Appeal of Parker Hoen to a Correction Notice at 1635 MONTREAL AVENUE.

Notes: Walk-in. LH on 9/9/25 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 330 City Hall.
8/25/25: Parker Hoen
parkerhoen@gmail.com
507-456-5981

Per MM: put on 9/23 LH and 9/24 CPH - JZ. email sent to PO 9-4

Sponsors:	Jost	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	1635 Montreal Ave.appeal.8-22-25.pdf, 1635 Montreal Ave.Kedrowski email & photos 8-26-25.pdf, 1635 Montreal Ave.email chain 8-27-25.pdf, 1635 Montreal.Vang Zimny Hoen email chain.9-4-25, Drainage citation 9-25-25, 1635 Montreal Ave.reissued CN.9-25-25, 1635 Montreal Ave.Hoen Ltr.9-26-25, 1635 Montreal Ave.Martin & photos 10-14-25.pdf, 1635 Montreal Ave.Hoen Ltr.10-17-25	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	Racquel.Naylor@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
2	Legislative Hearings	09/23/2025	Referred	City Council	09/24/2025		

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 9/24/2025

Notes: *Refer back to LH October 14, 2025 at 11 am for further discussion.*

Parker Hoen, owner, appeared

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Lisa Martin: a correction notice was issued August 15 regarding drainage of gutters into City right-of-way and to remove the underground PVC to Sims and discharge to front or rear yard, not property boundaries. Compliance date of August 25 and issued by Inspector Kedrowski.

Moermond: your appeal says you are disputing interpretation of cited code.

Hoen: my concern was that in the code Cited which was 34.08(2) and it just reads provide proper drainage from house away from foundation house.

Moermond: I think we're talking about encroachment into right-of-way. We have 34 being quoted here, Ms. Martin, which does give specifics but I think it should be citing the right-of-way code.

Hoen: that was the only thing I could find, municipal code says roof drains shouldn't drain onto public sidewalk, and it can to street or lawn. That is specifically. On to vs. to or towards. Where my fence and wall is is 2 feet back into my property line. My property goes another 2 feet from where the water egresses. I didn't find any code forbidding that action. Based on the measurements I have, it is six feet run to the sidewalk from where it outlets, and 2 feet to the right-of-way. I know the right-of-way is 11.5 feet around the sidewalk. I located both property pins, it actually has moved a couple of inches towards my neighbor, it still is relatively in the middle of the easement. In my conversations with Mr. Kedrowski he wasn't able to cite any codes specifying the towards language or the minimum from draining towards an easement.

Moermond: Ms. Martin, any comments at this point?

Martin: I think the concern more is because of how it comes out under the wall the water will go onto the sidewalk, freeze, and create a hazard.

Moermond: I tend to agree. Your property is inclusive of the public right-of-way, so you pay taxes for that portion which is your side of the sidewalk to the alley if present. Likely some utility easement. The Actual right-of-way is the sidewalk through the center of the street. When the City is looking at the discharge feet from the sidewalk, it doesn't depend so much as whether it goes onto the sidewalk or not regardless of where it disperses. If it is discharging and going into the right-of-way it is different than dispersing into the lawn.

I hear you say the outlet is six feet in?

Hoen: it has done a good job absorbing into the lawn. At the time of the complaint from Public Works that excavation had moved the hillside much closer to my property line and that wasn't replanted for six weeks following the sidewalk being laid and paved. It has been backfilled and planted since then, and I haven't noticed any significant runoff or undo water hitting the sidewalk. Nothing from my property going onto the sidewalk.

Moermond: do you happen o know from Mr. Kedrowski any observations?

Martin: the observation was from Public Works.

Moermond: I have some photos. Did Public Works give you right-of-way code they cited or did Mr. Kedrowski just go to chapter 34?

Martin: 34.

Moermond: a fresh order with the correct code citation would be helpful. We may end up in the same location we are now. Chapter 34 doesn't seem to work exactly like Code Enforcement intended it to do. Granting the appeal doesn't mean the situation is resolved.

Hoen: you can see in the photos that there's no vegetation and it has since been backfilled. It has since has vegetation and clover and wildflowers to absorb some of that water outlet runoff.

Moermond: you think you're in compliance regardless?

Hoen: I have water discharging on the opposite side of the wall, but not into the public right-of-way.

Martin: I'd like to do 2 things: talk to Public Works about what they saw and also give it some time to wait for a rainstorm and then go out and see if there's any drainage.

Moermond: it is September, so we have a good six weeks to deal with any dirt issues. Let's get fresh orders if needed. Let's talk about this again on October 14th. We can hear from Public Works. I'm inclined to grant the appeal as written under chapter 34, but doesn't solve the issue under the

right-of-way code.

Hoen: I've been trying to find the codes that pertain to this.

Moermond: I'm in restrictions on use of sidewalks and streets. Title 12 of the code, generally.

Hoen: there is some frustration on my part trying to talk to Mr. Kedrowski about the appropriate code. I took PTO and paid for parking to do this, and it easily could have been a phone call. I left Voicemails for both Mr. Kedrowski and Ms. Martin.

Moermond: and I'm encouraging you to give some grace. They've been using handwritten orders, at least ¾ of their time is being used rebuilding their system. They've been buried. Their stuff still isn't up and running.

Martin: we didn't have phones for 4 weeks.

Hoen: I did speak to Mr. Kedrowski. He did return my initial voicemail.

Moermond: and we gave some grace hearing this now because you had other obligations, so we're hearing it today. We can do your next hearing by phone as well, but I understand the frustration. You aren't the first person on your side of things to express that.

2	City Council	09/24/2025	Referred	Legislative Hearings	10/14/2025

Action Text: Referred to October 14, 2026 Legislative Hearing

3	Legislative Hearings	10/14/2025	Referred	City Council	11/12/2025

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 11/12/2025

Notes: *Grant the appeal.*

Parker Hoen, owner, appeared

Moermond: I did pull someone from Public Works from their work to get some answers this morning.

Staff update by Supervisor Lisa Martin: we did send a revised correction notice September 25 under 43.03. I did take photos this morning, it hadn't rained until recently. There is drainage and erosion coming out. Dirt buildup on the sidewalk. I didn't see anything on the front sidewalk, but depending on how much rain there is it could go on the front.

Moermond: I'm struggling with where you're seeing the dirt on the sidewalk. Is it the second photo?

Martin: 5 photos sent, the first was from afar, the next is showing the drainage coming off the retaining wall pointing towards the front, but it would go into the two-sidewalk area due to the hill. The third photo shows the fence with retaining wall on the side of property and shows the dirt across the sidewalk. Then a close up of the dirt. Then the last was just another view showing the path all the way through from Rome to Montreal along the fence line.

Moermond: I think we cannot determine at this point if there's erosion. I will recommend the appeal is granted and Department of Safety & Inspections revisit the situation by April 1, 2025. With respect to the erosion coming off the hill by the fence and leaving dirt in the walkway, it isn't significant but it does appear something is happening there. I would try to figure out a way to stabilize those soils. I don't think it was clear which area we were looking at. If there are things you want to do before April 1 to stabilize those things then you can.

Text of Legislative File RLH CO 25-9

Appeal of Parker Hoen to a Correction Notice at 1635 MONTREAL AVENUE.

APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

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- [x] **This appeal form completed**
- [x] **Walk-In** *OR* ☐ **Mail-In**

for abatement orders only: ☐ **Email** *OR* ☐ **Fax**

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
Location of Hearing:
☐ **Telephone:** *you will be called between*
_____ & _____
☒ **In person** *(Room 330 City Hall)* **at:** 11:00 a.m.
(required for all Fire C of O revocation & vacate; Condemnation orders)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1635 MONTREAL AVE City: ST. PAUL State: MN Zip: 55116

Appellant/Applicant: Parker Hoen Email Parkerhoen@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 507-456-5981

Signature: [signature] Date: 8/22/2025

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): —

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: —

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell _____

What Is Being Appealed and Why? *Attachments Are Acceptable*

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- ☐ **Summary/Vehicle Abatement**
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- ☑ **Code Enforcement Correction Notice**
- ☐ **Vacant Building Registration**
- ☐ **Other** (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)

Disputing the interpretation of the cited code.

Revised 3/18/2021

SAINT PAUL
SAFETY & INSPECTIONS

Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI)
Angie Wiese, PE (MN), CBO, DIRECTOR

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Parker Hoen
1635 Montreal Ave
St Paul, MN 55116

CORRECTION NOTICE

Date: August 15, 2025
RE: 1635 Montreal Ave

Dear Sir/Madam:

The City of Saint Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections has inspected the above referenced property on **August 14, 2025** and has determined that the following deficiencies exist in violation of the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

1. SPLC 34.08 (2). - **DRAINAGE:** Please re-direct your drainage away from the public sidewalk/street. Your current direction is causing a nuisance and you are not authorized to have discharge to any street, sidewalk, alley, or right-of-way. This interferes or renders dangerous for passage on the public sidewalk, street, or alley.

   YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DRAIN YOUR GUTTERS ONTO THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY.

   PLEASE IMMEDIATELY REMOVE THE UNDERGROUND PVC PIPES THAT ARE RUNNING UNDER THE RETAINING WALL/ FENCE AND ONTO THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY.

   YOUR DOWNSPOUT DISCHARGE MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE FRONT AND REAR YARD AND NOT TOWARD THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY. THANK YOU.

You are hereby notified to correct these deficiencies in accordance with the appropriate codes. The enforcement Officer will re-inspect these premises on or after **August 25, 2025**, by which date the violations noted must be corrected. Failure to correct these deficiencies may result in an abatement and /or additional fees for re-inspection. USA - 1940

STEVE = 651-266-1928

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Sincerely,

Richard Kedrowski

Enforcement Officer

Badge No: 320

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Mai Vang

From: Richard Kedrowski
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 5:55 AM
To: Mai Vang
Cc: Marcia Moermond; Joanna Zimny; Lisa Martin
Subject: 1635 Montreal Ave.

Good morning Mai,

This complaint was forwarded to us from Public Works. The property owner has buried the discharge pipes from his gutter downspouts uunder his new fence, toward the west, and onto the city sidewalk/path that runs north/south next to his property. This is causing erosion on the hill and water on the sidewalk. See attached photos.

The last photo shows an image from Google maps from before he buried the pipes, that shows his downspouts facing north and south and discharging into the yard as they should be. My orders directed him to restore the downspout to discharge onto his lawn and not onto the public right of way.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you
Dick

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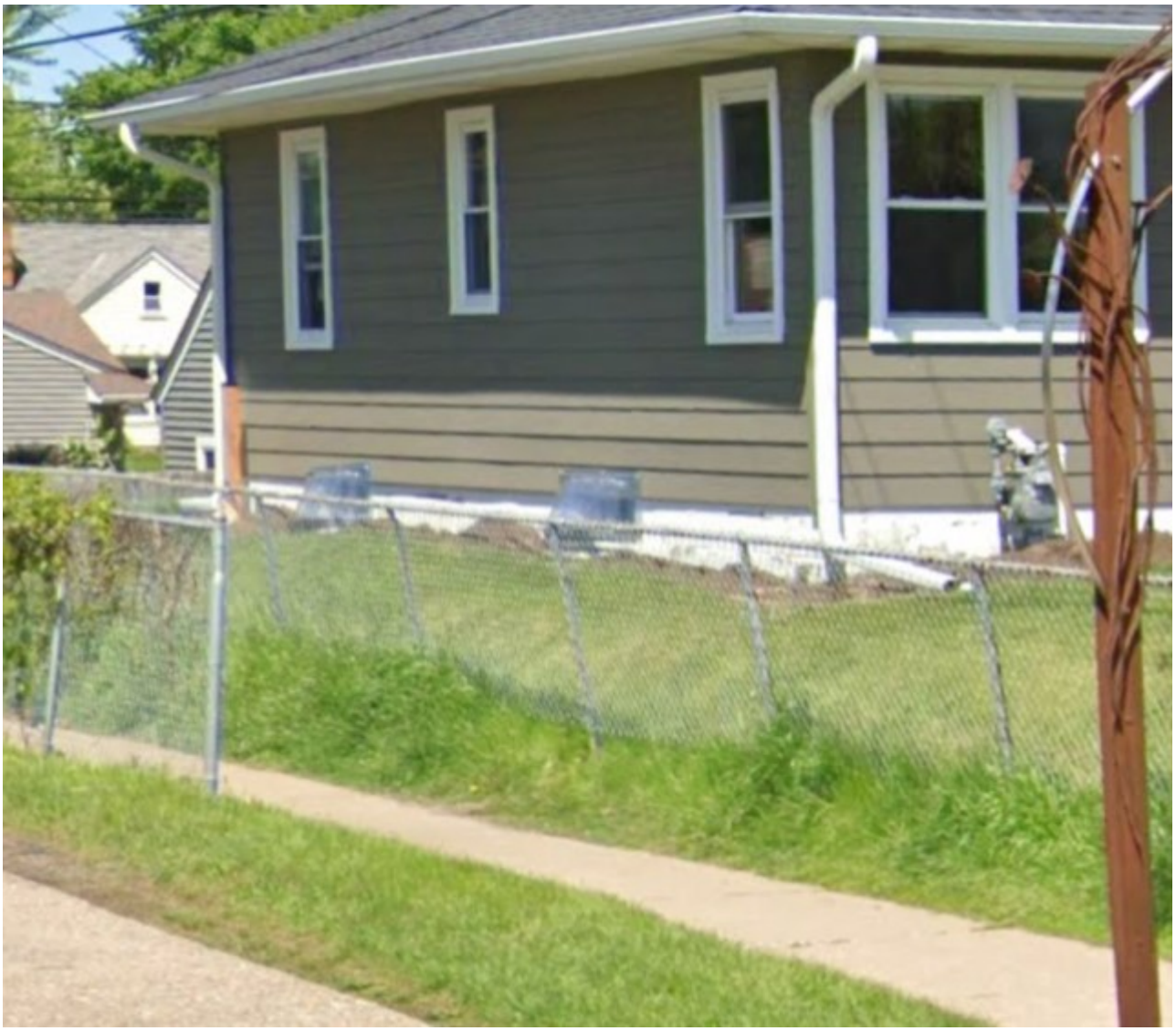

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Have a nice weekend.

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Importance: High

Good afternoon Mr. Hoen,
Apologies for the delayed follow up on this, Ms. Vang is out of the office and we just heared back from the hearing officer on this.

After further review, Ms. Moermond will agree to move your Legislative Hearing to Tuesday, **SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 (same time frame).** This will also be scheduled for a Council Public Hearing the **following day,** Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 3:30 pm in room 330 City Hall. So, if you think you will be contesting whatever the Legislative Hearing officer's recommendation is from 9/23, you will want to plan on coming on 9/24 to the Council Public Hearing to testify.

Please let me know if you have questions, otherwise we will call you between 11 am and 1 pm on 9/23.

Thank you!
Joanna

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SAINT PAUL
SAFETY & INSPECTIONS

Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI)
Angie Wiese, PE (MN), CBO, DIRECTOR

375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806
Phone: 651-266-8989 Fax: 651-266-8951
Visit our website at www.stpaul.gov/dsi

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Parker Hoen
1635 Montreal Ave
St Paul, MN 55116

REVISED CORRECTION NOTICE

Date: September 25, 2025
RE: 1635 Montreal Ave

Dear Sir/Madam:

The City of Saint Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections has inspected the above referenced property on **August 14, 2025** and has determined that the following deficiencies exist in violation of the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

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   YOUR DOWNSPOUT DISCHARGE MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE FRONT AND REAR YARD AND NOT TOWARD THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY. THANK YOU.

You are hereby notified to correct these deficiencies in accordance with the appropriate codes. The enforcement Officer will re-inspect these premises on or after **October 2, 2025**, by which date the violations noted must be corrected. Failure to correct these deficiencies may result in an abatement and /or additional fees for re-inspection.

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September 26, 2025

Parker Hoen
1635 Montreal Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55116

VIA EMAIL: parkerhoen@gmail.com

Re: Appeal for Property at 1635 Montreal Avenue

Dear Parker Hoen:

This is to confirm that at the City Council Public Hearing on September 24, the Council referred this matter back to Legislative Hearing **Tuesday, October 14, 2025 via phone between 11 am and 1 pm** (or in person in room 330 City Hall should you choose) **for further discussion.** Note the incoming number shows as **612-315-7905.**

I have enclosed a copy of the reissued orders, which were also sent to you on September 25 via email and USPS by Supervisor Kedrowski.

Please call our office at 651-266-8585 with any questions.

Sincerely,
/s/
Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant
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/s/
Joanna Zimny

Encl: 9-25-25 reissued CN

c: CE Supervisors

Mai Vang

From: Lisa Martin <lisa.schlem.martin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 10:03 AM
To: Mai Vang
Cc: Marcia Moermond; Richard Kedrowski
Subject: 1635 Montreal

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This does create a hazard with the erosion on the public sidewalk.

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October 17, 2025

Parker Hoen
1635 Montreal Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55116

VIA EMAIL: parkerhoen@gmail.com

Re: Appeal for Property at 1635 Montreal Avenue

Dear Parker Hoen:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on October 14, 2025 Legislative Hearing officer Marcia Moermond recommended that the City Council **grant your appeal.**

This matter will go before the City Council on Wednesday, November 12 at 3:30 pm however no further action is needed by you and the Council will proceed with the recommendation above without discussion.

Please call our office at 651-266-8585 with any questions.

Sincerely,
/s/
Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

c: CE Supervisors

City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg
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Master

File Number: RLH FCO 25-60

File ID:	RLH FCO 25-60	**Type:**	Resolution LH Fire C of O OR Correction Order	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	2	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	09/22/2025
File Name:	806-809 Selby Avenue			**Final Action:**	

Title: Appeal of Abdalla Tobasi to a Fire Fire Inspection Report at 809 SELBY AVENUE (806 SELBY AVENUE).

Notes: Abdalla Tobasi
atobasi@aol.com
612-865-3185

Sponsors:	Bowie	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	809 Selby Ave.appeal 9-22-25.pdf, 809 Selby Ave.Photos 8-4-25.pdf, 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25, MN Fire Code - Unsupervised Dispensing Codes.pdf, 809 Selby Ave & 933 Minnehaha Ave W.Imbertson email 10-14-25.pdf, 809 Selby Ave & 933 Minnehaha Ave W.email chain 10-14-25.pdf, 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-17-25	**Financials Included?:**	
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History of Legislative File

Ver-sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Legislative Hearings	09/30/2025	Laid Over	Legislative Hearings	10/14/2025		

Action Text: Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 10/14/2025

Notes: *Layover to LH October 14, 2025 at 1 pm for further discussion.*

Abdalla Tobasi, owner, appeared via phone

Moermond: I am calling about your two appeals at 933 Minnehaha and 809 Selby Avenue. [Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Mitch Imbertson: at 933 Minnehaha we have a correction order related to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy inspection for a commercial gas station. One of the codes cited is the one being appealed, the requirement to provide outside telephone or communication for unattended fuel dispensing. This is for when the gas station is not staffed or open inside. This gives people pumping gas a means to contact front desk or emergency services such as fire or fuel spill that sort of thing. "A telephone not requiring a coin to operate or other approved means of notifying the fire

department shall be provided on the site in an approved location. The telephone must be available at all times that dispensing can occur." Historically that's been met by a pay phone on the site. This is a somewhat frequent issue we come across due to many payphones no longer existing. The Selby address is a very similar issue with the addition that there is another order for a piece of missing signage from a similar code requirement.

Tobasi: I've owned one of those gas stations for 34 years, the other 24 years. I've been through lots of inspections before and the gentleman who came in to inspect because of my experience I am up to date and I get everything done. Maybe a couple small things to fix which I do right away. This time around he gave me a few things to get done and I have no issues except when it came to the phone outside. I said I will do my best to provide something and spent about a month talking to the Minnesota Service Station & Convenience Store Association. They said they've never heard of this requirement. I talked to my alarm company. They don't do that. I spent a lot of months trying to figure out how to get a phone outside and I wasn't successful. Then I called the inspector and said I couldn't find anyone to provide this service. I have no issues doing things required, but I couldn't find any company that provides this service. That's why I'm appealing. I am happy to do so in the future if I can find someone who will do it, but that's why I'm appealing to get permission to pass for now until I figure something out. I checked a lot of gas stations in the area and no one has it. Someone told me an alarm company and I contacted them and they said they don't do that.

Moermond: has this been called out in the past Mr. Imbertson? It seems pretty straightforward.

Imbertson: one thing that is unfortunate is being unable to get feedback on similar situations from the Association. It is a common suggestion we make to check with a trade or business association to see what similar businesses are doing to comply. Things we may not even be aware of. This isn't specific to St. Paul, this is MN State fire Code, which is pulled from the international fire code. Most states should have same or similar requirements. It isn't a unique requirement to St. Paul. As far as other stations, many may not be open for dispensing after hours or may not have been at the time of previous inspections. This is specific only to unattended fuel dispensing. We do hear from many stations that it isn't advantageous to keep them open after hours due to these requirements or the fire extinguisher requirements.

Tobasi: I know 99% of the stores do have after hours dispensing. When we did it back in 2015 or 2016 they told us to have a sign with an emergency shut -off button, which there is, and a fire extinguisher which I also have at both stores. That was all the requirement to my knowledge. The MN association is throughout information and they weren't able to provide me with any way to provide a company that will do it. I am willing to do it but I don't have any way of finding who does it.

Moermond: tell me about the emergency button.

Tobasi: it says in case of emergency press this button. It shuts off all the fuel equipment on site. Dismantles the entire operation.

Moermond: so not adding fuel TO a fire, but it may already be burning. Is that the concern Mr. Imbertson?

Imbertson: that's a separate requirement actually. I'm happy to hear that all exists, but it isn't equivalencies or trade offs for the communication requirements.

1 Legislative Hearings 10/14/2025 Referred City Council 11/12/2025

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 11/12/2025

Notes: *Grant to January 1, 2026 for compliance.*

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Moermond: following up on your two properties and the call box situation. Wanted to walk through some of Supervisor Imbertson's findings. I wanted the exact fire code language and some of their experience in St. Paul. Mr. Imbertson has done some follow up, let's get that report.

Staff update by Supervisor Mitch Imbertson: in the follow up weeks we're finding as far as we can tell we have been enforcing this consistently at other locations and requiring call box or phone under the same code provided on your report. Another option for compliance would be to discontinue the after-hours dispensing. But if it continues during hours when store isn't open we couldn't find any reason for exception. Single purpose call boxes that have a single button and connected to a cell

dialer or phone line calling to 911 directly. No intermediate monitoring service needed. That's what we've found other stations use. That would meet that communication requirement.

Tobasi: I couldn't find someone to do this for me. For 30 years I haven't had a problem, I've done everything you asked of me. I'd be glad to hire them to get this done but I don't know who to find. That's why I was trying to find information from the MN Service Station Association.

Moermond: you shared that in the last hearing. We did have the Fire Supervisor identify a few locations with this. I'm really going to say, I don't think this is something we should be granting an exception for. There are alternatives. I'm going to ask the Council to give you an extension to January 1, 2026 for compliance, which means installing that phone or other alternative, or a proposal that accomplishes the same thing, an alternative means of compliance, or you could stop pumping after-hours.

Text of Legislative File RLH FCO 25-60

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APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

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SEP 22 2025
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☐ Walk In ☐ Mail ☑ Email

Appeal taken by:

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing staff)
Tuesday, _____ _____
Location of Hearing:

- [X] **Telephone:** *you will be called between* 2:00pm & 4:00pm
- [ ] **In person** *(Room 330 City Hall)* **at:** _____
  (required for all condemnation orders and Fire C of O revocations and orders to vacate)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 809 Selby and 933 Minnehaha Ave W. City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55104

Appellant/Applicant: Abdalla Tobasi Email atobasi@aol.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 612-865-3185

Signature: _____ Date: 9/18/25

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 612-865-3185

What is being appealed and why? Attachments Are Acceptable

- [ ] **Vacate Order/Condemnation/ Revocation of Fire C of O** _____
- [ ] **Summary/Vehicle Abatement** _____
- [X] **Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction** providing outside telephone
- [ ] **Code Enforcement Correction Notice** _____
- [ ] **Vacant Building Registration** _____
- [X] **Other** (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) providing outside telephone

Revised 1/31/2023

Fire Inspection Report

City of Saint Paul
Department of Safety and Inspections
375 Jackson Street – Suite 220
Saint Paul MN 55101-1806

Owner Name	ABDALLA TOBASI	License	
Owner Address	806 809 SELBY AVE	Complaint	
City State Zip	ST PAUL MN 55104	C of O	X
Owner Phone	612-865 3185	Date	8.4.25

Building Address:

You are hereby notified to remedy the conditions stated below immediately. A reinspection will be made after the reinspection date stated below. If you consider any of these code requirements to be unreasonable, you may appeal to the Legislative Hearing Officer. Applications for appeals may be obtained at the City Clerks Office, 310 City Hall 651-266-8585 within 10 days of the date of the original orders.

	Code	Conditions to be Corrected
1)	MSFC 1010.1.9.4	DOORS WITH KEY OPERATED LOCKING DEVICE ON THE EGRESS SIDE MUST MADE A SIGN WITH LETTERS AT LEAST 1" WHICH READS "THIS DOOR TO REMAIN UNLOCKED WHEN BUILDING IS OCCUPIED"
		BOTH CONVENIENCE STORE DOOR AND TOBACCO SHOP DOOR
2)	MSFC 2304.3	UNATTENDED SELF SERVICE MOTOR FUEL DISPENSING REQUIRES i) A CLEARLY IDENTIFIED MEANS TO NOTIFY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON SITE
		2) A SIGN LISTING EMERGENCY PROCEDURES "IN CASE OF FIRE SPILL OR RELEASE
		i) USE EMERGENY SHUT OFF
		2) REPORT THE ACCIDENT
		FIRE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NO.
		FACILITY ADDRESS

Owner or Representative Signature _____

Occupancy Type MERCANTILE

CFO Key

Inspector Signature DENNIS KEFFER

Reinspection Date SEPT 18, 2025 1pm

** For further information on this report, contact the Fire Inspection Division at 651-266-8989 **

809 Selby Ave.Inspector Photos 8-4-25

OPEN

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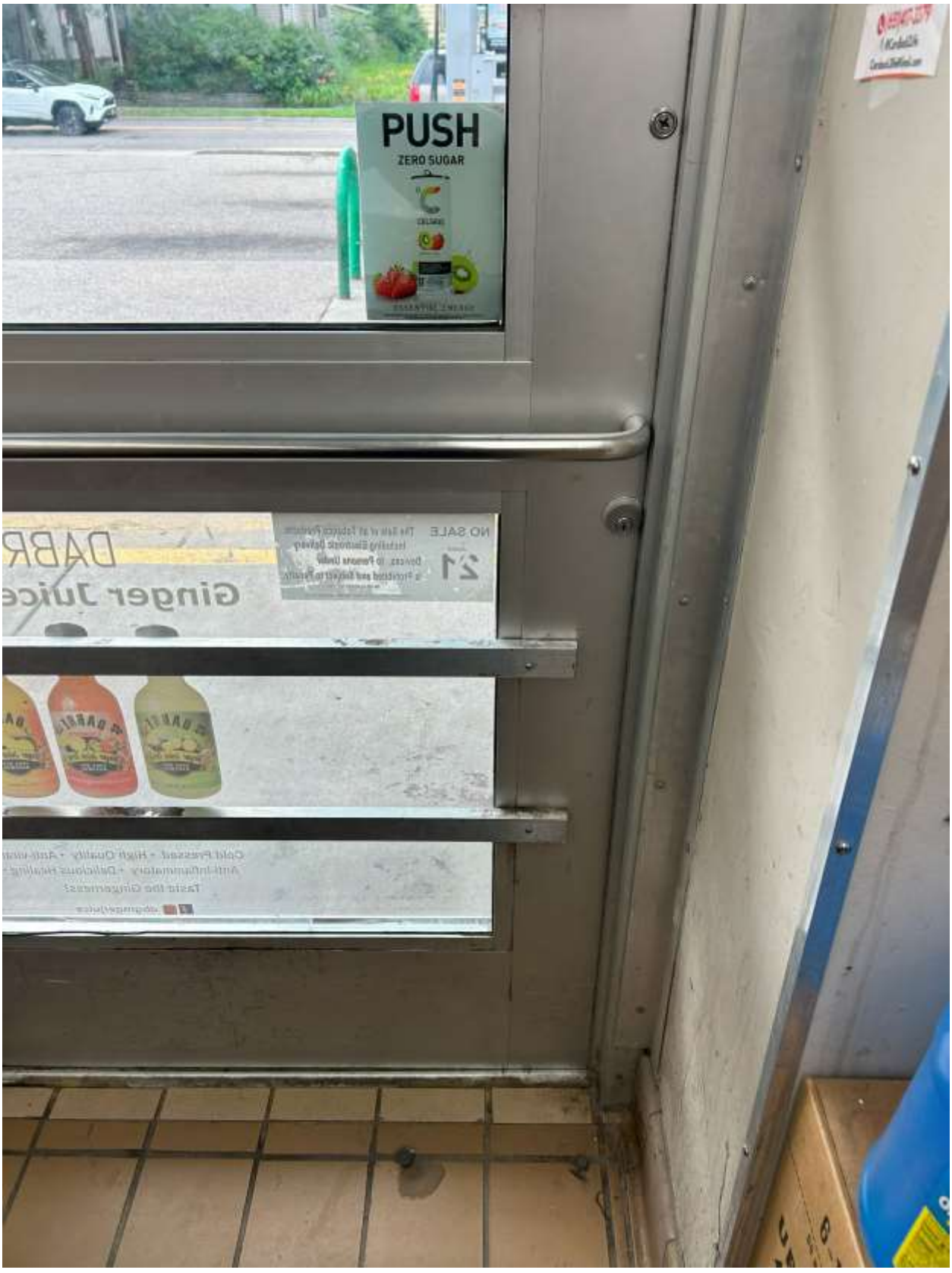
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Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer
EMAIL: legislativehearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us
PHONE: (651) 266-8585 FAX: (651) 266-8574

October 3, 2025

Abdalla Tobasi
933 Minnehaha Ave
St. Paul, MN 55104

VIA EMAIL: atobasi@aol.com

Re: Appeal for property at 809 Selby Avenue & 933 Minnehaha Avenue

Abdalla Tobasi:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on September 30, 2025 Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond continued these matters to Legislative Hearing on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025 via phone between 2 and 4 pm for further discussion.**

If you have any questions please contact our office at 651-266-8585.

Sincerely,

/s/
Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

c:
Fire Supervisors
Dennis Keffer – Department of Safety & Inspections, Fire Safety Inspector

Dispensing Facilities.
2304.3 Unattended Self-Service Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities.
2304.3.1 General.
2304.3.2 Dispensers.
2304.3.3 Emergency Controls.
2304.3.4 Operating Instructions.
2304.3.5 Emergency Procedures.
2304.3.6 Communications.
2304.3.7 Quantity Limits.
2304.4 Dispensing Into Portable Containers.
Section 2305 Operational Requirements
Section 2306 Flammable and Combustible Liquid Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities
Section 2307 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities
Section 2308 Compressed Natural Gas Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities

2304.3.6 Communications.

A telephone not requiring a coin to operate or other *approved*, clearly identified means to notify the fire department shall be provided on the site in a location *approved* by the *fire code official*.

2304.3.7 Quantity limits.

Dispensing equipment used at unsupervised locations shall comply with one of the following:

1. Dispensing devices shall be programmed or set to limit uninterrupted fuel delivery to 25 gallons (95 L) and require a manual action to resume delivery.
2. The amount of fuel being dispensed shall be limited in quantity by a preprogrammed card as *approved*.

2304.4 Dispensing into portable containers.

The dispensing of flammable or *combustible liquids* into portable *approved* containers shall comply with Sections 2304.4.1 through 2304.4.3.

2304.4.1 Approved containers required.

Class I, II and IIIA liquids shall not be dispensed into a portable container unless such container does not exceed a 6-gallon (22.7 L) capacity, is *listed* or of *approved* material and construction, and has a tight closure with a screwed or spring-loaded cover so designed that the contents can be dispensed without spilling. Liquids shall not be dispensed into portable or cargo tanks.

2304.4.2 Nozzle operation.

A hose nozzle valve used for dispensing Class I liquids into a portable container shall be in compliance with Section 2306.7.6 and be manually held open during the dispensing operation.

Mai Vang

From: Mitchell Imbertson
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 11:07 AM
To: Marcia Moermond
Cc: Mai Vang
Subject: FW: 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25

Good morning,

Here is some additional information and code references for this appeal.

https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/MNFC2020P1/chapter-23-motor-fuel-dispensing-facilities-and-repair-garages#MNFC2020P1_Pt04_Ch23_Sec2304.3

2304.3.6 Communications.
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2304.3.5 Emergency procedures.
An *approved* emergency procedures sign, in addition to the signs required by Section 2305.6, shall be posted in a conspicuous location and shall read:
IN CASE OF FIRE, SPILL OR RELEASE

1. 1.USE EMERGENCY PUMP SHUTOFF
2. 2.REPORT THE ACCIDENT!

FIRE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NO._____
FACILITY ADDRESS _____

Thanks,

Mitch Imbertson
Fire Safety Supervisor
Pronouns: he/him/his
Department of Safety & Inspections
375 Jackson St, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101
P: 651.266.8986| M: 651.755.7931
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From: Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2025 7:30 PM
To: Mitchell Imbertson <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Dennis Keffer <Dennis.Keffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: Roy Kingsley <Roy.Kingsley@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: RE: 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25

Thanks for the update Mitch.

I informed Dennis of this requirement and other jurisdictions also enforce this in Minnesota.

This is a picture that I took at a Holiday gas station in Plymouth just two weeks ago. Holiday is part of Circle K and they have locations throughout the US and Canada.

The BP in Falcon Heights on Snelling and Larpentuer also recently installed one earlier this year.

It is possible for a call box to be installed.

While I understand the assumption that everyone has a cell phone, what if their cell phone is inside the car and they need to retreive it during a fuel spill? They would need to open up their car door (metal to metal) creating the potential for a static charge. This would make them go back into the hazard area instead of staying a safe distance away while hitting the fuel shut off button and using the supplied call box.

If you have any questions or need me to staff the appeals, let me know.

Thank you.

AJ

From: Mitchell Imbertson <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2025 3:23 PM
To: Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Dennis Keffer <Dennis.Keffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: RE: 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25

They are appealing the communication requirement to have an emergency phone for after hours fuel dispensing at a gas station. I believe we have at least one more upcoming appeal as well that will be for the same issue.

I spoke with Roy about this before the previous appeal to try to get some feedback on how this is handled in other jurisdictions. He thinks it's common to count on everyone having a cell phone and have no emergency phone, but that there needs to be a sign clearly stating to call 911 in emergency and listing the full address of the gas station on the sign. I was able to mention this off-line to the hearing officer before the appeal, but she wasn't comfortable assuming everyone has a working phone in these locations. Roy also thought that this requirement might be going away entirely in future code editions.

I was asked to look up policies on this from other jurisdictions. I haven't found anything in writing, so I'm guessing that the situations Roy knew about were possibly just verbal agreements and not official enforcement policy. I also can't find anything in writing about upcoming code changes, but I didn't have time for any extensive research on it either.

Thanks,

Mitch

From: Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 6:49 AM
To: Dennis Keffer <Dennis.Keffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Mitchell Imbertson <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: FW: 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25

What are the items being appealed?

Thank you.

AJ

From: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings <LegislativeHearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 10:00 AM
To: atobasi@aol.com
Cc: Dennis Keffer <Dennis.Keffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Der Vue <Der.Vue@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Leanna Shaff <leanna.shaff@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Mitchell Imbertson <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: 809 Selby & 933 Minnehaha.Tobasi Ltr.10-3-25

Good morning,

Please see attached.

Thank you,
Joanna

Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant
Legislative Hearing Office
Pronouns: she/her/hers
Saint Paul City Hall
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15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us
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Mai Vang

From: Mitchell Imbertson
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 11:58 AM
To: Marcia Moermond
Cc: Mai Vang
Subject: Fwd: Gas station call box second example

Additional example for the appeal today.

Thanks

Mitch Imbertson

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
> **Date:** October 14, 2025 at 11:32:05 AM CDT
> **To:** Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Mitchell Imbertson <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Dennis Keffer <Dennis.Keffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Brian Schmidt <brian.schmidt@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Roy Kingsley <Roy.Kingsley@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
> **Subject: Gas station call box second example**
>
> Mitch here is another example of a gas station call box for today's appeal.

This was taken today at the BP in Falcon Heights on Snelling and Larpenteur.

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October 17, 2025

Abdalla Tobasi
933 Minnehaha Ave
St. Paul, MN 55104

VIA EMAIL: atobasi@aol.com

Re: Appeal for property at 809 Selby Avenue & 933 Minnehaha Avenue

Abdalla Tobasi:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on October 14, 2025 Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond recommended that the City Council **grant to January 1, 2026 for compliance.**

This matter will go before the City Council at Public Hearing on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 3:30 pm. in room 300 City Hall.** If you are contesting Ms. Moermond's recommendation you
may:

1. appear in person (*please arrive before 3:30 p.m. and check in with staff outside Council chambers when you arrive*).

If you don't wish to contest then no further action is needed and the Council will proceed with Ms. Moermond's recommendation above without discussion. If you have any questions please contact our office at 651-266-8585.

Sincerely,

/s/
Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

c:
Fire Supervisors
Dennis Keffer – Department of Safety & Inspections, Fire Safety Inspector

City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg
Boulevard
Phone: 651-266-8560

Master

File Number: RLH RR 25-24

File ID: RLH RR 25-24 **Type:** Resolution LH Substantial Abatement Order **Status:** Agenda Ready

Version: 3 **Contact Number:** **In Control:** City Council

File Created: 08/08/2025

File Name: 378 Sims Avenue **Final Action:**

Title: Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 378 SIMS AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 25-5.

Notes: Wesley Hart
13130 Quail Creek Dr NE
Minneapolis, MN 55449
wwhart@gmail.com
541-212-3484

PD posted on 9/12/23
CCI paid for 12/8/23

True Yang
yangtrue07@gmail.com
651-285-3491

Sponsors: Kim **Enactment Date:**

Attachments: 378 Sims Ave.MF Letter 8-8-25.doc, 378 Sims Ave.Hart Yang R-R Ltr.8-28-25, 378 Sims Letter.Received 9-10-25.pdf, 378 Sims Ave.email chain 9-10-25.pdf, 378 Sims Ave.contractor letter.9-10-25, 378 Sims Ave.Cert of Code Compl 10-23-25.docx **Financials Included?:**

Contact Name: **Hearing Date:**

Entered by: Mai Vang **Ord Effective Date:**

History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Legislative Hearings	08/26/2025	Referred	City Council	09/10/2025		

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 9/10/2025
Notes: *Recommendation forthcoming pending status of project on CPH date.*

True Yang, owner, appeared via phone

Voicemail left for Wesley Hart at 10:04 am: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling you about the follow up for 378 Sims. We have Ms. True Yang on the line. We'll conduct the hearing and send a follow up letter.

Staff update by Supervisors James Hoffman: per Inspector Zane they are at 80% completion based without full access to system to check permit status.

Yang: I just spoke with the contractor and he met with Clint and they were at 80%, but right now he completed the basement and gutters after inspection. He just needs to put in windows and do some wall repairs, and then he will schedule a final inspection.

Moermond: Council Public Hearing of September 10th. You do seem to be close to the finish line. On September 10th, do you think you'll go beyond that? I can work with a couple weeks grace period, but if it goes longer I would want an updated work plan.

Yang: I will let the contractor know. I will keep you updated.

2	City Council	09/10/2025	Continue Public Hearing	City Council	10/22/2025
	Action Text:	Public hearing continued to October 22, 2025			
2	City Council	10/22/2025	Continue Public Hearing	City Council	11/12/2025
	Action Text:	Public hearing continued to November 12, 2025			

Text of Legislative File RLH RR 25-24

Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 378 SIMS AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 25-5.

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August 8, 2025

Wesley Hart
13130 Quail Creek Dr NE
Minneapolis, MN 55449

VIA EMAIL: wwhart@gmail.com

True Yang

VIA EMAIL: Yangtrue07@gmail.com

Re: Second Making Finding for Remove or Repair of the Structure at 378 SIMS AVENUE

Dear Mr. Hart & Ms. Yang:

Legislative Hearings were conducted in the above-referenced matter before Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, and she recommended that the City Council grant an additional 180 days for the nuisance building to be abated by razing and removal or rehabilitation, as evidenced by issuance of a Certificate of Code Compliance.

You are scheduled for a Legislative Hearing on **Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 330 City Hall** at which DSI staff will present information on the current building conditions and progress toward abatement of the nuisance conditions.

Please contact Building Inspector Clint Zane at 651-248-3860 as soon as possible to schedule for a progress inspection prior to this hearing. For other vacant building related questions, contact James Hoffman at 651-266-1947.

The findings of the Legislative Hearing will be considered at a City Council Public Hearing on **Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 300 Council Chambers.**

Any questions, please contact me at 651-266-8563.

Sincerely,
/s/
Mai Vang
Legislative Hearing Coordinator

cc: Steve Magner, Code Enforcement Manager (DSI)
Nathan Bruhn, Building Inspector (DSI)

Clint Zane, Building Inspector (DSI)
James Hoffman, Vacant Building Supervisor (DSI)
Christine Boulware, Heritage Preservation Planner
Vicki Sheffer, TISH Program Manager (DSI)
Robert Humphrey, Vacant Building Inspector (DSI)

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August 28, 2025

Wesley Hart
13130 Quail Creek Dr NE
Minneapolis, MN 55449

VIA EMAIL: wwhart@gmail.com

True Yang

VIA EMAIL: Yangtrue07@gmail.com

Re: Remove or Repair of the Structure at 378 SIMS AVENUE

Dear Wesley Hart & True Yang:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on Tuesday, August 26, Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond's recommendation and finding is forthcoming pending completion of the project.

As mentioned in the hearing, please keep us updated as to the status of the project, if it will not be completed within a couple of weeks after the September 10th Council Public Hearing, you will need to submit an updated work plan and proof of financing.

This matter will go before the City Council at Public Hearing on **Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 3:30 pm. in room 300 City Hall.** If you are contesting Ms. Moermond's recommendation you must: **appear in person (*please arrive before 3:30 p.m. and check in with staff outside Council chambers when you arrive*);**

If you don't wish to contest then **no further action is needed** and the Council will proceed with Ms. Moermond's recommendation above without discussion. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 651-266-8585.

Sincerely,
/s/
Joanna Zimny

c:
Rehabilitation & Removal staff
William Purtell obo Freedom Mortgage Corp.
VIA EMAIL: William.purtell@dinsmore.com

Tim Praxaya
Absolute Home Value Inc.
16054 Fairgreen Ave
Rosemount, MN 55068

True Yang
378 Sims Ave
St. Paul, MN 55117

Dear True,

This letter is to inform you of the work that is being performed at 378 Sims Ave. is 90% complete the remaining work that is required to be complete before final inspection can be requested is listed below:

4 qty Window Installations (Waiting on one window to be delivered)

Flood Cut Wall Repair in the Kitchen Area.

The work to complete this is in progress and will be scheduled to be completed by **August 19, 2025**. I will request final inspection 2 days prior to completion date.

If you have any questions regarding this, please give me a call at 612-807-4976.

Best Regards,

Tim Praxaya

Phone: 612-807-4976

Email: timmprax@yahoo.com

Mai Vang

From: Joanna Zimny
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:50 AM
To: Marcia Moermond
Cc: Mai Vang
Subject: FW: 378 Sims Ave
Attachments: 378 Sims Letter.docx

From: Tim Praxaya <timpraxaya@absolutehomevalue.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 3:37 PM
To: True Yang <yangtrue07@gmail.com>
Cc: Clint Zane <Clint.Zane@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; James Hoffman <james.hoffman@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Joanna Zimny <joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Robert Humphrey <robert.humphrey@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Vicki Sheffer <vicki.sheffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Nathan Bruhn <nathan.bruhn@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Christine Boulware <christine.boulware@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: 378 Sims Ave

You don't often get email from timpraxaya@absolutehomevalue.org. Learn why this is important

Think Before You Click: This email originated **outside** our organization.

Hi True,

Here is the letter stating when work will be completed at 378 Sims Ave.

If you have any questions please call me 612-807-4976

Best Regards,

Tim Praxaya
Absolute Home Value Inc.

On Tue, Aug 26, 2025 at 8:04 AM True Yang <yangtrue07@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hello, all
>
> Would you be able to call me on my cell phone for the hearing? Clint met with my contractor, Tim already and we are almost done with the repairs.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> True Yang

651-285-3491
Sent from mobile

On Fri, Aug 8, 2025, 8:43 AM Clint Zane <Clint.Zane@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Hello True,

According to the letter that was sent to you, you were supposed to schedule a ***progress inspection*** with me. I was told that this was a final inspection, therefore I did not make consideration of the % of progress of the rehabilitation. You will need to call me to schedule a progress inspection so I can covey the progress to Mai Vang prior to your hearing.

Due to the city systems being down, contact me via my cell phone: 651-248-3860.

Best -

Clint Zane

Vacant Buildings Inspector

Building Inspector
Department of Safety and Inspections
375 Jackson Street, Suite 300
Saint Paul, MN 55101

P: 651-266-9029
C: 651-248-3860

Clint.Zane@ci.stpaul.mn.us

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DSI's Mission: "To preserve and improve the quality of life in Saint Paul by protecting and promoting public health and safety for all."

From: True Yang <yangtrue07@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 8:19 AM

To: Clint Zane <Clint.Zane@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Tim Praxaya <timpraxaya@absolutehomevalue.org>
Cc: James Hoffman <james.hoffman@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Joanna Zimny <joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Robert Humphrey <robert.humphrey@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Vicki Sheffer <vicki.sheffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Nathan Bruhn <nathan.bruhn@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Christine Boulware <christine.boulware@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Fwd: 378 Sims Ave

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Hello, Tim and Clint

Is there anything I need for this? I think you guys met last week. The hearing for the above property is on the 26th of this month.

Please let me know

Sincerely,

True Yang
651-285-3491
Sent from mobile

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Mai Vang** <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Date: Fri, Aug 8, 2025, 8:12 AM
Subject: 378 Sims Ave
To: Wesley Hart <wwhart@gmail.com>, True Yang <yangtrue07@gmail.com>
Cc: Steve Magner <steve.magner@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Nathan Bruhn <nathan.bruhn@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Clint Zane <Clint.Zane@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, James Hoffman <james.hoffman@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Christine Boulware <christine.boulware@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Vicki Sheffer

<vicki.sheffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Robert Humphrey <robert.humphrey@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Joanna Zimny <joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Hello Wesley Hart & True Yang,

Please see attached.

Mai Vang
(She, her)
Legislative Hearing Coordinator | St Paul City Council

M: (651) 266-8585 ; D: (651) 266-8563

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd, St Paul, MN 55102

SAINT PAUL
MINNESOTA

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DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY & INSPECTIONS (DSI)
ANGIE WIESE, PE(MN), CBO, DIRECTOR

375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806
Tel: 651-266-8989 | Fax: 651-266-9124

October 23, 2025

Wesley Hart
13130 Quail Creek Dr NE
Minneapolis, MN 55449

EMAIL: yangtrue07@gmail.com

EMAIL: wwhart@gmail.com

To Whom It May Concern:

The building or portion of building identified below has been inspected and is in compliance with applicable code requirements for the occupancy classification and use listed below.

Certificate of Code Compliance

Property Address	378 Sims Ave
Property Owner	Wesley Hart
Owner's Address	378 Sims Ave
Use of Building	Duplex
If occupancy is restricted, describe the portion of the building approved for occupancy or any conditions limiting use of the building in the box to the right:	Approved with corrections.

Sincerely,

Nathan Bruhn
Building Official

City of Saint Paul

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File Number: RLH SAO 25-52

File ID:	RLH SAO 25-52	**Type:**	Resolution LH Summary Abatement Order	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	2	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	08/13/2025
File Name:	2198 Tilsen Avenue			**Final Action:**	

Title: Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2198 TILSEN AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-49.

Notes: Jennifer Adrian
adrianjennifer9@gmail.com
651-315-9950

Sponsors:	Yang	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	2198 Tilsen Ave.Munos email 11-4-25.pdf, 2198 Tilsen Ave.photos 11-4-25.pdf	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Legislative Hearings	11/04/2025	Referred	City Council	11/12/2025		

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 11/12/2025

Notes: *The nuisance is abated and the matter resolved.*

No one appeared

Moermond: this is now below 36"?

Supervisor Lisa Martin: that is correct.

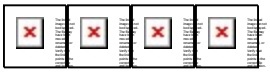
Moermond: property is now in compliance and the matter resolved.

Text of Legislative File RLH SAO 25-52

Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2198 TILSEN AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-49.

Mai Vang

From: Anthony Munos
Sent: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 8:01 AM
To: Mai Vang
Cc: Lisa Martin
Subject: 2198 Tilsen ave E



Property is in compliance.

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Mai Vang

From: Anthony Munos
Sent: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 8:37 AM
To: Mai Vang; Anthony Munos
Cc: Lisa Martin
Subject: 2198 Tilsen ave

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File Number: RLH SAO 25-61

File ID:	RLH SAO 25-61	**Type:**	Resolution LH Summary Abatement Order	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	3	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/16/2025
File Name:	633 Van Buren Ave			**Final Action:**	

Title: Appeal of Johnny E Howard Sr to a Summary Abatement Order at 633 VAN BUREN AVENUE.

Notes: Appellant: Johnny E Howard Sr
Phone: 651-894-3216
Email: Jhowardsr721@gmail.com

Sponsors:	Bowie	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	633 Van Buren Ave.appeal 10-16-25, 633 Van Buren Ave.photos.10-9-25.pdf, 633 Van Buren Ave.Howard Ltr.10-30-25	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
Entered by:	melanie.zastrow@ci.stpaul.mn.us	**Ord Effective Date:**	

History of Legislative File

Ver-sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Legislative Hearings	10/28/2025	Referred	City Council	11/12/2025		

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 11/12/2025
Notes: *Grant to December 12, 2025 for compliance.*

Johnny Howard, owner, appeared

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Lisa Martin: orders issued October 9th, 2025 to remove and properly dispose of some tires, scrap wood, plastic barrel, metal barrel and miscellaneous garbage and debris from the entire property, especially the rear.. Metro mosquito control number given to remove the tires at no cost. Issued by Inspector Vang. Compliance date of October 16.

Howard: they're new tires, on rims on class 5, top of a tarp, sitting in the corner. I don't understand the issue. There are no mosquitos.

Moermond: are you going to use them?

Howard: yes.

Moermond: store them inside until you use them. You can't have tires on the outside. Shed. Garage. It

is clear you can't store tires outside.

Howard: I asked Mr. Vang to send me that. That's really in there? That they can't be on a surface like that? All those tires stacked up as high as a house I see sitting there? There's a problem with mine?

Moermond: yeah. Clean no on that. Then it is about timing, which we will come back too. I would not want to have the City take those tires away, they can't be stored indefinitely on the exterior regardless of how you have them stored. Moving on to the scrap wood and construction materials. What is the plan there?

Howard: it isn't on the ground. Did they send you the pictures?

Moermond: yes.

Howard: they're not big black ugly rusted barrels. They match my flower pots.

Martin: they're 55-gallon drums.

Moermond: is there anything in them?

Howard: they're just painted.

Moermond: so empty.

Howard: and I have my decking off the ground.

Moermond: well, that is a requirement for storage of fire wood, but construction materials no.

Howard: it is elevated.

Moermond: it is, but it is construction materials. What is the plan with those?

Howard: it is decking. We were replacing boards on the deck a bit at a time.

Moermond: is there a time when you'll be done?

Howard: [no answer to the question] Are the barrels all right in my yard?

Moermond: I'm inclined to say they can stay.

Howard: the wood is up, behind the barrel, stacked neatly, tightly with a strap around them.

Moermond: and I will say that storage of construction materials on the exterior of the property is not ok in the code, the same way tires isn't. I am looking for a way and timeline for this to be dealt with so I can craft something that makes sense for your situation. I'm not trying to make your life more difficult. If you told me that next spring you are replacing the deck then, no problem, that makes sense. But in terms of periodically using them when they need to be replaced, this isn't the place to keep them forever.

Howard: I hear what you are saying. Tell me about the debris. There is a stair tread and ten 2x4's. I ride around the City and it is hard to imagine even being here looking at those pictures and looking at the rest of the City. It is 2 x 4's and there's garbage all over the City. The stair tread is 12 feet. It says other miscellaneous debris. Can you show me in the pictures?

Moermond: they may be talking about the stair treads. Honestly looking at this I can't see what the inspector was referencing for the debris.

Howard: I walk around---I really like grass. I want to see those pictures.

Martin: there's a black tarp under the tires. By the chair there's scrap wood.

[inspector photos shown on screen]

Moermond: I'm not seeing debris per se.

Martin: if they take the tires and leave the tarp—we don't list out every single item outside. Miscellaneous debris—no exterior storage.

Howard: it says especially from the rear of the property.

Moermond: is that a cover-all statement?

Martin: yes.

Moermond: in the back specifically, we have the tarp. Nothing from the front. Department of Safety & Inspections uses the phrase as a "catch all". Is that a single-car garage?

Howard: yes. I don't think I could have it any neater. The wood in the back is treated lumber. The brick thing is a block. There are no loose bricks. What about the chair?

Moermond: that's an exterior chair, it is fine.

Martin: it is a double garage.

Howard: yeah, it is. After I took the wood out of the garage. I apparently moved it after you took your pictures. So, what do you want me to do? I really don't feel good being here.

Moermond: no, no one does.

Howard: its just dumb things. I'm not trying to throw anyone else's property under there, but those barrels—I don't see the need for them to move. I don't know. What are we doing here? [mumbles] It don't feel right.

Moermond: one of the things you touched on earlier was how you see garbage around the City and you're thinking this isn't the same, and I agree. There's complaint based inspection for both the garbage, garbage bags, and the construction materials and tires. I have a ton of appeals related to orders and also a ton of assessments for property clean ups on garbage in yard. That's a ton of what the City does in that regard. I do know there's plenty there and a limited number of inspectors and we just deal with the calls that come in.

Howard: the stair treads on the ground, and the construction material wasn't even in the picture so, wasn't in the yard either. In my pictures it was more wood, not yours.

Moermond: the thing is you are looking to be able to keep the tires outside as well as what?

Howard: it is neat as heck. The stair tread, I'm hoping I can return it since it hasn't been cut. The other stuff I just….I don't know.

Moermond: is there a reason you can't store it in your garage?

Howard: I just don't.

Moermond: you don't like it in there.

Howard: yeah, I mean. What about on the inside of my yard, the same materials? Is that illegal too?

Moermond: it isn't inside a building and that's the rule.

Howard: if I have a piece of metal and put it between the two rims, would that be alright then?

Moermond: no.

Howard: that's what a trailer is. Two tires—

Moermond: connected to a trailer, in use as tires.

Howard: and that's alright.

Moermond: They aren't being stored as tires. Same as tires on a car, which get written up if they're flat typically. The code says it shall be unlawful to accumulate and store building materials, lumber, boxes, cartons, portable storage containers, intermodal storage containers, or other containers. Machinery, scrap metal, junk, raw materials, or fabricated goods. Tires are covered in chapter 45, the nuisance code. This is the property maintenance code. This seems like a doable project. If you are going to put them to use I'm happy to give plenty of time to do that. At the same time, the same code applies to everyone, including me. You've been in this business Mr. Howard, I think you know how it works. I think you've cleaned these properties up at some point. It is the end of October. I think it's reasonable to expect these would be put to use or removed—and put to use means if the board is for the deck, then the board is one the deck—

Howard: I didn't get written up for those so. I'm going to move the tires. I'll take the stair things back to Menards today. Those aren't garbage on the ground so..

Moermond: and we just talked about that.

Howard: everything on that order will be done.

Moermond: I'll push this to December 12th.

Howard: you want the tires moved by December 12th?

Moermond: tires, scrap wood addressed by then. We'll send that forward to Council and you can testify to them if you want a different outcome, that's what that's there for.

Howard: I should move the stuff and then come to Council and then complain?

Moermond: no, I'm trying to give you a long deadline. We'll put this in front of Council November 12th. They can vote on the deadline I'm recommending to you, or the order itself. It is their discretion on how they handle it. The next stop is Council on the 12th, with a deadline way in December. Staff will drive by after that deadline to see if it is taken care of. Again, the Council could look at it differently than I do. I can only call it by the code and we need a time certain to have things done. Hopefully a couple of months does the trick. I'm sorry, I know that isn't what you're looking for.

Howard: I think it should be revisited, even the wording. I'll come on the 12th.

Text of Legislative File RLH SAO 25-61

Appeal of Johnny E Howard Sr to a Summary Abatement Order at 633 VAN BUREN AVENUE.

APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
Telephone: (651) 266-8585

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We need the following to process your appeal:

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- ✓ **Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed**
- ✓ **Attachments you may wish to include**
- ☐ **This appeal form completed**
- ✓ **Walk-In** *OR* ☐ **Mail-In**

for abatement orders only: ☐ **Email** *OR* ☐ **Fax**

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)
Tuesday, October 28, 2025
Location of Hearing:
☐ **Telephone:** *you will be called between*
11:00 am & 1:00 pm
☒ **In person** *(Room 330 City Hall)* **at:** 11:00am
(required for all Fire C of O revocation & vacate; Condemnation orders)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 633 Van Buren Ave City: St Paul State: MN Zip: 55104

Appellant/Applicant: Johnny E Howard SR Email Jhoward sr721@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 651 894-3216

Signature: Johnny E Howard SR Date: 10-16-2025

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell _____

What Is Being Appealed and Why? *Attachments Are Acceptable*

- ☐ **Vacate Order/Condemnation/ Revocation of Fire C of O** _____
- ☐ **Summary/Vehicle Abatement** _____
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- ☒ **Code Enforcement Correction Notice** _____
- ☐ **Vacant Building Registration** _____
- ☐ **Other** (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) _____

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Summary Abatement Order

Date: 10/9/2025

Yog hais tias koj tsis to taub tsab ntwav no, hu rau ntawm (651) 266-8989. Lawv mam nrhiav ib tug neeg txhais lus los pab koj.

To: JOHNNY EARL HOWARD SR
633 VAN BUREN AVE
SAINT PAUL MN 55104-1659

To: _____

☒ As owner or person(s) responsible for: **633 VAN BUREN AVE,** you are hereby ordered to eliminate all nuisance conditions which are in violation of Chapter 45 of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

☒ Remove improperly stored or accumulated refuse including: garbage, rubbish, discarded furniture, appliances, vehicle parts, scrap wood and metal, recycling materials, household items, building materials or rubble, tires, brush, etc., from yard areas. **PLEASE REMOVE AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF THE TIRES, SCRAP WOODS, PLASTIC BARREL, METAL BARREL, AND ALL MISCELLANEOUS GARBAGE DEBRIS FROM THE ENTIRE PROPERTY, ESPECIALLY FROM THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY. THANK YOU.**

☐ Cut and remove tall grass, weeds and rank plant growth. _____

☐ Remove and properly dispose of all animal feces from yard areas. _____

☐ **IMMEDIATELY** secure all buildings which are open to unauthorized entry, including: _____

_____

☒ Other: THE METROPOLITAN MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT OFFERS SEASONAL TIRE REMOVAL AT NO COST. PLEASE CALL 651-645-9149, TO SCHEDULE A FREE PICK UP. ONCE SCHEDULED, MARK THE TIRE(S) AS 'SCHEDULED FOR PICK UP AND DATE OF PICK UP'.

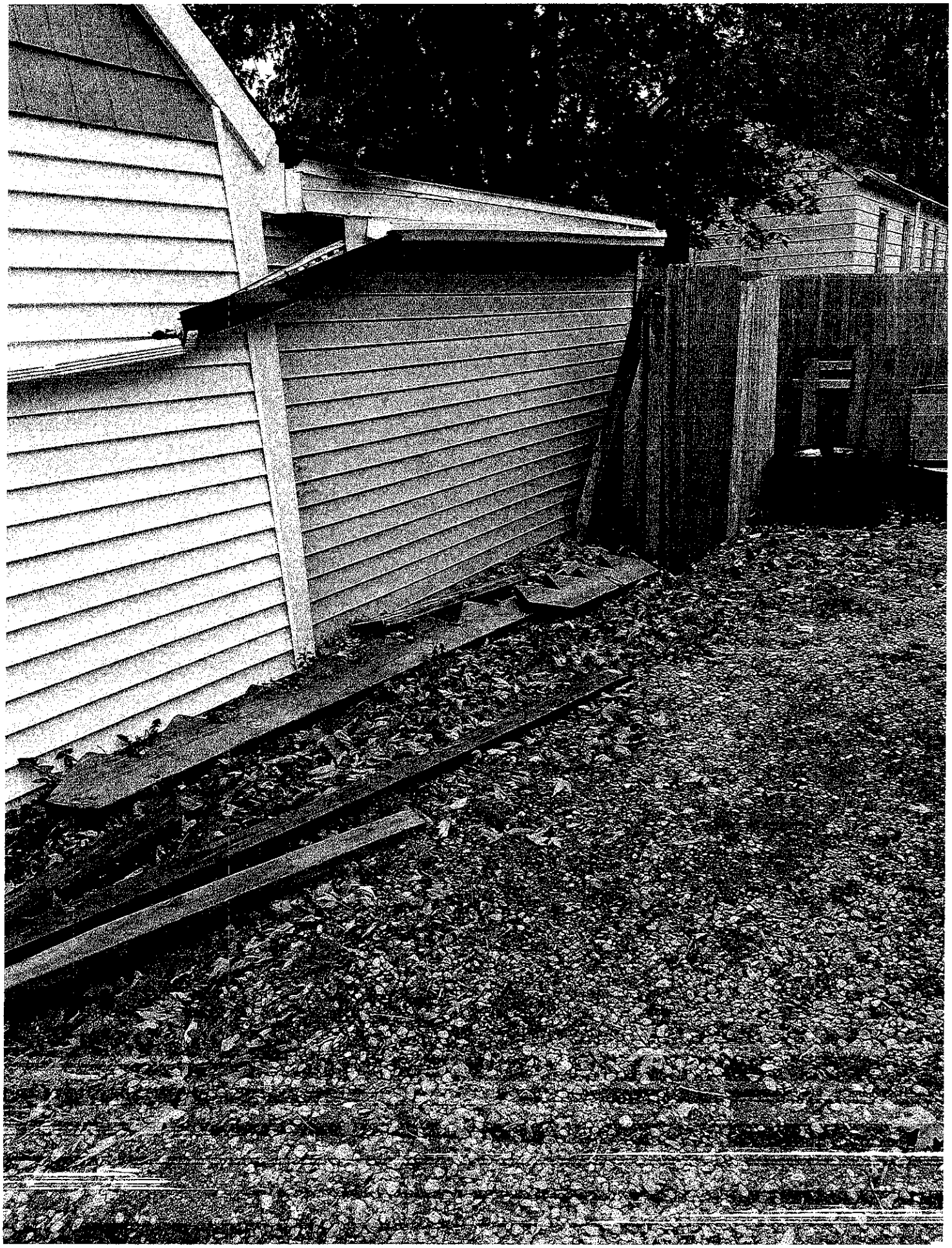
If you do not correct the nuisance or file an appeal before **10/16/2025**, the City will correct the nuisance and charge all costs, including boarding costs, against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes.

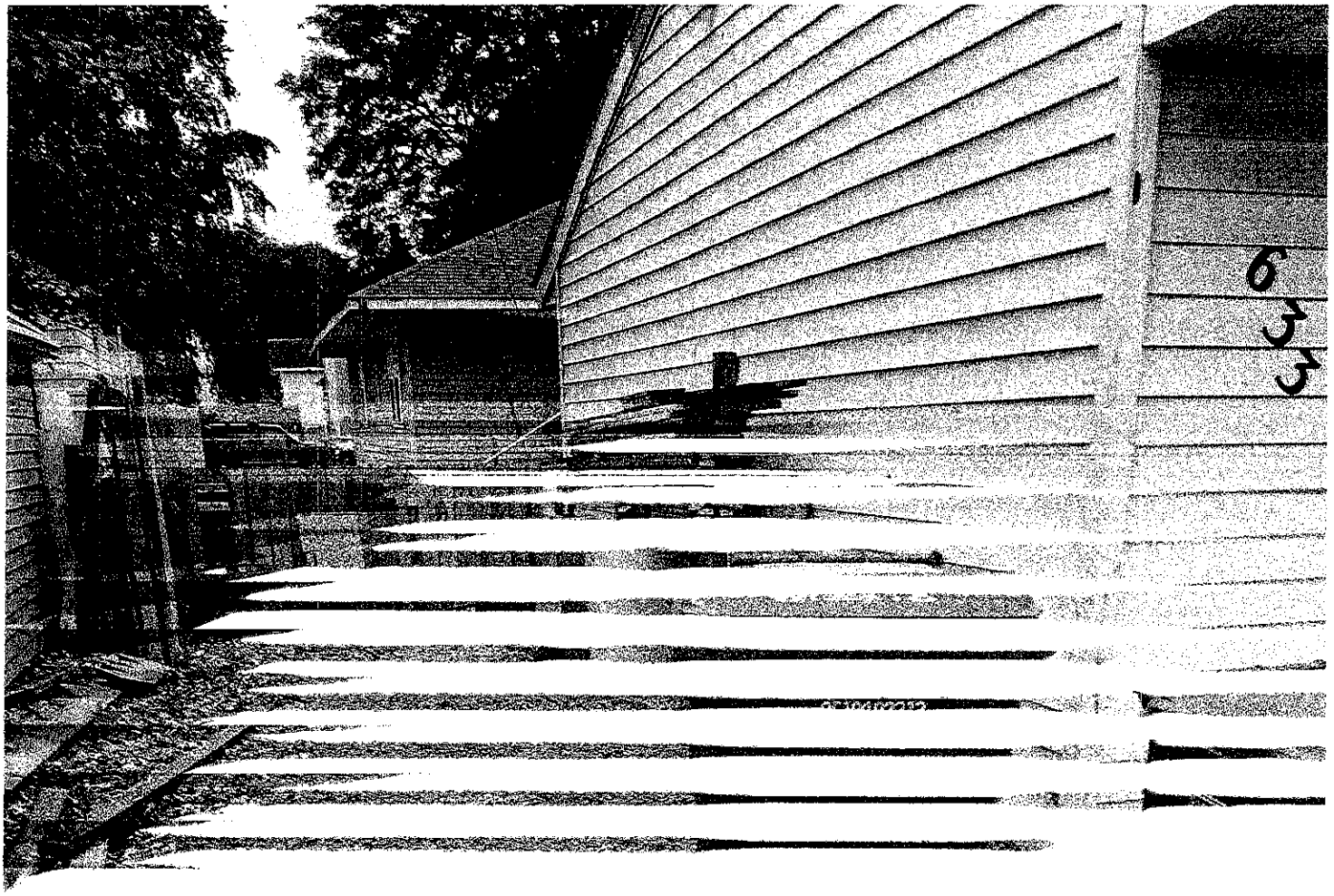
Charges: If the City corrects the nuisance, the charges will include the cost of correction, inspection, travel time, equipment, etc. The rate will be approximately $450 per hour plus expenses for abatement.

You must maintain the premises in a clean condition and provide proper and adequate refuse storage at all times. Failure to comply may result in a criminal citation

Issued by: Allan Vang Badge number: 362 Phone number/Email: (651) 266-1915 / allan.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us

If you have any questions about this order, the requirements or the deadline, you should contact the Inspector listed above, Monday through Friday.

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Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer
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PHONE: (651) 266-8585 FAX: (651) 266-8574

October 30, 2025

Johnny Howard Sr.
633 Van Buren Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104

VIA EMAIL: jhowardsr721@gmail.com

Re: Appeal for property at 633 Van Buren Avenue

Johnny Howard Sr.:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on October 28, 2025 Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond recommended that the City Council **grant December 12, 2025 for compliance.**

This matter will go before the City Council at Public Hearing on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 3:30 pm. in room 300 City Hall.** If you are contesting Ms. Moermond's recommendation you may:

1. appear in person (*please arrive before 3:30 p.m. and check in with staff outside Council chambers when you arrive*).

If you don't wish to contest then **no further action is needed** and the Council will proceed with Ms. Moermond's recommendation above without discussion.

Ms. Moermond will review this case under new resolutions at a December 16, 2025 Legislative Hearing at 11:00 a.m. to determine if you have abated the nuisance(s) listed above on deadline. The City Council Public Hearing will be scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 3:30 pm. in room 300 City Hall. You are welcome to attend any of these hearings. If you are contesting Ms. Moermond's recommendation from the December 16 hearing, you may appear in person. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 651-266-8585.

Sincerely,

/s/
Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

c:

CE Supervisors
Allan Vang – Department of Safety & Inspections, Code Inspector

City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg
Boulevard
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File Number: RLH CO 25-13

File ID:	RLH CO 25-13	**Type:**	Resolution LH Correction Order (Code Enforcement Only)	**Status:**	Agenda Ready
Version:	2	**Contact Number:**		**In Control:**	City Council
				File Created:	10/21/2025
File Name:	613 Virginia Street			**Final Action:**	

Title: Appeal of Robert Lankfard to a Correction Order at 613 VIRGINIA STREET.

Notes: Robert Lankfard
RobertLankfard4@gmail.com
612-275-3393

Sponsors:	Bowie	**Enactment Date:**	
Attachments:	613 Virginia St.appeal 10-21-25.pdf, 613 Virginia St.photos 10-13-25.pdf, 613 Virginia St.Lankfard Ltr.10-30-25	**Financials Included?:**	
Contact Name:		**Hearing Date:**	
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1	Legislative Hearings	10/28/2025	Referred	City Council	11/12/2025		

Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 11/12/2025

Notes: *Grant to November 24, 2025 for compliance (refreshing class 5 with clean boundaries).*

Robert Lankfard, owner, appeared

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Lisa Martin: October 13, 2025 we issued a correction notice to discontinue parking on an unapproved surface until it has an approved site plan. Discontinue. He has a nice garage, a nice space next to eh garage, there is class 5 there but there may be an extension into the backyard. With snow emergencies and parking emergencies getting a place next to the garage probably isn't going to be an issue, and it has been there for quite some time.

Lankfard: I've been parking in those areas for 20 some years. I had a fire in 2006, and most of my backyard was class 5 including the area I park with my boat and trailer. When I built the garage it took up a lot of the area so I didn't think there was a problem with still parking there. I did move my one boat out of the front, instead of the street, but I put it in my garage. What triggered this is because the alley there is a lot of illegal parking and cars all over the place. I keep my stuff neat, it has been that

way for decades. I do agree with Inspector Kedrowski, who first talked to me about it, I was getting ready to put a slab in. What triggered this is I had some rebar and he was doing inspection and told me I can't do that. I never saw this Vang person at all.

Moermond: you mentioned a fire.

Lankfard: it was around the same time as Hurricane Katrina, so it took a long time for our house to get done because all the contractors went south. That's also when we built the garage.

Moermond: your entire back yard was gravel, then you had the fire in 2006, and built a new garage at that time. So the gravel in the backyard went away but-for the area beside the garage. So, it was preexisting.

Lankfard: yes.

Martin: looking at the photos from 2011 the entire backyard is grass. Moving forward it looks 2018 it was still grass. The only concern we have with this parking situation is the side-yard set back and that's probably why Kedrowski mentioned the site-plan review before he pours cement. That's a lot of money to spend if it has to be pulled back out.

Lankfard: and I don't want the concrete there. I just need some place to park.

Moermond: but you didn't access photos from 2006 or before?

Martin: 2016 it shows grass in the backyard and beside garage looks like just dirt. It looks like it has been a parking space for quite some time.

Lankfard: the part in discussion now was never grass.

Moermond: I'm going to take this as pre-existing because it was there. If it is preexisting class-5 gravel the main thing is maintaining what is already there. Right now, it looks more dirt than gravel again, so I'm going to look for you to maintain and clean that up. I think the set back is 3 feet, so you're going to want to put in some sort of border or barrier between the gravel and the 3 foot area. We know gravel migrates. Railroad ties or something to keep it from migrating to the neighbor's and across your yard. Make it obvious it has that 3 foot set back.

Lankfard: I do have a fence on that side. It is a wood privacy fence.

Moermond: that does make me feel better about migrating gravel as well. I'm going to say keep that 3 foot separation if for no other reason than keeping an inspector from bugging you again. I'm convinced it was a preexisting condition. Let's not have it be longer than the garage, have it match the length of the garage.

Lankfard: that's how it is. I was talking about the spot in the yard where I have the gate.

Moermond: I'm looking at a picture with a trailer. What do you think a deadline that would work for you is? Thanksgiving?

Lankfard: I can have it done by then.

Moermond: that's probably simplest. I will say if you change it out at all you will have to go to asphalt or concrete or some other type of surface. The alley is paved, and they make those decisions based on that.

Text of Legislative File RLH CO 25-13

Appeal of Robert Lankfard to a Correction Order at 613 VIRGINIA STREET.

APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

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- [x] **Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed & any attachments you may wish to include**

[x] Walk In [x] Mail [ ] Email
Appeal taken by:

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing staff)
Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025
Location of Hearing:

- [ ] **Telephone:** ***you will be called between*** _____ & _____
- [x] **In person** (*Room 330 City Hall*) **at:** 11:00 a.m.
(required for all condemnation orders and Fire C of O revocations and orders to vacate)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 613 VIRGINIA City: ST. PAUL State: MN Zip: 55103

Appellant/Applicant: ROBERT LANKFARD Email ROBERTLANKFARD4@Gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 612-275-3393

Signature: Robert L. Lankfard Date: 10-21-2025

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): SAME

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Residence _____ Cell _____

What is being appealed and Why? Attachments Are Acceptable

- [ ] **Vacate Order/Condemnation/ Revocation of Fire C of O** _____
- [ ] **Summary/Vehicle Abatement** _____
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To: OCCUPANT
613 VIRGINIA ST
SAINT PAUL MN 55103-1756

CORRECTION NOTICE

Date: 10/13/2025
RE: 613 VIRGINIA ST

Dear Sir/Madam:

The City of Saint Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections has inspected the above referenced property on **10/10/2025** and has determined that the following deficiencies exist in violation of the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

1. SPLC 34.08. - **PARKING:** Parked or stored vehicles. All existing parking spaces shall consist of asphalt, concrete, or other durable and dustless surfaces. Before any existing parking spaces or driveways may be expanded upon, site plan approval must be obtained as specified in the Saint Paul Zoning Code and the lot must be developed in conformance with such approval.

YOU ARE PARKING ON AN UNAPPROVED SURFACE. IMMEDIATELY DISCONTINUE PARKING ON THE UNAPPROVED SURFACE AND REMOVE ALL VEHICLES AND/OR TRAILERS UNTIL A SITE PLAN IS APPROVED BY ZONING AND THE APPROVED AREA HAS BEEN PAVED. THANK YOU.

You are hereby notified to correct these deficiencies in accordance with the appropriate codes. The enforcement Officer will re-inspect these premises on or after **10/27/2025**, by which date the violations noted must be corrected. Failure to correct these deficiencies may result in an abatement and /or additional fees for re-inspection.

You may file an appeal to this notice by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (651) 266-8585. Any appeal must be made in writing within 10 days of the date of this notice. (You must submit a copy of this Notice when you appeal and pay a filing fee.)

If you have any questions or request additional information concerning this matter, please contact Inspector Allan Vang, at (651) 266-1915 or allan.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us

To arrange an appointment or request an extension of time to complete repairs, you will need to speak directly to the inspector.

Sincerely,

Allan Vang

Enforcement Officer - Badge No: 362

To see the legislative Code go to www.stpaul.gov on the internet, clidk on "Departments", then click on "Department of Safety and Inspections", scroll down the page for the "Codes". Most Correction Notices derive from Chapter 34.

***WARNING:** Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If multiple trips within a year to your property are required to ensure compliance with the law, you may be charged for the cost of inspections and enforcement trips to your property. Such charges are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

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October 30, 2025

Robert Lankford
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VIA EMAIL: robertlankford4@gmail.com

Re: Appeal for property at 613 Virginia Street

Robert Lankford:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on October 28, 2025 Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond recommended that the City Council **grant to November 24, 2025 for compliance (refreshing class 5 with clean boundaries).**

This matter will go before the City Council at Public Hearing on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 3:30 pm. in room 300 City Hall.** If you are contesting Ms. Moermond's recommendation you may:

1. appear in person (*please arrive before 3:30 p.m. and check in with staff outside Council chambers when you arrive*).

If you don't wish to contest then **no further action is needed** and the Council will proceed with Ms. Moermond's recommendation above without discussion. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 651-266-8585.

Sincerely,

/s/
Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

c:
CE Supervisors
Allan Vang – Department of Safety & Inspections, Code Inspector