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To: [*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Support Phase 1 zoning code amendments
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Dear City Council,

I am submitting a comment to support amending the zoning code as recommended by the Planning Commission in Phase 1 of the 1-4 Unit Housing Study.

These are measured, thoughtful steps to help alleviate the housing supply crunch contributing to the housing affordability crisis in the city and region. The recommendations from Phase 1 of the study are positive, incremental steps to make housing easier to build and provide more variety of housing. With an aging and growing immigrant population, it is essential for the city to make a variety of housing styles available to meet the needs of the community. Accessory-dwelling units are one-such tool.

The one change I would propose from the current recommendations is to remove the requirement for those building an ADU on top of a garage to obtain the consent of 2/3 of neighbors within 100 feet. This requirement is inconsistent with ground-level ADUs, which do not require any input from neighbors, and is a needless burden on property-owners.

In addition, as the city looks to Phase 2 of the study, I hope you will support an ambitious agenda to address housing supply through further zoning code amendments. A denser, more livable city can be made a reality. This will benefit our current residents and provide additional housing for the future residents of the city.

Thank you for your consideration.

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