

**From:** [nancy demko](#)  
**To:** [#CI-StPaul\\_Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Amendment to Zoning Map and sections of Legislative Code re: production of 1-6 residential housing options  
**Date:** Monday, October 16, 2023 3:50:16 PM

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**From:** nancy demko  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 3:29 PM  
**To:** \*ouncil@ci.stpaul.mn.us <\*ouncil@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Amendment to Zoning Map and sections of Legislative Code re: production of 1-6 residential housing options

Re:

Amending the Zoning Map and specific sections of the Legislative Code pertaining to zoning regulations to promote the production of 1-6 unit residential housing options as recommended in Phase 2 of the 1-4 Unit Housing Study and amending additional Legislative Code sections that regulate those aspects of property maintenance associated with 1-6 unit housing.

I do not want the code or regulations to be amended as recommended. There needs to be much more impact assessment done on surrounding homes and businesses as this affects street lighting, parking, security, and services such as trash removal, police and fire protection, etc.

**From:** [Bruce Nustad](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Jon Grebner](#); [Beth Commers](#); [Will Hagen](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 23-48 ESST update  
**Date:** Monday, October 16, 2023 3:31:58 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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[MN\\_Retailers\\_Letter\\_Support\\_ESST\\_Alignment\\_With\\_State\\_Law\\_October16\\_2023.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon! Please accept the attached comments supporting the proposed updates to the City's earned sick and safe time ordinance.

Thank you!

Bruce

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Bruce Nustad, President  
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Members of the St. Paul City Council:

The Minnesota Retailers Association would like to express our appreciation to the City of St. Paul for its initiative to align the City's sick and safe leave ordinance with the recently passed State law.

We believe alignment will streamline the ordinance, making compliance and continuity more straightforward for employees, employers, and regulators.

Again, thank you for your efforts to amend the sick and safe time ordinance to align with state law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Nustad", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bruce Nustad  
president  
bruce@mnretail.org

**From:** [Polly Heintz](#)  
**To:** [Greg Weiner](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Proposal regarding rezoning of single family lots on Saint Paul  
**Date:** Monday, October 16, 2023 1:43:21 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Krisanne Dattir <kadattir@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 1:41 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: Proposal regarding rezoning of single family lots on Saint Paul

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Dear Ms. Prince,

I was heartened to hear that someone on our current city council is actually thinking about the health of our current neighborhoods by giving current residents a choice on which lots could/should accommodate increased density housing. The current proposal is preposterous!

Please please please do what you can to block this current proposal! Changing a small single family city lot to accommodate 5-6 units is unrealistic and will only allow developers to purchase these lots, none of which I can imagine are actual neighbors or citizens who actually care about the cohesiveness of the particular neighborhoods themselves. (I live near Allianz field and this area has not delivered on the promises made by their developer, or owner, and which has become the root of many additional problems in my neighborhood).

Taking away neighbors' choices by pushing through this legislation means people like me, who've lived and raised kids here and been committed to this neighborhood for nearly 30 years, will move out of it. I care, am a concerned citizen who contributes positively in my ward but having my voice silenced in this manner means I won't be hanging around.

Please voice our concerns (and there are many of us...) because our own council person isn't interested in views that dissent from hers.

Thank you,  
Krisanne Dattir

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kristin Koziol](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Ordinance 23-43  
**Date:** Monday, October 16, 2023 9:02:40 AM

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**From:** Victoria Stewart <[stew0042@umn.edu](mailto:stew0042@umn.edu)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2023 03:25 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward1 <[Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Ordinance 23-43

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I am a St. Paul resident of more than 30 years writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ordinance 23-43. It will create many problems and solve none. I urge you and other city council members to vote against it. Thank you,

Victoria Stewart  
124 Montrose Place  
55104

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Kristen Lund](#)  
**To:** [#CI-StPaul Council](#)  
**Subject:** Housing  
**Date:** Sunday, October 15, 2023 11:03:12 AM

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Your ordinance to provide affordable housing actually does not provide affordable housing to the folks that actually need it. St Paul already provides this level of affordable housing, your proposal only increases it by 10 percent. Meanwhile it does nothing to help the folks that really, truly need it. Why would you play games with poor people, or even normal everyday people that cannot afford the astronomical high cost of housing? I know you know this bill doesn't help hardly anyone? Why grandstand and act like you're making substantial change? I am very disappointed inadequate action but I'm mortified about the trickery of this proposal.

Kristen Lund

St. Paul business owner

**From:** [MariAnne Ludwig](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Multi-family housing units in residential single family neighborhoods  
**Date:** Saturday, October 14, 2023 2:39:08 PM

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I believe that we need to have better housing density and more affordable housing in Saint Paul. I live on Saint Clair Avenue which already has a balanced mix of single family, duplex and four-plex structures with several low rise apartment buildings. Having such diversity in housing stock is good for our neighborhood.

That being said, I am extremely concerned about the proposed ordinance for several reasons.

As currently written I do not believe it properly incentivizes builders to offer truly affordable units. I also oppose the large number of "short term rentals" allowed for development. I want people who want to be neighbors not just folks "passing through" who don't care about our neighborhood.

Lastly, I am extremely concerned that in its current iteration there will be encouragement to tear down perfectly good homes to build large structures with more parking and maintenance needs than the neighborhood can absorb. Council needs to go back to the drawing board and rethink this plan.

Marianne Ludwig  
1420 Saint Clair Avenue  
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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [meclasemann](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Rezoning of St Paul  
**Date:** Saturday, October 14, 2023 11:23:35 AM

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I am totally against the rezoning of St Paul for multiple dwelling units. We already have very limited parking here. It will also lead to even more crime than we already have that is not being addressed by our local government. People want single family homes with backyards to raise their children. Safe neighbors to be able to get out and enjoy fresh air, not New York style of living. People upon people and massive crime.

Owners of single family homes take pride in their homes, work hard to keep them looking nice and therefore improve the neighborhoods. They watch out for their neighbors and their neighbors property.

Keep the values people look for in a city to raise their families. We are the capital city of Minnesota why do you want so desperately to destroy it.

**From:** [Winston Kaehler](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** zoning change  
**Date:** Friday, October 13, 2023 10:11:00 PM

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The zoning change allowing multiunit buildings in any location in the city is yet one more shortsighted (and self-interested) solution to a problem that deserves more thoughtful consideration of longterm effects. Its main result will be a further abandonment and degradation of quality of life in the city.

**From:** [Russ & Anne Robbins](#)  
**To:** [#CI-StPaul\\_Council](#)  
**Subject:** Rezoning Single Family Lots  
**Date:** Friday, October 13, 2023 10:09:51 PM

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As a constituent, and 40 year resident of St. Paul I urge you not to pass the ordinance to change zoning to allow multi unit housing in current single family lots.

Anne Robbins  
200 Sidney St W

**From:** [Glenn mitchell](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** ordinance 23-43  
**Date:** Friday, October 13, 2023 6:43:49 PM

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I am a homeowner in Merriam Park. I live in a single family home in a neighborhood of older housing stock. In the last year, I have watched multiple, beautiful single family homes torn down by developers hell bent on building expensive student housing and apartments on Marshall Avenue. How long will it take for them to move a block south to tear down beautiful old single family homes to build up to 6 unit modern (ugly) boxes on lots that are meant for a single family home? These ugly boxes next to charming older (well maintained) homes. It takes away from the charm of the neighborhood. It makes no sense. As a city, you've said that you want to encourage home ownership. How does this encourage home ownership...it doesn't. Council member Noecker brought an amendment forward (for a developer) to increase the height of possible buildings. So now the new ugly box can be taller than most of the houses on the block which impacts the amount of natural light reaching the 100 year old house that has the misfortune of having an ugly box built next to it. Parking on the street is also an issue. We are already nose to tail on most blocks in Merriam Park. You demolish a single family home with one car and add a 4-6 unit box with a minimum of 4-6 more cars on the street with a potential of 8-12 more cars. There isn't room on the street for these extra vehicles, and remember we live in a city where snow plowing is a part of 5+ months of the year.

My guess is that my opinions and concerns about this ordinance are not going to matter. I live in a ward where "density, density, density" is the mantra of my city council member. I would like to see some changes to the ordinance that take concerns of homeowners into account including safeguards to discourage teardowns. Maybe this is where you could encourage first time home buyers (that plan to live in the neighborhood) to buy into the neighborhood perhaps with some assistance to take care of repairs that are needed before they can move in. I also do not think we need more absentee landlords buying up properties, adding more bedrooms only to rent them out for short term rentals. This also changes the fabric of the neighborhood and impacts the stability of said neighborhoods. Make some changes that will increase our property value not devalue it.

Thank you,  
Deb Mitchell

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