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Dear St. Paul City Council Members, I am writing to you regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 362 of the St. Paul Legislative Code to update outdated language and to add requirements for tree care companies that will strengthen the integrity of the services they provide to the residents of St. Paul. These proposed changes are very important in order to better protect the citizens of St. Paul from unlicensed tree trimmers who may not be following industry standards.

The City of St. Paul is a healthy and beautiful city to live in due, in great part, to our natural environment. The City does an excellent job of caring for our public spaces with the expertise and resources it has. However, residents must make choices on how to spend their limited resources to care for their trees and must choose who to hire to do so. By strengthening the licensing requirements, residents will be assured of a higher quality of service and tree care.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue and I hope you will vote in favor of the proposed changes to Chapter 362.

Sincerely,

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