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**Subject:** Ord 21-27, Minimum Parking Vote, Please vote NO  
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Hello:

I live in Ward 5 in the North End Neighborhood of Saint Paul, MN. I urge the City Council to vote NO on the proposal to change the Minimum Parking Ordinance.

For the past 3 1/2 years I've been a pedestrian and bus rider after my last car died. The push for making people have to walk, bike or ride mass transit is short sighted. Often you'll hear me on the bus lamenting and saying I wish I had a car. Our summers and spring are very short, and inclement weather and frigid temperatures should be a reason to increase the number of people with cars instead of removing them from our city. Most people who rely on their cars tend to not be outside in bone chilling temperatures like bus riders tend to have to persevere thru.

The lawlessness not so much on the bus but near or at bus stops in Minneapolis and St Paul has made me avoid going to places I used to frequent in Minneapolis. I used to get a free Veterans Haircut at Empire Beauty School in Spring Lake Park, but to get there I have to go through North Mpls--No thank you. I've never seen a transit cop on my bus route 3A in years.

Is this the Hell you want for St Paul citizens and workers from the suburbs to endure on not being able to find a parking spot close to home or work? You should see all the "for sale signs," on houses in my neighborhood. You are pushing people out of St Paul.

I hear Rice Street is going to lose two lanes of traffic which I think is a colossal mistake as well. Many mom & pop stores and diners have disappeared due to the lockdown and uncertainty the State of Minnesota imposed upon us. Putting in 2 lanes and a seldom used middle lane will kill the last of the independent businesses in St Paul.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments.

Have a nice day,

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