

7 Support the Ordinance

I'm writing to express that I support the rental ordinance for merriam park and The surrounding neighborhoods. I live at 1927 selby and agree that moderating the density is a good step to ensuring a healthy livable community.

Regards,
Joe Farrell

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Councilmember Tolbert,

I request your support (as representative of my City Ward) FOR Ord 12-34, the Student Rental Housing overlay.

I have served a number of years on District 14 Community Council (MGCC) and as a representative on West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Committee (WSNAC) grappling with neighborhood/student issues and I view the proposed ordinance as one additional facet to help maintain balance in our neighborhoods.

For those who imply that this discriminates against college-age individuals and people serving them, consider these points:

- > motel/hotel chains regularly do not accept reservations from nor rent rooms to people under the age of 21
 - > national car rental chains do not rent vehicles to people under age 25
- so there is precedence where businesses have chosen to limit risk-exposure of a certain age individual by limiting their access to the business' service.

Leo Viktora
2129 James Ave
Saint Paul, MN

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Hello Councilman Stark,

I am a victim of St Thomas student housing issues in my neighborhood. We have had years of bad behavior from St Thomas students living in the rental property next door on the 192x block of Dayton Ave.

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Robin Roberts
1927 Dayton Ave
St. Paul, MN 55104

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Little, Jolene

Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2012 8:24 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Student Housing Ordinance in Merriam Park

Hello Russ Stark and Cris Tolbert,

I am a resident in Merriam Park and I am emailing you today to tell you that I am in support of the student housing ordinance.

Thanks!

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From: glover8
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2012 9:23 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Cc: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: support the ordinance

As a long-time resident of Merriam Park (13 years) our family has seen more and more single family homes change to rental. The associated problems (late-night parties, vandalism, etc) have been an ever-increasing issue.

I welcome students in our neighborhood—but there does need to be a balance.

Please support the ordinance.

Thank you

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Dear Council members,
I live at 2152 Lincoln Ave one just a few houses across from the University of St. Thomas. I am writing to urge you to support Russ Starks ordinance that would provide some balance between owner occupied and student rental housing. We have a great block and a great neighborhood. We need to keep a balance.

Thanks!

Tom O'Connell
2152 Lincoln Ave.

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Dear Councilmember:

I am writing to ask for your support of the student rental ordinance. As a homeowner in Merriam Park for the past eleven years, I've learned from bitter experience that the University of St. Thomas lacks either the

capacity or the will to address the problem of unruly student behavior in our neighborhood (i.e., loud parties, under-age drinking, belligerent behavior, vandalism). The police are generally response to neighborhood calls but this is insufficient in addressing the underlying problem of too many young, unsupervised students. We love our neighborhood, but the increase student rentals threatens to destroy the balance of homeowners and transient renters. My wife and I have two daughters to raise. Why are we being asked to monitor the behavior of hundreds of young adults?

Please, support this ordinance on students rentals in our neighborhood and help us maintain a healthy balance as we work to preserve a strong, close community for our families.

Sincerely,

Jerry Smith
1906 Laurel Avenue

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