

Ward 4 Public Comment on Ord 21-27
Amending Legislative Code 60, 63, 65, and 66 pertaining to off-street parking requirements

Dear Councilmember Jalali,

I am writing in support of the resolution to eliminate parking minimums in St. Paul presently under consideration. I urge you to adopt the resolution of the planning commission and to continue to pursue changes that devote less of our city's land use to cars.

Thank you,

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Dear Councilperson Jalali,

I'm writing as your constituent to thank you for your support of complete elimination of parking minimums for new construction in St. Paul. This section of our municipal code clearly increases the costs of providing adequate housing for our residents, inequitably places costs of parking on residents who don't own cars, increases administrative burdens and costs for our small-business owners, and needlessly ties up scarce municipal resources. Recognizing that the vast majority of builders will **still** need to secure loans for their buildings, and lenders will consider adequacy of parking in determining their risks of making those loans, there are clear market mechanisms in place that obviate the need for the ordinance in the first place.

For roughly 50 years, we have subsidized car-ownership in this country, while penalizing those who rely on lower-carbon modes of transportation. In order for us to attain greater equity among our city residents, and to make significant and necessary progress towards our carbon reduction goals to achieve an environmentally sustainable city, we must **reverse** these perverse incentives!

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