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Charter Commission  
15 Kellogg Boulevard West  
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Sent via email: [CharterCommission@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:CharterCommission@ci.stpaul.mn.us)

Subject: Letter of Support Recommending the Amendment for Administrative Fines

Dear Saint Paul Charter Commission members,

The West 7th/Fort Road Federation has reviewed the proposed amendment to adopt administrative fines in the City of Saint Paul and would like to express our general support for this initiative. We believe administrative citations will enhance accountability and improve enforcement efficiency without the need for criminal penalties.

Should the amendment be adopted, we respectfully request that the City commits to maintaining transparency in its implementation. Specifically, we recommend the release of detailed, publicly accessible data related to administrative citations, including but not limited to:

- The total number and value of fines issued.
- A breakdown of the communities where these fines are assessed.
- A year-over-year tracking system to evaluate trends and impacts over time.

Furthermore, as new ordinances are introduced, we strongly urge the City to adopt an equitable, scaled approach to enforcement. This means considering the varying impacts of ordinances on individual households compared to corporations and tailoring policies accordingly.

In conclusion, while we support this amendment to the City charter, we emphasize the importance of transparency, equity, and ongoing community engagement as key principles guiding its implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective on this important matter.

Julia McColley

*The Fort Road Federation coordinates participation in advocacy and planning and builds community connections for the residents, businesses, and nonprofit organizations of the West 7th neighborhood so that it is a place where people want to live, work, and play.*

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