

My husband and I moved into 1916 Dayton almost 4 years with our 3 young children. We had previously lived in Mac-Groveland but fell in love with a classic Merriam park home. Unfortunately, across the street at 1921 Dayton, the home became known as the "St. Thomas LaCrosse House". We became subjected to extremely loud and foul language at all hours. My children have had challenges falling asleep or staying asleep due to the loud residents. The police have been called at several instances, but if there is no large party in process, there is very little they can do about rude comings and goings. We have cleaned up beer cans from our property and have witnessed how ugly the landscaping can get from years of renters who don't care and how poor the shoveling can be from students who don't bother.

Having a large purple banner with St.Thomas Logo as well as beer signs displayed on the outside of the house reflects poorly on the neighborhood, our block and frankly the university.

I have had several conversations with the renters asking for respectful behavior, but they really truly aren't invested in Merriam Park or St. Paul for that matter. They are not an asset to our community in any way.

Property taxes are paid by the land owner, but I wonder if these densely inhabited student rentals generating any increase to our tax base to cover city services and improvements. Please pass a permanent ordinance to prevent further student rental conversions. We fully support this.

Amy and David Wein

hi -- i SUPPORT THE ordinance.. we have lived by St Thomas for 18 years and while have not had MAJOR issues, we are so tired of the drunken and disorderly kids...  
We support this.  
Thanks

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PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE place this permanent restriction on single-family housing units being turned into rental units within 150' (at *least*) of another rental house. Those of us who have long-term commitments to the neighborhoods around St. Thomas (My husband and I have lived here for 20 years and plan to retire here.) DO NOT WANT the density of student housing to increase. Such an increase would decrease both our quality of life and our property values.

We used to have a student-rented (4 St. Thomas students) on our block. It was AWFUL! Cars sped loudly and dangerously up and down the block at 2:00 in the morning, students leaving parties urinated in people's yards, the landlord did not take good care of the property and it looked terrible. We had to organize our block to all call in to the Police Department when things happen, finally prompting a meeting with the Chief of Police. This was part of what led up to the City Council negotiating with St. Thomas to buy up some of the rentals and rehab them back into decent single-family dwellings. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not undo all our hard work. Make this ordinance permanent, to protect our St. Paul neighborhoods.

Thank you.

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Hello.

I am writing to inform you that **our family supports** the ordinance that will protect our Merriam Park neighborhood from single-family houses turning into student rental properties. More specifically, the ordinance will place a permanent restriction on single-family housing going to rental within 150' of another rental property.

Thank you.

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