



City of Saint Paul Emergency Declaration

March 31, 2025

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2024, the City of Saint Paul executed a contract with FCC Environmental Services, LLC ("FCC") requiring FCC to provide citywide collection beginning on April 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2024, FCC purchased property at 560 Randolph Avenue in Saint Paul to store, fuel, and maintain trash collection vehicles when it begins collecting trash citywide in Saint Paul on April 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2025, the City's Zoning Administrator issued a Statement of Clarification determining that FCC's proposed use of 560 Randolph Avenue as a truck dispatch and maintenance facility is similar in character and impact to a public works yard or maintenance facility, which is a permitted use in an I1 industrial zone; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, the Planning Commission unanimously concurred with the City Zoning Administrator's determination; and

WHEREAS, a third-party appealed this determination, and on March 19, 2025, the Saint Paul City Council ("Council") granted the third-party's appeal, thereby overturning the Zoning Administrator's Statement of Clarification, halting the site plan approval process, and impacting FCC's ability to begin trash collection on April 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, FCC submitted additional information, and the site plan review process for 560 Randolph will continue with a review of the site plan on April 10, 2025, at the Zoning Committee Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to have continued trash collection beginning on April 1, 2025, so as to avoid a public health emergency and nuisance conditions related to uncollected trash; and

WHEREAS, there are no alternatives for ensuring citywide collection of garbage on April 1 if FCC cannot store, refuel, and maintain its vehicles at the property FCC purchased for this use that is located at 560 Randolph Avenue; and

WHEREAS, this inability to collect trash is a threat to an essential public service and the health, safety, and welfare of City residents and now creates an emergency under Chapter 13 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Section 12.29 and Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 13.06 (a) authorize the Mayor to declare a local emergency "when necessary to prevent or respond to emergencies;" and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned impending disruption to citywide trash collection constitutes a local emergency as defined by Minnesota Statute Section 12.03, subd. 3 and Saint Paul Legislative Code 13.02.

NOW, THEREFORE, MAYOR MELVIN CARTER, OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, DECLARES, REQUESTS, AND DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Under the authority given in Minnesota Statutes 12.29 and Saint Paul Legislative Code 13.06, declares that a state of local emergency exists within Saint Paul, effective 12:01 a.m., April 1, 2025, with all the powers and responsibilities available as provided by Minnesota Statute, Chapter 12, and Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 13.
2. Directs City departments to review ordinance and regulatory requirements, operations, civil and legal proceedings, events, and resources that can and should be adjusted or suspended, or emergency regulations that should be enacted to support and protect the public health and welfare of residents of Saint Paul and provide citywide trash collection beginning on April 1, 2025.
3. Requests the City Council convene an emergency session to consent to this declaration at its earliest convenience.
4. Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

Dated this 31st day of March 2025.



Melvin Carter
Mayor of the City of Saint Paul
