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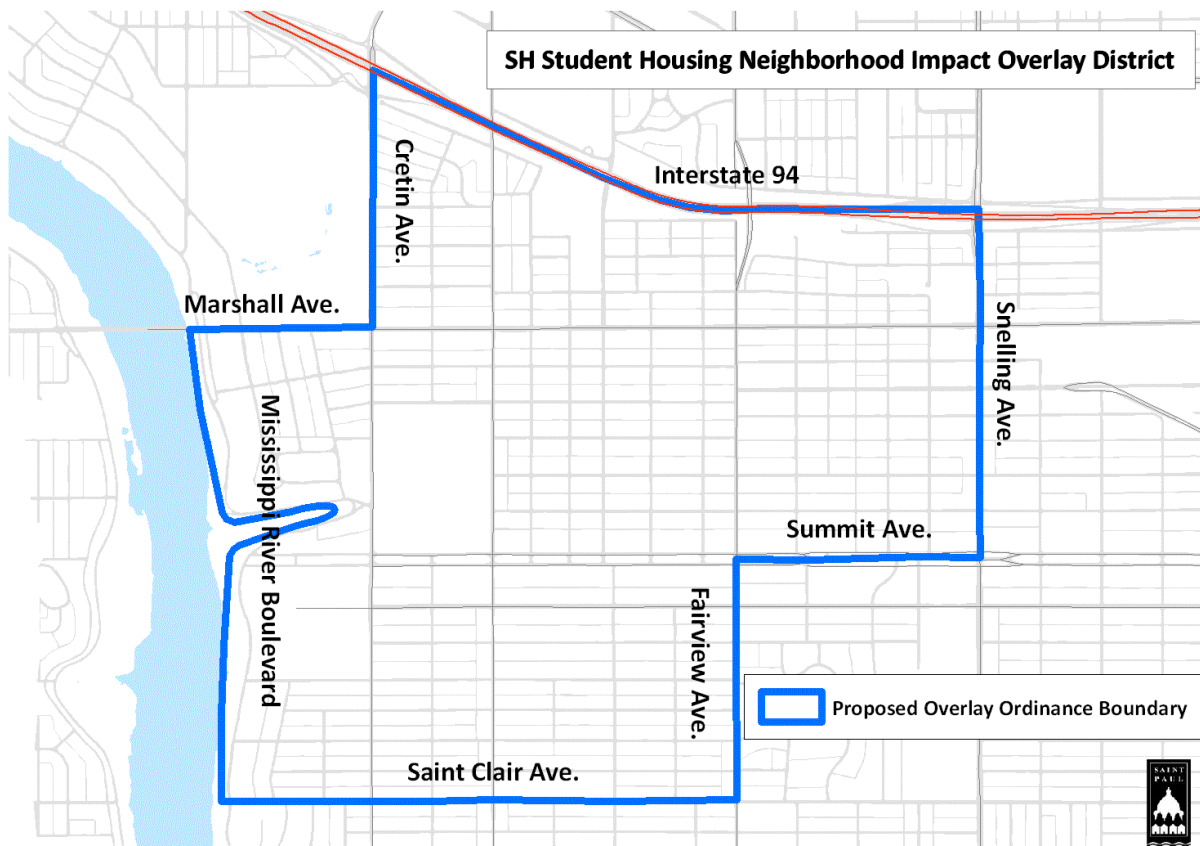
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Proposed Student Housing Overlay District Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the city regulating the location and use of rental properties with student tenants?

The proposed ordinance was created to try to get at the issue of the concentration of the number of student houses on any given block in the overlay district. It is aimed at the idea that beyond a certain tipping point, our neighborhoods become destabilized.

2. What are the boundaries of the student housing overlay district?



3. What is a student dwelling unit?

Within the impact overlay district, a student dwelling is a one or two family dwelling requiring a fire certificate of occupancy (non-owner occupied) in which at least one unit is occupied by at least three (3), but not more than four (4) students.

4. Who is considered a student for purposes of this regulation?

For these purposes, a student is an individual who is enrolled or has been accepted to an undergraduate degree program at a university, college, community college, technical college, trade school or similar and is enrolled in the upcoming or current session, or was enrolled in the previous term, or is on a scheduled term break or summer break from the institution.

5. Who is eligible to register as a student dwelling unit in the initial registration period?

Owners who prior to the effective date of the requirement to register, possessed a valid fire certificate of occupancy or provisional fire certificate of occupancy and who can document rental to students currently or within the previous eighteen (18) months may register.

6. How long do I have to register as a student dwelling unit in the initial registration period?

Those eligible to register as a student dwelling in the initial period, have 120 days after the effective date of the requirement to register.

7. May I register if I do not presently rent to students?

Possibly. Owners who prior to the effective date of the requirement to register, possessed a valid fire certificate of occupancy or provisional fire certificate of occupancy and who can document rental to students within the previous eighteen (18) months may register.

8. How do I become a registered student dwelling unit if I have not previously rented to students?

Following the conclusion of the registration and establishment period, additional properties may be established and registered as new student dwellings, subject to the standards and conditions required.

9. Where can student dwelling units be located within the student housing overlay district?

A student dwelling shall be located a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) feet from any other student dwelling located on a different lot, measured as the shortest distance between the two lots on which the student dwellings are located.

10. Must I register as a student dwelling unit if I also live at my rental property?

No, you do not. Student dwelling registration is only required for one and two family dwellings which are not owner occupied. Owner occupied dwellings require neither a fire certificate of occupancy nor a student dwelling registration. This is true if the owner lives in one unit of a duplex and up to four students live in the other unit or if the owner lives in a single family dwelling and has 3 roommates who are students.