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Attention: Kathy Landry

RE: Student Housing Ordinance

I have noted sentences in the paper like "the city needs to focus more on policing student behavior etc." So is it OK that homeowners in my neighborhood, within walking distance of University of St. Thomas (UST) need to deal with the parties, noise, trash, traffic and general degradation etc? What must the parents think is going on with their children as they attend (UST) and are in neighborhood Student Housing?

In many university cities, students are housed in Residences run by Nuns - the girls have a room or share one and the parents are at peace because the Residences have only nuns to care for them while Residences run by Brothers have boys to care for. Some of these Residences are in New York, Toronto, and Montreal etc. A priest comes in every morning to say an early Mass, the students eat breakfast and are off to class on a streetcar or a bus. - but the price is right and the students are safe. They have one large room to watch television and homework is accomplished responsibly in their bedroom. Why can't we have Residences like this in the Twin Cities?

Public transportation is much more reasonably priced, rather than the yearly cost of \$1,000.00 to park a vehicle in the parking ramp at UST!!

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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