

There are many things wrong with this proposal because it's extremely vague and probably illegal for multiple reasons.

The following are only a few of the possible questions and problems, since the proposal doesn't address any of these.

1. How do you transfer the right to rent to the next owner?
2. How do you prove that you're not a college student? Since supposedly it's not targeting St. Thomas, do I have to contact every college in the state and cross-reference everyone?
3. Is there a student registry that St. Paul will pay for to look students up?
4. Under equal protection, aren't all property owners considered equal? But won't this give some more rights than others for identically zoned properties?
5. Under equal protection, aren't two twenty year olds considered equal? But under this ordinance the one that's going to school can't rent and one that's unemployed can rent from me? Is the City of Saint Paul ready to go to court for me when I'm forced to infringing on their constitutional rights?
6. What is this going to do to the property value of the house that can't rent but is surrounded by renters? Who's going to buy that house and what's going to happen to that houses value when it can't be put to its best usage?
7. Just because a lot of people seem to be in support of this doesn't mean it's right. What's next, St Thomas students to the back of the bus? Segregation, by race, age, intellect or religion is just wrong, and oh yes unconstitutional.

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