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The idea of removing any and all parking requirements for commercial or congregate housing is of great concern to me. I live near the soccer stadium. On game days, parking on residential streets becomes non-existent. Granted, that's only on game days.

This is only an example of what will become a daily parking problem if businesses and multi-housing units are left to build/repurpose without any parking minimums. Some say these same businesses will continue providing parking, but why should they if there's no requirement and it costs them more money.

Already, small businesses along University are suffering (or gone) due to parking that was eliminated due to light rail construction. Not everyone can walk, ride a bike or take light rail. As the Boomer and Gen X populations age, safety and physical limitations are concerns. Younger people/families may have children to drop at daycare/school that the light rail doesn't serve well - as well as the SAME safety issues the elderly may have.

If there isn't adequate parking, I believe a sizable portion of residents will simply drive to the suburbs like Roseville, to spend their money where they can park hassle-free. Is that lost tax and business income what we really want for St. Paul?

We need a MINIMUM parking requirement of at least 25-30% capacity, versus NO parking requirement at all.

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