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To: ["mbford72@gmail.com"](mailto:mbford72@gmail.com)
Cc: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#); [#CI-StPaul Ward2](#)
Subject: RE: Passing Administrative Citations to Better Protect Renters, Workers and Saint Paul Residents!
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 3:49:31 PM

Mary Beth Ford -- Thank you for reaching out to share your support for Administrative Citations. Councilmember Noecker wants you to know she shares in this support. Your message will be added to the public hearing comments for ORD 25-2.

Jenna Sadjadi (she/they)
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From: mbford72@everyactionadvocacy.com <mbford72@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 12:51 PM
To: [#CI-StPaul_Ward2](#) <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Passing Administrative Citations to Better Protect Renters, Workers and Saint Paul Residents!

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I am reaching out to you today because right now, St. Paul doesn't have an equitable way to ensure that our ordinances are followed.

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This has high stakes. Almost half of the residents in Saint Paul are residents of color. The majority of renters in our city are renters of color. We also know that enforcement mechanisms that skew towards criminalizing tends to hurt communities of color the most. To uplift our commitment to racial equity, we must take seriously enforcing our local ordinances to make sure all in our city are protected across race, class, and ward. We also want to be intentional about using just enforcement mechanisms that do not over criminalize people. Administrative Citations is an important policy to achieve these outcomes.

I support Administrative Citations so that the city has better, fairer tools in the enforcement toolbox and we have mechanisms to hold employers and landlords accountable. I appreciate that you have publicly expressed support for administrative citations and ask that you vote YES for ordinance 25-2. I thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,
Mary Beth Ford
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From: [Jenna Sadjadi](#)
To: ["matthias@cherokeeparkunited.org"](mailto:matthias@cherokeeparkunited.org)
Cc: [#CI-StPaul_Ward2](#); [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Subject: RE: Passing Administrative Citations to Better Protect Renters, Workers and Saint Paul Residents!
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 3:47:58 PM

Rev. Matthias Peterson-Brandt -- Thank you for reaching out to share your support for Administrative Citations. Councilmember Noecker wants you to know she shares in this support. Your message will be added to the public hearing comments for ORD 25-2.

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To: [#CI-StPaul_Ward2](mailto:Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us) <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Passing Administrative Citations to Better Protect Renters, Workers and Saint Paul Residents!

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Rev. Matthias Peterson-Brandt

371 Baker St W Saint Paul, MN 55107-2636 matthias@cherokeeparkunited.org

From: [Polly Heintz](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Administrative Citations Charter Amendment
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 3:39:00 PM

From: Sumer Spika <sumerspika79@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 3:35 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Administrative Citations Charter Amendment

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Dear Council Member Bowie,

My name is Sumer Spika, and I am a Ward 1 constituent residing at 965 Sherburne Ave. I kindly ask for your support of the proposed charter amendment to use civil penalties instead of criminal penalties in our city. I know big corporations can drag out cases and avoid consequences in the current system.

Thank you for your work and all that you do for our city.

I am a proud Saint Paul Resident.

Sumer Spika

From: [Polly Heintz](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Admin Citations
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 3:36:50 PM

From: Tavona Johnson <tavona.johnson@seiuhcmnia.org>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 3:34 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Admin Citations

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Dear Council Member Bowie,

My name is Tavona Johnson, I am a ward 1 constituent living at 559 Central Ave W. Please support the proposed charter amendment to allow the city to move away from criminal penalties. I know wage theft in the homecare industry really hurts people of color. We need better tools to enforce these rules.

Thank You For Your Time and Service,

Tavona L Johnson
559 Central Ave W
St. Paul, MN 55103
952-256-0366

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From: [Polly Heintz](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Vote yes on Admin Citations
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 3:32:37 PM

From: Laura Askelin <laura.askelin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 3:30 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Vote yes on Admin Citations

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I am a resident of Ward 1. I chose this city, and specifically this neighborhood because after years of talking with voters in the city, I found Saint Paul to be a city of neighbors that cared for and took care of each other. St. Paul's strength comes from our ability to be there for each other, knitting people together from different places and of different races into a community. Whether it's launching a guaranteed income program, shoveling each other out in a snowstorm, or coming together to fund our parks and roads — we show up for one another.

Some corporate landlords and employers want to operate in our city with total impunity. They want to rig the rules at our expense, so they spread doubt about our city government so no one will hold them accountable.

Enforcement mechanisms that skew towards criminalizing tend to hurt communities of color the most — administrative citations provide us with a non-criminal enforcement mechanism to improve the well-being of St. Paul workers, renters, and residents across backgrounds.

I encourage the Saint Paul City Council to amend the City's charter to allow for administrative citations to be levied through a civil law process, instead of only imposing misdemeanor criminal penalties.

Administrative citations will allow for better enforcement of, *and increased compliance with*, our municipal ordinances. The introduction of civil administrative citations will make their enforcement efforts fairer and more efficient for workers and employers...and would allow the city to lift unnecessary burdens on our criminal justice system while allowing citizens to resolve their penalties without establishing a criminal record. This is a common sense tool. I encourage you to vote yes.

Laura Askelin
Ward 1 Constituent

[She/Her/Hers](#)
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From: [*CI-StPaul_CC-Ward5](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Subject: FW: Support Ordinance 26-2 Citations
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 2:37:00 PM

From: listtesdell <listtesdell@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2025 5:58 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Support Ordinance 26-2 Citations

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Hello Hwa Jeong- Thank you for cosponsoring Ordinance 25-2, granting St Paul the power to issue Administrative Citations. My son and his partner struggle to pay the rent on the West Side of St Paul, and more effective enforcement of rent stabilization could benefit them greatly. If rent rises, they could be forced to move to a high crime neighborhood like the one where they lived last year in Minneapolis. Please continue to support Ordinance 25-2, so housing can be affordable for people like my son. Thanks - Dave List

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Wade Luneburg](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Letter of Support Administrative Citations
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 12:23:54 PM
Attachments: [20250113114841791.pdf](#)

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Thanks for posting this letter of support.

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From: [John Purdy](#)
To: [Rebecca Noecker](#)
Cc: [Mitra Jalali](#); [Nelsie Yang](#); [Saura Jost](#); [Hwa Jeong Kim](#); [Cheniqua Johnson](#); [Anika Bowie](#); [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: ORD 25-2 Civil Fines
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 12:08:04 PM
Attachments: [Charter Commission Representation.pdf](#)

Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Ward 2 Saint Paul City Council
Room 310B City Hall
15 Kellogg Blvd. W.
St Paul, MN 55102

Dear Councilmember Noecker,

Thank you for taking time to discuss this issue last Thursday.

City staff presented several reasons for the need for civil fines at their two appearances before the Charter Commission and at the June 2024 Organizational Committee meeting. The [power point presentations](#) contain a final page allowing for questions.

Can you ask the following questions of City Staff and gain their answer prior to the public hearing, or at least before your determination of mind?

1. Why can't the City rely on MN Statute [237.162 Subd. 8](#) Paragraph (10) for authority to issue fines to contractors or subcontractors who violate right-of-way car/bike/ped ordinances instead of asking the City Council for a Charter amendment that would require a burdensome and costly administrative hearing process?
2. How does the City think that issuing fines to the property owner at 348 Maria will solve the sanitation problem when the situation was not caused by the property owner but by unlawful dumping? And why does Minneapolis have their own serious dumping problem when that City already holds the power to issue civil fines in such circumstances?
3. Why, in the Downtown Highrise example of housing non-compliance, does the City believe that issuing fines would have produced a better outcome for its residents when in Minneapolis, that City has many non-compliance issues of its own, for which Stephen Frenz and Spiros Zorbalas d.b.a, as [Apartment Shoppe](#), [Front Yard Residential](#) and [Mohammed Shahidullah](#) serve as three examples of how ineffective civil fines were as a tool in solving their non-compliance issues?
4. Why does the proposed ordinance rely on the district court to enforce any unpaid civil fines when that enforcement will result in a judgement against a dog or property owner with the same unintended consequence of the Court Record of Judgement standing as an obstacle to any housing or employment application?
5. Why is the proposed ordinance being recommended by a Charter Commission, half of whom represent our wealthiest neighborhoods (as indicated in the attachment below), where household incomes are twice those of most other neighborhoods but where those residents are just as proud, just as capable, and just as hardworking but who might not possess money to hire their work done in a manner as timely as what a civil citation might require?
6. Why have some members of the Charter Commission recommending this amendment

not accepted their appointment nor taken their oath and should the City Council discard their recommendation until such time as a newly appointed and sworn Commission is formed to contemplate a request from this, or future City Council, to amend our City Charter in a less onerous, more fair manner to all of its citizens?

John Purdy
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St Paul, MN 55107
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Note to City Clerk: Kindly post my public comments with attachments and active links to Legistar under file ORD 25-2. Thank you.

First Name	Last Name	Address	Ward	Neighborhood Council	District Council	Population	Total Households	Median Household Income	above \$100,000	% above \$100,000	# people below poverty	% below poverty	Race or Ethnicity	Languages
Rick	Varco	2265 Youngman Ave #208	3	Highland	15	25,111	11,621	\$91,983	5,110	44.0%	2,496	10.0%	72.7% White	82.1% English only
Acooa	Ellis	1000 Montana Ave W	5	Como	10	15,962	7,596	\$88,729	3,457	45.5%	1,643	9.7%	75% White	88.0% English only
Carrie	Wasley	1180 Cushing Circle	4	Como	10	15,962	7,596	\$88,729	3,457	45.5%	1,643	9.7%	75% White	88.0% English only
Garrison	McMurtrey	1409 Wynne Ave.	4	Como	10	15,962	7,596	\$88,729	3,457	45.5%	1,643	9.7%	75% White	88.0% English only
Jesse	Busta	1012 Grotto St.	5	Como	10	15,962	7,596	\$88,729	3,457	45.5%	1,643	9.7%	75% White	88.0% English only
Michael	Hahm	1045 Van Slyke	5	Como	10	15,962	7,596	\$88,729	3,457	45.5%	1,643	9.7%	75% White	88.0% English only
Joe	Spencer	1187 Raymond Ave	4	St Anthony Park	12	9,951	4,127	\$75,405	1,565	37.9%	1,151	13.3%	74.9% White	86.3% English only
Darren	Tobolt	212 Colborne St	2	West 7th/Fort Road	9	12,975	6,705	\$71,381	2,251	33.6%	1,631	12.7%	77% White	87.1% English only
John	Stiles	71 Morton St E.	2	WSCO (West Side)	3	15,582	5,731	\$70,976	2,108	36.8%	2,673	17.7%	51.7% Non White	70.8% English only
Deb	Montgomery	1016 Central Ave W	1	Summit University	8	17,935	8,248	\$65,362	2,700	32.7%	3,294	18.3%	49.4% Non White	76.4% English only
Erica	Valliant	530 Central Ave W	1	Summit University	8	17,935	8,248	\$65,362	2,700	32.7%	3,294	18.3%	49.4% Non White	76.4% English only
Chai	Lee	1916 4th St E	7	SECO (East Side)	1	23,079	8,559	\$60,748	2,195	25.6%	4,346	18.4%	69.4% Non White	56.6% English only
Maisue	Thao	44 B Street	7	SECO (East Side)	1	23,079	8,559	\$60,748	2,195	25.6%	4,346	18.4%	69.4% Non White	56.6% English only
Cosandra	Lloyd	891 Charles Ave	1	Frogtown	7	15,593	5,194	\$51,692	995	19.1%	3,689	23.9%	74.5% Non White	57.5% English only
Jon	Fure	1752 Nebraska Ave E	6	Greater East Side	2	31,104	10,315	\$45,734	3,353	32.5%	5,646	17.6%	68.5% Non White	57.0% English only

John Purdy attachment

From: [Kristin Koziol](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: Fw: support please
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 10:02:24 AM

for Ord 25-2

From: S Willis <sfwillis143@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2025 07:24 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: support please

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Hello CM Jalali,
I was reading ab St Paul needing to adopt administrative citations. What a great idea. Please support the upcoming ordinance in their favor.
Your Supporter,
Susan Willis
2115 Roblyn Ave

From: [CouncilWard-1VM \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Shared Voicemail (CC-Ward 1-AA-CQ)
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 8:57:56 AM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

From: E FRASER <+16512769929>
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2025 8:11 PM
To: VM-CouncilWard-1 <VM-CouncilWard-1@stpaulmn.onmicrosoft.com>
Subject: Shared Voicemail (CC-Ward 1-AA-CQ)

Hi Council Member Bowie, This is Beth Fraser, and I'm one of your constituents calling about the hearing on administrative citations. I think this is a really important policy change, and I'm glad that you have said previously that you were supportive. I think it's going to give Saint Paul a tool that every other large city has and a great way to enforce ordinances so that everyone is treated the same and that really crucial ordinances like sick and safe time and everything else that there are protections for residents. So I urge you to continue to support this and thanks so much. Bye.

You received a voice mail from [E FRASER](#).