

To the St. Paul City Council,

June 19, 2012

This letter is in opposition to the appeal of Cullen LLC in the matter of a site plan for a 20-unit apartment building at 2124 Grand Avenue.

The point of exception is the matter of issuance to tenants of the proposed building of parking permits for Parking Permit Area 22.

The Planning Commission has recommended a restriction on parking permits to be issued to one for each unit and an additional five for the building as a whole. This is a reasonable recommendation.

Cullen LLC wishes to appeal this limitation. The consequence would be to flood Area 22 with an excess of resident permit parkers that are renters of a building intended in effect as a student dormitory serving the University of St. Thomas. This would be counter to the intent of the City that permit parking districts have been established to prevent neighborhood streets from becoming expropriated as parking lots for large institutions.

As an alternative, the property owner and the University could be encouraged to cooperate in finding parking space on campus for student resident of this property.

As a matter of information, the undersigned is a resident of the neighborhood near UST but does not reside in Permit Parking Area 22.

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