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TO: City of Saint Paul Mayor's Office and Council Members

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FROM: Ricardo Cervantes, City of Saint Paul-Director of the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI)

SUBJECT: Heat Exchanger Legislative Code Change

The 2020 Minnesota State Building Code (MSBC) section 1300.0030 expressly states that the MSBC 'supersedes the building code requirement of any municipality'. Therefore, no municipality may require construction standards that are more restrictive than the MSBC.

Saint Paul Legislative Code section 94.13(c) requires all heat exchanger units be double walled. The 2020 MSBC no longer requires double walled heat exchangers. This proposed amendment eliminates the double walled heat exchanger requirement from the SPLC and better aligns the SPLC with building code requirements.

For additional questions, please contact me at 651-266-9101 or Deputy Director Travis Bistodeau at 651-266-1922.