

Dear Council members

I have been living in St. Paul since 1990 and I am a homeowner in my present address since 1999.

I enjoy living in our city and I am a firm believer in using taxes to support city services, libraries, schools etc.

The proposed 25% increase in my property tax is really too much. Even if my house has appreciated in value as much as the county claims (which I doubt) I am not selling it so no gin there. I have not had a pay raise in years and now I am faced with @6% inflation and a winter with high heating bills. A 25% increase is excessive. PLEASE reconsider the total increase.

Thank you

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