

From: [Mike Hirabayashi](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Subject: ORD 25-2
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 1:15:29 AM

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Thank you for supporting changing the city charter to allow for administrative citations. The unique situation St. Paul finds itself in right now is truly bizarre. Every major city in the country has the ability to administer administrative citations for violations of their ordinances. Among the 25 largest municipalities in Minnesota, St. Paul is the only one to not have access to administrative citations. It's a basic function of government, but for some reason, St. Paul doesn't have it.

We have good ordinances that were passed to protect us like the \$15 minimum wage, wage theft protection, renter's rights protection, earned sick and safe time, and so on, but currently the city lacks the ability to enforce these ordinances unless things escalate to court action.

Now anyone who's had to deal with the courts or who's read up on them know that they are completely overwhelmed and lack the resources and capacity to deal with the volume of cases that come before them. It's completely unrealistic to expect the courts to handle what should be a basic function of the city government.

It's also completely unrealistic to expect the poorest and most vulnerable of us, who are most likely to be victimized by slumlords and shady employers, to have the time and resources to navigate the courts and force their abusers to comply with the law.

Many victims have been waiting in the courts for years to resolve their issues, when they could have been protected if the city had the ability to protect them.

And if individual citizens find themselves on the wrong end of city ordinances, we don't want law enforcement to see criminal citations and prosecution to be the only tool the government has. We know how deeply that can hurt vulnerable communities. We need the alternative. We need the city to have this basic tool for the system to work. Thank you.

-Mike Hirabayashi
922 Sherwood Ave
Ward 6

From: [Chelsea DeArmond](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)
Cc: [Jean Comstock](#); [mary_dunlap](#); [Josiah GREGG](#); [Grant Stevensen](#); [Madi Johnson](#)
Subject: Unidos Saint Paul support for ORD 25-2
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 10:44:38 PM

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Dear City Council Members,

Please see the [attached letter](#) (and copied below) from Unidos Saint Paul in support of the passage of Ordinance 25-2.

Best Regards,
Chelsea DeArmond

cc: Unidos Saint Paul Core Team Members
Jean Comstock (W7)
Mary Dunlap (W4)
Josiah Gregg (W4)
Madi Johnson (W4)
Grant Stevensen (W7)



January 13, 2025

To Members of the Saint Paul City Council:

Unidos Saint Paul (formerly known as Saint Paul 350) members are extremely pleased by your united, public support of Ordinance 25-2, allowing **administrative citations** to be issued for violations of city ordinances rather than being limited to imposing misdemeanor criminal penalties. This change will make both accountability and enforcement easier and faster.

As a grassroots climate action group with teams in every ward, we organize in Saint Paul neighborhoods to create equitable clean energy solutions. Through our work, we've seen examples of disparities based on race, income, neighborhood, renter versus owner, etc. This ordinance will give council members tools to enforce protections for everyone across our communities.

Representing Unidos Saint Paul, the undersigned members of our core team urge you to attend the January 22 City Council meeting and vote in favor of Ordinance 25-

2.

Thank you,

Unidos Saint Paul Core Team

Jean Comstock

Chelsea DeArmond

Mary Dunlap

Josiah Gregg

Madi Johnson

Grant Stevensen

From: [AMY GILBERT](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Subject: ORD 25-2
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 10:00:14 AM

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Greetings to our mighty St. Paul City Council -

I cannot attend the hearing tomorrow, but I want to put in my support for ordinance 25-2, allowing St. Paul to issue administrative citations.

For all the work that City Council does creating rules and structures for a safe and healthy community, it's a shame to have no mechanism to be sure we actually put them into practice. Administrative citations provide the mechanism to make it work.

Please vote in support of ordinance 25-2.

Sincerely,

Amy Gilbert

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Amy Gilbert, MD, MPH - ward 4
1608 Hague Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104
651-494-7794
amygilbert63@icloud.com

From: [Marvalyne Tripp](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Passing Administrative Citations to Better Protect Renters, Workers and Saint Paul Residents!
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:58:10 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: doloresvoorhees2000@everyactionadvocacy.com <doloresvoorhees2000@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 5:30 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3 <Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Passing Administrative Citations to Better Protect Renters, Workers and Saint Paul Residents!

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Think Before You Click: This email originated outside our organization.

Dear Council Member Saura Jost,

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.

When St. Paulites come together to pass important ordinances like Earned Safe and Sick Time, Minimum Wage, and Rent Stabilization, we expect that employers and landlords will follow these policies and, if they don't, the City will ensure that they do.

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,

Dolores Voorhees

525 Fairview Ave S Apt 430 Saint Paul, MN 55116-1669 doloresvoorhees2000@gmail.com

From: [CouncilWard3VM \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Shared Voicemail (CC-Ward 3-AA-CQ)
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:20:48 AM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

From: Cell Phone MN <noreply@skype.voicemail.microsoft.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 7:10 PM
To: VM-CouncilWard3 <VM-CouncilWard3@stpaulmn.onmicrosoft.com>
Subject: Shared Voicemail (CC-Ward 3-AA-CQ)

Hi, this is Catherine Dugarm. My number is 612-868-3638. I live at 1142 Norbert Lane and I'm calling to thank Councilmember Jost for her leadership on the administrative citations ordinance. I support administrative citations so that the city has better and fairer tools in the compliance toolbox, and there are many things where this will come in handy. We'll have ways to hold employers and landlords accountable. I appreciate that you have publicly expressed support for administrative citations. And in fact, I think you're one of the council members who's really pushing on this. And I ask that you vote yes. And I thank you for your leadership. Bye.

You received a voice mail from [Cell Phone MN](#).

From: [Patty Hartmann](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#); [Kristin Koziol](#); [Rick Varco](#); [Jaime Tincher](#); [Shari Moore](#)
Subject: Ordinance 25-2 Public Comments and Documents
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:26:43 AM
Attachments: [ORD 25-2 Deficient Charter Commission Vote remarks.pdf](#)
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Please see the attached remarks that I ask to be uploaded to the public comments for the public hearing on ORD 25-2.

I would also ask that you include the 15 documents which are referenced in my remarks.

Thank you.

Patty Hartmann
PattyHartmann00@gmail.com

The legislative process which generated Ord 25-2 was fatally deficient. None of the 15 people who voted to allow the city council to amend our charter on December 12, 2024, had complied with the legal requirements necessary to serve as charter commissioners.

Two of the 7 people identified in Judge Grewing's August 19, 2024, Order never filed any Oath & Acceptance, thereby disqualifying Joe Spencer and Acooa Ellis. Jon Fure and Maisue Thao failed to file their Oaths within the 30 day deadline set by Judge Grewing's Order.

None of documents filed in 2024, had a "proper oath" as required by Minn. Stat. § 358.116, which requires the declarant to specify the county and state where he or she executed the oath.

In addition, the documents submitted by all 8 people named in Judge Castro's 2022 Order, similarly failed to specify the state and county of execution. As a consequence, all 15 votes cast at the Charter Commission's December 12, 2024 meeting were *ultra vires*, i.e., devoid of any legal authority.

I wish to thank John Purdy for pointing out the numerous procedural defects in the Charter Commission proceedings. I also agree with Mr. Purdy that the City has failed to show any compelling need for a charter amendment allowing the city council to levy civil fines.

If possible, I would like to include with these remarks 15 documents: the two appointment orders of Judges Grewing and Castro, along with the 13 documents submitted as oaths by the 15 people who cast votes on December 12, 2024.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT FILE 62-CV-22-15

In the Matter of the Appointment of:

**CITY OF ST. PAUL
CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**ORDER APPOINTING
COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, as of August 1, 2022, there will be eight (8) vacancies on the City of St. Paul Charter Commission; and

WHEREAS, notice of the vacancies has been published, and eleven (11) applications were submitted by prospective applicants, and received and reviewed by Ramsey County District Court; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Paul is comprised of seven (7) Wards and its Charter Commission should have members from each of its Wards; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Paul is a diverse community and its Charter Commission of fifteen (15) members should reflect the diversity of the community; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 410.05, subd. 2, requires the Chief Judge of the Judicial District to fill the vacancies.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The following named individuals are appointed to the St. Paul Charter Commission to serve as Commissioners, beginning August 1, 2022, for a term to expire July 31, 2026:
 - a. Cosandra Lloyd, 891 Charles Avenue, St. Paul, MN, 55104, Ward 1.
 - b. Erica Valliant, 530 Central Avenue W., St. Paul, MN, 55103, Ward 1.
 - c. Darren Tobolt, 212 Colborne Street, St. Paul, MN, 55102, Ward 2.
 - d. Garrison McMurtrey, 1409 Wynne Avenue, St. Paul, MN, 55108, Ward 4.
 - e. Carrie Wasley, 1180 Cushing Circle, #311, St. Paul, MN, 55108, Ward 4.
 - f. Jess Busta, 1012 Grotto St. N., St. Paul, MN, 55103, Ward 5.
 - g. Michael Hahm, 1045 Van Slyke, St. Paul, MN, 55103, Ward 5.
 - h. Chai Lee, 1815 Margaret Street, St. Paul, MN, 55119, Ward 7.

2. The Court Administrator of the Second Judicial District shall immediately by mail provide notice to the members of the City of St. Paul Charter Commission of these appointments.
3. The Court Administrator shall notify by mail the appointees of this Order and inform them of their individual responsibility to file a written acceptance and oath of office within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.
4. Appointments are to be fully effective upon the filing of the written acceptance and appropriate oath with the Court Administrator of the Second Judicial District Court for Ramsey County, Minnesota.
5. The attached Memorandum is incorporated herein.

Dated this 2nd day of August 2022

BY THE COURT

Castro,
Leonardo
(Judge)

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(Judge)
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Leonardo Castro
Chief Judge
Second Judicial District

MEMORANDUM

The City of Saint Paul's rules for governance are found in the Home Rule Charter¹. The Charter defines the roles of the City Council and Mayor along with defining the City's general authority to finance and tax for public services. A city's charter is, in effect, its local constitution. *See Woo v. Superior Court*, 83 Cal. App. 4th 967, 974 (2000) (A city charter is the city's constitution), citing, *City and County of San Francisco v. Patterson*, 202 Cal. App. 3d 95, 102 (1988); *see also Phillips v. City of Atlanta*, 77 S.E.2d 723, 727 (Ga. 1953) (charters "confer and define powers and provide for machinery to operate the government."); *Bivens v Grand Rapids*, 505 N.W.2d 239 (Mich. 1993) ("A charter is a city's constitution"). Under Minnesota Statute, and consistent with the Minn. Const. art. XII § 4, a home rule charter "may provide for the establishment and administration of all departments of a city government, and for the regulation of all local municipal functions, as fully as the legislature might have done." Minn. Stat. § 410.07.

One of the main responsibilities of a charter commission is to keep the charter current by regularly reviewing its provisions and ensuring it is consistent with state laws and the needs of the community. Over time the needs and values of the community change. Consequently, it is essential for charter commission members to be representative of the entire community, both in geography and diversity. Additionally, new commissioners bring fresh perspectives and new skills, and are more likely to question conventional practices.

The City of Saint Paul is comprised of seven Wards and each Ward is represented by a city council member elected by residents of that Ward. As such, the Saint Paul Charter Commission should be comprised of representatives from each of the Wards. Moreover, the City of Saint Paul is rich in diversity. The most recent census reflects that Saint Paul residents identify with the

¹ https://library.municode.com/mn/st._paul/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTICICH

following race/ethnicity: 19.1% Asian; 15.5% Black or African American; 9% Hispanic or Latino; and 6.3% Two or More Races. <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/stpaulcityminnesota>. As such, the Saint Paul Charter Commission should include members that reflect its diverse community. Having been guided by the aforementioned principles and after careful review of the applicants and current members of the Saint Paul Charter Commissioner, this Court appointed eight Commissioners to serve for a term ending on July 31, 2026.

The Saint Paul Charter Commission has been guided by talented and dedicated public servants. The City of Saint Paul has been fortunate in this regard. This Court recognizes and applauds their accomplishments, and gives special recognition and thanks to Brian Alton, who has served on the Commission for 16 years, most recently as Chair of the Commission. His knowledge, leadership, and experience have significantly benefited the people of the City of Saint Paul.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No. 62-CV-22-15

In Re: City of Saint Paul Charter Commission

OATH AND ACCEPTANCE
OF APPOINTMENT

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Jesse
I, ~~Jess~~ Busta, appointed as a member of the Saint Paul Charter Commission as provided by Minnesota Statute § 410.05 for the term to expire July 31, 2026, hereby affirm that I reside in and am a qualified voter in said City of Saint Paul and accept such appointment, and I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota and will faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me God.

*I declare under penalty of perjury that everything that I have stated in this document is true and correct.
Minn. Stat. § 358.11*

Signature: Jesse Busta Date: 8/10/22

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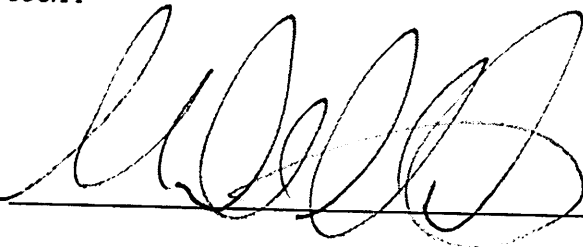
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OF APPOINTMENT

I, Michael Hahm, appointed as a member of the Saint Paul Charter Commission as provided by Minnesota Statute § 410.05 for the term to expire July 31, 2026, hereby affirm that I reside in and am a qualified voter in said City of Saint Paul and accept such appointment, and I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota and will faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me God.

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Signature: _____



Date: _____

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OATH AND ACCEPTANCE
OF APPOINTMENT

I, Garrison McMurtrey, appointed as a member of the Saint Paul Charter Commission as provided by Minnesota Statute § 410.05 for the term to expire July 31, 2026, hereby affirm that I reside in and am a qualified voter in said City of Saint Paul and accept such appointment, and I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota and will faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me God.

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OATH AND ACCEPTANCE
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I, Carrie Wasley, appointed as a member of the Saint Paul Charter Commission as provided by Minnesota Statute § 410.05 for the term to expire July 31, 2026, hereby affirm that I reside in and am a qualified voter in said City of Saint Paul and accept such appointment, and I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota and will faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me God.

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Signature: _____

Carrie Wasley

Date: _____

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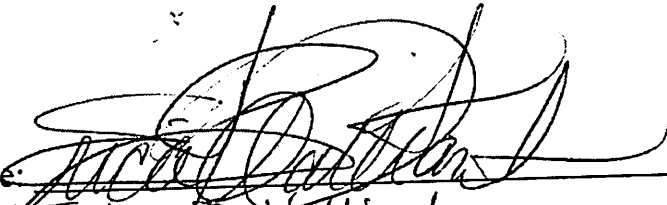
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OF APPOINTMENT

I, Erica Valliant, appointed as a member of the Saint Paul Charter Commission as provided by Minnesota Statute § 410.05 for the term to expire July 31, 2026, hereby affirm that I reside in and am a qualified voter in said City of Saint Paul and accept such appointment, and I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota and will faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me God.

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Signature: _____


Erica D. Valliant

Date: 8 / 11 / 2022

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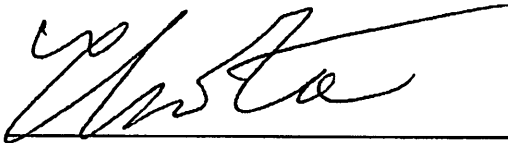
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OATH AND ACCEPTANCE
OF APPOINTMENT

I, Chai Lee, appointed as a member of the Saint Paul Charter Commission as provided by Minnesota Statute § 410.05 for the term to expire July 31, 2026, hereby affirm that I reside in and am a qualified voter in said City of Saint Paul and accept such appointment, and I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota and will faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me God.

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Signature: _____



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OATH AND ACCEPTANCE
OF APPOINTMENT

I, Darren Tobolt, appointed as a member of the Saint Paul Charter Commission as provided by Minnesota Statute § 410.05 for the term to expire July 31, 2026, hereby affirm that I reside in and am a qualified voter in said City of Saint Paul and accept such appointment, and I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota and will faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me God.

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Signature: _____



Date: _____

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OATH AND ACCEPTANCE
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I, Cosandra Lloyd, appointed as a member of the Saint Paul Charter Commission as provided by Minnesota Statute § 410.05 for the term to expire July 31, 2026, hereby affirm that I reside in and am a qualified voter in said City of Saint Paul and accept such appointment, and I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota and will faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me God.

*I declare under penalty of perjury that everything that I have stated in this document is true and correct.
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Signature: _____

Cosandra Lloyd

Date: _____

8/25/2022

STATE OF MINNESOTA

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

COURT FILE 62-CV-24-11

In the Matter of the Appointment of:

**CITY OF ST. PAUL
CHARTER COMMISSION**

**ORDER APPOINTING
COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, there are currently seven (7) vacancies on the City of St. Paul Charter Commission as a result of terms that expired on July 31, 2024;

WHEREAS, notice of the vacancies has been published, and applications were submitted by prospective applicants, and received and reviewed by Ramsey County District Court; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 410.05, subd. 2, requires the Chief Judge of the Judicial District to fill charter commission vacancies.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. **John T Stiles**, 71 Morton St. E, St. Paul, MN 55107, is appointed as a member of the City of St. Paul Charter Commission for a term to expire July 31, 2028.
2. **Joe Spencer**, 1187 Raymond Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108, is appointed as a member of the City of St. Paul Charter Commission for a term to expire July 31, 2028.
3. **Acooa Ellis**, 1000 Montana Avenue West, St. Paul, MN 55117, is appointed as a member of the City of St. Paul Charter Commission for a term to expire July 31, 2028.
4. **Jon Fure**, 1752 Nebraska Avenue East, St. Paul, MN 55106, is reappointed as a member of the City of St. Paul Charter Commission for a term to expire July 31, 2028.
5. **Deborah Montgomery**, 1016 Central Avenue West, St. Paul, MN 55104, is reappointed as a member of the City of St. Paul Charter Commission for a term to expire July 31, 2028.
6. **Maisue Thao**, 44 B Street, St. Paul, MN 55106, is reappointed as a member of the City of St. Paul Charter Commission for a term to expire July 31, 2028.
7. **Rick Varco**, 2265 Youngman Avenue #208, St. Paul, MN 55116, is reappointed as a member of the City of St. Paul Charter Commission for a term to expire July 31, 2028.

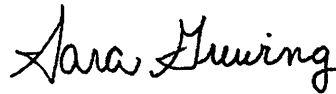
IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

The Court Administrator of the Second Judicial District shall immediately by mail provide notice to the members of the St. Paul Charter Commission of these appointments. Additionally, the Court Administrator shall notify by mail the appointees of this Order and inform them of their individual responsibility to file a written acceptance and oath of office within thirty

(30) days from the date of this Order. Such appointments are to be fully effective upon the filing of the written acceptance and appropriate oath with the Court Administrator of the Second Judicial District Court for Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Dated this ___ day of August, 2024

BY THE COURT

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Grewing". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Grewing, Sara (Judge)
Aug 19, 2024 11:17 AM

Sarah Grewing
Chief Judge
Second Judicial District

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No. 62-CV-24-11

In Re: City of Saint Paul Charter Commission

OATH AND ACCEPTANCE
OF APPOINTMENT

I, Deborah Montgomery, appointed as a member of the Saint Paul Charter Commission as provided by Minnesota Statute § 410.05 for the term to expire July 31, 2028, hereby affirm that I reside in and am a qualified voter in said City of Saint Paul and accept such appointment, and I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota and will faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me God.

*I declare under penalty of perjury that everything that I have stated in this document is true and correct.
Minn. Stat. § 358.11*

Signature: Deborah L. Montgomery Date: 8 12 24

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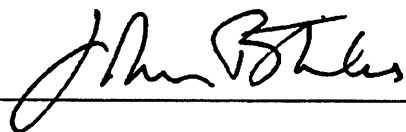
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I, John Stiles, appointed as a member of the Saint Paul Charter Commission as provided by Minnesota Statute § 410.05 for the term to expire July 31, 2028, hereby affirm that I reside in and am a qualified voter in said City of Saint Paul and accept such appointment, and I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota and will faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me God.

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Signature: _____



Date: _____

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY

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In Re: City of Saint Paul Charter Commission

**OATH AND ACCEPTANCE
OF APPOINTMENT**

I, Rick Varco, appointed as a member of the Saint Paul Charter Commission as provided by Minnesota Statute § 410.05 for the term to expire July 31, 2028, hereby affirm that I reside in and am a qualified voter in said City of Saint Paul and accept such appointment, and I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota and will faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me God.

*I declare under penalty of perjury that everything that I have stated in this document is true and correct.
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Signature: Rick Varco Date: 09/03/2024

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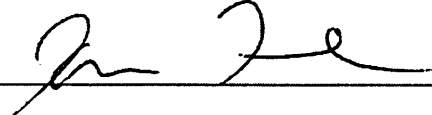
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In Re: City of Saint Paul Charter Commission

OATH AND ACCEPTANCE
OF APPOINTMENT

I, Jon Fure, appointed as a member of the Saint Paul Charter Commission as provided by Minnesota Statute § 410.05 for the term to expire July 31, 2028, hereby affirm that I reside in and am a qualified voter in said City of Saint Paul and accept such appointment, and I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota and will faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me God.

*I declare under penalty of perjury that everything that I have stated in this document is true and correct.
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Signature:  Date: 9 / 13 / 2024

From: [Patrick Ingram](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#); [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#); [#CI-StPaul Ward1](#)
Cc: [#CI-StPaul Ward4](#); [#CI-StPaul Ward7](#); [#CI-StPaul Ward2](#); [*CI-StPaul CC-Ward5](#)
Subject: Public Comment Re: Support for Ord 25-2
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 11:32:40 AM

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Dear Members of the Saint Paul City Council,

My name is Patrick Ingram, and I am a proud resident of Ward 1, living in the Frogtown neighborhood. I am reaching out virtually to share my comments regarding today's discussion on Ord 25-2, as I am unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

First, I want to express my gratitude and admiration for the leadership and dedication you bring to our city. I was honored to support your respective campaigns and remain proud to live in a city guided by such a diverse and resilient group of women. Your ongoing efforts to prioritize the best interests of Saint Paul have not gone unnoticed.

In 2022, I purchased my home in Frogtown. Since then, I have witnessed a significant increase in property taxes—approximately 25% in the first year alone, with continued increases over time. However, as these taxes rise, the conditions in our neighborhood have not reflected this investment. Many homes remain in disrepair, rental properties are often maintained in unacceptable conditions by negligent landlords, and numerous properties are abandoned altogether.

Reports and complaints made to the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) about these violations frequently go unresolved, and the issues persist due to the root causes of the issues not being fully addressed. A review of the city's GIS tool reveals that many of these landlords have repeated violations, yet little action has been taken to enforce compliance, as reflected in past City Council meeting minutes.

For these reasons, I urge all members of the council, including my Ward 1 representative, to support the administrative citation proposal outlined in Ord 25-2. Residents and landlords who consistently violate ordinances without taking meaningful steps to rectify the issues should be held accountable. Saint Paul deserves neighborhoods where all residents can thrive in clean, safe, and compliant environments.

At the same time, I encourage the council to consider providing support for property owners who are actively working to address violations but face economic challenges. Exploring grant programs and other resources to assist those genuinely striving to improve their properties will ensure that we foster equitable and compassionate solutions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you to advance the health and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Patrick Ingram, MHSA

578 Blair Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55103 - Ward 1, Frogtown Neighborhood
Doctoral Student
Mobile: 804-566-9121

From: [Luis Argueta](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)
Subject: ORD 25-2
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 11:21:52 AM

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Maria Isabel Gonzales

1244 Hazelwood Street, Saint Paul, MN
Ward 2

Maria Isabel Gonzales, 45 years old, Saint Paul, MN

Personal Testimony

I live in a one-bedroom apartment near Hazelwood and Maryland. We began talking with the manager before moving into this complex back in January 2024, and we were told that utilities would be included. However, when it came time to sign the lease, the apartment manager mentioned politics in the City of Saint Paul and claimed that, due to these changes, they had to start charging separately for utilities.

Originally, the rent was \$995 per month and included utilities. After this adjustment, the total for rent and utilities went up by about \$180 per month. Now, we are also facing a new increase in January 2025, where the rent will go up to \$1025.

These additional costs include:

- An electric bill that varies between \$25 and \$50 per month.
- Water and garbage fees of about \$120 per month.

Overall, my monthly housing expenses now approach \$1200. I am unsure whether it is legal for the landlord to change the terms in this way and start charging for utilities separately, given that we initially agreed they would be included in the rent.

Testimony 2 - Erenia Luna

A friend has been living next to the Bymore Supermarket on Payne avenue for two years. Since she moved in, no maintenance has ever been done in her apartment. The carpet has been there since before she arrived; it's old and dirty. She and her roommate tried cleaning it, but it was impossible to get it fully clean.

At one point, strong winds tore off part of the roof. They reported it, but management only covered it with a piece of wood and never repaired it. The hallways are also very dirty and

neglected. However, they always receive a reminder the day before rent is due, yet maintenance requests are ignored. The curtains are damaged as well, so they resort to using bedsheets to block the light.

Testimony 3 - Jazmina Ibarra

Jazmina lives nearby in a rented house that is also in poor condition. She has requested new appliances but has not received a response. Her kitchen is in very bad shape, and although she has asked for replacements, there has been no reply. The rent for this house is \$1,300.

From: [Luke Hanson](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Cc: [Sustain Saint Paul](#)
Subject: Sustain Saint Paul support for admin citations
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 11:29:39 AM
Attachments: [Sustain Saint Paul - Administrative Citations Letter of Support to City Council.pdf](#)

Hello,

My name is Luke Hanson, and I am the co-chair of [Sustain Saint Paul](#), a local advocacy organization. We support the proposed charter amendment to enable administrative citations, and I have attached our letter of support to this email.

Thanks,

Luke



Abundant housing, low-carbon transportation, and sustainable land use
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sustainstpaul.org | info@sustainstpaul.org

Tuesday, January 14th, 2025

Dear City Councilmembers,

Sustain Saint Paul is a volunteer-led, grass-roots organization that champions abundant housing, low-carbon transportation, and sustainable land use in Saint Paul. We submit this testimony on behalf of the Board, members, and advocates that make up our organization.

We offer our strong support regarding the adoption of administrative citations as it is vital to equip our city government with the appropriate tools to enforce local laws and ordinances. Administrative citations offer ways for our government to avoid criminal violations, lifting unnecessary burdens on our criminal justice system while allowing citizens to resolve their penalties without establishing a criminal record. We view this as a common sense tool for our city to employ as it needs when and where appropriate. With administrative citations, our local government can move towards increased accountability for those who violate the law as well as more responsible management of our public dollars.

Sustain Saint Paul Board of Directors

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From: [Kristin Koziol](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: Fw: Administrative Citations to Better Protect Renters, Workers and Saint Paul Residents!
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 2:36:57 PM

For Ord 25-2

From: dan.nejfelt@everyactionadvocacy.com <dan.nejfelt@everyactionadvocacy.com> on behalf of Dan Nejfelt <dan.nejfelt@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 09:15 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Administrative Citations to Better Protect Renters, Workers and Saint Paul Residents!

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Dear Council President Mitra Jalali,

Hi Mitra! Just wanted to pass along a quick note that I'm really excited about and invested in passing administrative citations. It reminds me of classroom management from the old teaching days -- you need intermediate consequences between a warning and removal from the classroom in order for things to function well.

As a small landlord myself, I know there are some landlords who will always do right by their tenants, some who will do everything they can get away with to squeeze money out of their tenants, and a vast middle that are capable of going either way depending on the prevailing winds.

My understanding is that this is pretty close to the finish line, but victory isn't guaranteed. I hope you can bring your persuasive leadership to bear on anyone who is wavering! I see admin citations as a keystone policy that makes the headliner policies real.

Grateful for all you do.

Dan

Sincerely,
Dan Nejfelt
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dan.nejfelt@gmail.com

From: [*CI-StPaul_CC-Ward5](#)
To: ["Erin McCabe"](#)
Cc: [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Subject: RE: Yes on 25-2
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 1:55:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Erin -- Thanks for reaching out with your support. It will be shared with Council VP Kim and added to the public hearing comments for ORD 25-2.

Jenna Sadjadi (she/they)
Executive Assistant to Council Vice President Kim
Saint Paul City Council - Ward 5
15 W Kellogg Blvd, Ste 320
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From: Erin McCabe <erinannmccabe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 7:12 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Yes on 25-2

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Hello Councilmember Hwa Jeong Kim,

I have been active in Ward 5 in the past and I want to let you know that I support Administrative Citations so that the city has better, fairer tools in the compliance toolbox and we have ways to hold employers and land lords accountable. I appreciate that you have publicly expressed support for administrative citations and ask that you vote YES for ordinance 25-2.

Thanks for your leadership,

Erin McCabe

From: [*CI-StPaul_CC-Ward5](#)
To: ["claire.klein280@gmail.com"](mailto:claire.klein280@gmail.com)
Cc: [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Subject: RE: 25-2 support
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 1:54:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Claire -- Thanks for reaching out with your support. It will be shared with Council VP Kim and added to the public hearing comments for ORD 25-2.

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From: Claire Klein <claire.klein280@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 7:13 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: 25-2 support

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Hi Councilor Hwa Jeong -

This is Claire, one of the folks from Unidos in Ward 5, reaching out to let you know that we support Ordinance 25-2 to promote the use of administrative citations. We believe this will help support renters' rights, be more efficient than depending on the court system, and be a helpful tool to ensure adherence to climate policies.

Thanks for all of your advocacy!
Claire

From: [*CI-StPaul_CC-Ward5](#)
To: ["Bonnie McCabe"](#)
Cc: [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Subject: RE: YES for ordinance 25-2
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 1:53:35 PM
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Hi Bonnie -- Thanks for reaching out with your support. It will be shared with Council VP Kim and added to the public hearing comments for ORD 25-2.

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From: Bonnie McCabe <bonnieannmccabe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 7:17 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: YES for ordinance 25-2

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Good evening Councilmember Kim!

I heard you speak at a climate meeting in October. Thank you for your words at the meeting!

I am a property owner in Ward 6 and I am interested in a faster and more effective way of holding landlords responsible for the maintenance and compliance of their properties. I appreciate that you have publicly expressed (as I'm told) and I ask that you vote YES for ordinance 25-2!

Thank you for your leadership!

Bonnie McCabe

From: [Jenna Sadjadi](#)
To: "lrbabeau@gmail.com"
Cc: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: RE: Passing Administrative Citations to Better Protect Renters, Workers and Saint Paul Residents!
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 3:58:58 PM

Laura -- 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: lrbabeau@everyactionadvocacy.com <lrbabeau@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 4:50 PM
To: [#CI-StPaul_Ward2](mailto:#CI-StPaul_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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Dear Council Member Rebecca Noecker,

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.

When St. Paulites come together to pass important ordinances like Earned Safe and Sick Time, Minimum Wage, and Rent Stabilization, we expect that employers and landlords will follow these policies and, if they don't, the City will ensure that they do.

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,
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From: [Jenna Sadjadi](#)
To: "kari.khalil@gmail.com"
Cc: [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Subject: RE: Administrative Citations
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 3:57:51 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kari -- 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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From: Kari Khalil <kari.khalil@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 7:16 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Administrative Citations

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Hi Councilmember Noecker,

As a Ward 2 constituent, I'm writing to voice my support for Administrative Citations. I strongly believe we need better tools in the compliance toolbox so that we have ways 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.

Thank you,

Kari Khalil

From: [CouncilWard5VM \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Aaron Kerr public comment ORD 25-2
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 3:13:59 PM

From: KAREN KERR <noreply@skype.voicemail.microsoft.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 7:11 PM
To: VM-CouncilWard5 <VM-CouncilWard5@stpaulmn.onmicrosoft.com>
Subject: Shared Voicemail (CC-Ward 5-AA-CQ)

Hey, this is Aaron Kerr leaving a message for Hwa Jeong. Hope you guys are doing good. We're just having a Unidos meeting right now. And the big push that we're doing is to support the administrative citations, which is going to hold the employers and the landlords accountable. And of course, we want Hwa Jeong to support that and I'm pretty sure that she will. It would be great if she did. But we're here. We're bombarding all of the council folk with messages saying do it, go for it, make this happen. It would be really cool. Unidos supports this. I think it'd be great for a lot of things. Thanks, guys. OK, bye.