17 November 2025

RE: Walker Wilkins Property
1473 Fairmount Ave
St. Paul, MN 55105

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a neighbor of Walker Wilkins, a neighborhood resident since 1979, who has walked my dog twice a day by his property since he has purchased the property. I have found Walker to be a pleasant and personable neighbor. Walker has been working on a project to build a stone wall on his property which borders his sidewalk for the past couple of years. This is a big project as he is working with large pieces of stone which include granite and bluestone. These pieces of stone require being cut and placed. The stone has been delivered to his yard and is dispersed in his front yard. Stone that was on the boulevard has been moved to his front yard. I find his project quite intriguing but difficult. When I walk my dog, I compare the front yards on our block and across the street which vary from meticulously maintained with grass and flowers, partially maintained grass and flowers, front yards completely replaced and partially replaced with green vegetation, a front yard which is half weeds and half grass, and a front yard in a duplex which often has debris. I personally consider Walker's front yard as quite different and attractive as he continues to make progress on building his stone wall. I am not sure what it will look like when it is done, but for now this neighbor enjoys looking at the rock which is strewn on his front yard. I consider it our neighborhood rock garden. It is a pleasure to see that unordered area on my walks.Since Walker has removed the stone from the boulevard, I think it is his prerogative to arrange his rock garden and the wall on his property in whatever order, design, or chaos that he chooses, and at what speed he chooses.

Finally, as a taxpayer in the City of St. Paul who is faced with exorbitant property tax increases, I must say the city should better use its time and personnel to focus on essential matters rather than harassing a homeowner who wishes to do a long project by himself rather than hire expensive contractors.

If you have questions regarding this statement, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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