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Support for Saint Paul's Proposed Sustainable Building Policy Ordinance

Dear Council,

As the director of the Center for Sustainable Building Research (CSBR) at the University of Minnesota, I am writing this letter to support the approval of the updated Sustainable Building Policy Ordinance.

Our goal at the CSBR is to provide research to transform the built environment in ways that provide for the ecological, economic, and social needs of the present without compromising those of the future. Our work with the city of Saint Paul has been a collaboration to realize this goal in support of the city's sustainability efforts. We have provided our advice on the city's Sustainable Building Policy, The Road Map to Sustainability for the Ford Site, The St Paul Ford Site Energy Study and US Department of Energy's Net Zero Energy District Accelerator program. The proposed update of the city's Sustainable Building Policy Ordinance is a timely and impactful step for the city to achieve its goals. In addition, the policy update will continue the city's leadership in Minnesota and in the country in the promotion of development that creates long-term value and benefits for the social, environmental and economic needs of the city.

Over the past year, the city's policy update has been carefully reviewed by stakeholders with assistance from Pat Smith and Richard Strong, research fellows at the CSBR. It includes not only needed updates, but also new features like resilience, renewable energy, and electric vehicle charging that will integrate a smart approach into the future of Saint Paul's building infrastructure.

Again, I strongly recommend the council approve the proposed Sustainable Building Policy Ordinance to continue Saint Paul's leadership in ensuring a sustainable and resilient future for its residents.



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