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**Sent:** Saturday, July 28, 2018 1:43 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward1 <[Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <[Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward3 <[Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <[Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward5 <[Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward6 <[Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward7 <[Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

**Subject:** Please OPPOSE Ordinances 18-37, 18-38, 18-39 & 18-40

Dear City Council Members,

I strongly **OPPOSE** the four new organized trash collection ordinances on which you are scheduled to vote in the coming days: **18-37, 18-38, 18-39 and 18-40.**

I wrote in May 2018 to say that, as I see it, part of Saint Paul's trash collection roll-out feels like **City-Sponsored Extortion.**

- St. Paul's mandated "No Sharing" of trash carts will impose an unfair burden on owners and residents of 2-, 3- and 4-unit buildings. The increased costs will contribute to "skyrocketing" rents and will hamper efforts aimed at "affordable" housing -- two issues about which many people in city government say they are very concerned. From this citizen's perspective, City-mandated no sharing of trash containers exposes local "concern" as little more than lip service.
- "No Sharing" and "No Opt-out" are also issues that, I believe, will harm "Zero Waste" efforts. People who generate little or no trash are mandated by the City to have unnecessary trash carts, city fees, and hefty trash bills forced onto them. It is a sad and short-sighted fact that St. Paul's new rules fly in the face of efforts to reduce trash via composting, recycling, etc.

Please bite the bullet, let go of saving face, and **VOTE NO** on all four of these proposed ordinances.

Eric Lein

**From:** mary [<mailto:maryerjavec@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, July 30, 2018 2:58 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward5 <[Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

**Subject:** Regressive trash fees

Dear City Councilperson,

I am opposed to the contract that you have made with the trash haulers for the new city trash hauling plan. I am close to being zero-waste, currently average one grocery-size bag of trash monthly( 8 gallons)—usually under 10 lbs/month. I reduce, reuse, recycle, donate and compost. All of the things we've been encouraged to do. Your plan, for every-other week will have a net cost of \$22.33. : 70 gallons @ \$.32/ gallon. ( my cost about \$2.78 per gallon for what I discard in trash) I currently take my trash to the transfer station every several months and pay \$4.00.

Additionally, the costs are appallingly regressive.

EOW	35 gallon	\$ .32/ gallon/mo (NB, truck needs 2 fewer stops each month)
Weekly	35 gallon	\$ .18/ gallon/mo
Weekly	65 gallon	\$ .13/ gallon/mo
Weekly	95 gallons	\$ .095/ gallon/mo

I have heard the argument about much of the cost being for the stop. Obviously that argument is based on false reasoning—the greatest costs to the hauler are fuel and tonnage dump fees.

How on earth did you support/ ratify such a regressive program? I am a low income disabled senior—this will severely impact my budget. Those of us who are not big consumers should not be forced to subsidize others. That is exactly what the contract as written does—Punish those of us take the extra steps to reduce waste. Please reconsider/ renegotiate and leave room for an opt-out or sharing option. And reconsider the format of charging more for less.

Sincerely,  
Mary M. Erjavec  
253 Goodhue St, St Paul 55102

Councilwoman Thao,

I am the owner of a 4 unit property in Ward 1, and have been successfully sharing 2 large 95-gallon garbage bins as two of my units are studio apartments, and all units within our building actively recycle to reduce our trash footprint.

The mandate that each unit must have its own bin will increase our costs significantly. We currently spend ~\$560/year for trash services, and with the cheapest possible option that fits our needs with the 1 bin/unit mandate (2 large 95-gallon bins serviced weekly and 2 small 35-gallon bins serviced every other week), our costs will rise to \$936/year. This 67% increase in cost is burdensome and unfounded.

The city apparently sent a single notice in May, which we did not receive. Our notice states for those who didn't select bins with the return of that notice, bins were assigned based on current usage levels. These cannot be changed until Q1 2019. We were assigned 3 medium sized 64-gallon bins and 1 large 95-gallon bin, for a total capacity of 287 gallons, weekly (as compared to our current 190 gallons, which has worked for our property for years). The cost of this service for Q4 is \$390, compared to our current quarterly cost of \$140.

Know I have been a proponent of citywide service. It should make a more efficient system which should drive down costs long term. I believe some of the contract requirements are unnecessary, and the implementation of this plan was hurried. I especially think the proper feedback was not solicited from small multi-family properties and properties who have worked to reduce their waste and don't require these mandated levels of service.

I am hoping that you can 1) help to remove the mandate to disallow sharing within a small multi-family property and require one bin per unit, as current service levels have adequately served our property and many other small multi-family properties I know of, 2) consider implementing a smaller minimal waste option for properties which have worked to reduce their waste (this effort is admirable and should be

rewarded, not punished), and 3) assist with the ability to change the bins which were incorrectly assigned to my property in Q3 , prior to the rollout of the program in Q4 2018.

**Michael Strom**

651-271-2283

**From:** Sean Lidberg [<mailto:lost.blue.istari@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Saturday, August 4, 2018 5:02 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <[Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

**Subject:** Multi-Unit Garbage Collection

I wanted to go on record with my displeasure at the multi-unit garbage collection rules. I have lived in my duplex for 10 years, renting out the second half. A single medium size garbage can has always been adequate. I am now, apparently, required to purchase two garbage cans. This requirement causes two major issues:

1. Alley space. The alley has already become very crowded with the addition of the recycling bins. I can barely fit the required bins as it is. Adding another will encroach on driveway space which means one more car parked on the street instead of the private driveway. That is not the "improved livability" that is regularly touted.

2. Cost. The added can will cost an extra \$384 per year. That is a cost I will have to pass on to tenants. I have always tried to keep rent low, something people have appreciated. I've been told repeatedly I have one of the cheapest "nice" apartments around. In a city with soaring rents I would think increasing costs for tenants would be something to avoid rather than force with unnecessary requirements.

Sincerely,  
Sean Lidberg

Dear Councilmember Henningson,

I am contacting you in regards to the recent decision made on the citywide garbage collection service that is set to begin October 1, 2018.

I have been a resident in St. Paul since August of 1996. At the time I purchased my home, it was categorized as a duplex, which allowed me to financially afford to move into the city. However, since 2007, I have not rented the property, and have chosen to live and treat the home as a single family residence. The City's rental certificate of occupancy was not required or obtained since 2007, as the property has been treated as a single-family, single-unit property. Since 2007, we have been in the process of slowly rehabilitating and converting the property into a single-family residence.

Under the new City garbage collection ordinance, our home is required to have and pay for service for each unit on the property, even though Ramsey County currently assesses our property for real estate tax purposes as a single family home. What this means for us is that we will be assessed for two collection services. This results in an increase from \$344/annually to \$768/annually - for two individuals.

The per-unit assessment of this ordinance needs to be corrected as it penalizes, and is significantly unfair, to many residents. The service should allow for the sharing of services, or be assessed on the basis on the number of unrelated families residing on a property.

I respectfully request that you reconsider the assessment parameters of this ordinance so that it fairly impacts residents. A blanket approach to all properties is unfair and unjust.

Jason M. Worden  
1496 Laurel Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

**From:** Virginia Martin [mailto:marti137@umn.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 6, 2018 3:32 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_Contact-Council <Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Trash hauling

I was shocked when I got the information about the new trash-hauling system. I am being forced to take 2 medium-sized carts (I have a duplex) at 96.09 each, per quarter, which worked out to \$768.72 per year, a more-than-double increase of **\$426.56**.

My tenant and I are both careful and responsible recyclers and composters and we don't even fill one cart per week now. The other will just bounce around in the alley taking up precious space. More to the point, I am being forced to pay this amount without any negotiation on my part or the part of any other homeowner. I am a retired person on a fixed, low income, and I cannot ask my tenant, also low income, to pay more rent.

I understand this new charge is the result of negotiations with the participating trash haulers and the city, but I cannot understand that more-than-double increase. My trash haulers were making a profit before as far as I know, and salaries have not gone up much, if at all; neither has gas. I have communicated, unsatisfactorily, with Dianne Chao, for a reason for such a huge increase and I have not gotten one. Did the negotiators include homeowners and building owners/managers? Was an option of low-income householders discussed?

I would think, if anything, there might have been a savings.

I do not understand how the city expects people like me on a low income to pay \$426.56 more this year than I have in previous years.

I think this should be renegotiated although Chao says the contract is for 5 years. I think this is a travesty all the way around and I cannot imagine how you think your constituents in the Summit-U neighborhood are going to pay this.

Virginia L. Martin

695 Hague Ave.

St. Paul MN 55104

**From:** Rosie Moffat [mailto:rosiemof@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 6, 2018 3:26 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_Contact-Council <Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** More money.

You people couldn't be more wrong about this garbage collection. It's going to cost me 200 to 300 more. This could have been put on the 2018 election ballot to give us a choice whether or not to approve or disapprove this. Not right to force this upon the people of saint paul without some kind of choice. I love my country, it's sad alot of our freedoms are slowly going away. Regards, John....

From: [DSI-InformationAndComplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:DSI-InformationAndComplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us) [mailto:DSI-InformationAndComplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us]  
Sent: Monday, August 6, 2018 10:21 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1Complaints <[Ward1Complaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward1Complaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
Subject: CSO FYI: New Complaint - 18 091427 OPN

To: City Council - All Wards - Ward 1

A complaint has been referred to you by the City of Saint Paul Information and Complaint Office. A response is NOT required. This is FYI only.

LOCATION: All over city

PROPERTY OWNER:

DETAILS: Opinion - Those on a fixed income were not considered in this organized trash bill. They should consider a program to assist in supplementing the financial bill(or make it affordable) possibly implementing for 2019. (maybe some tax relief as well)

**From:** "starthomas1" <[starthomas1@q.com](mailto:starthomas1@q.com)>  
**To:** "ward4" <[ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 9:24:26 PM  
**Subject:** CITY TRASH PICKUP

I oppose the 4 ordinances vehemently. St. Paul's NEW plan is inept, poorly thought out and unfair to the citizens of St. Paul. It is nothing but a ploy to take more money from those who really need it; from the poor. How about fixing our streets and all the pot holes? Have you thought about senior citizens who are on a fixed income? We are being gouged every which way we turn. Our property taxes are out of control in Ramsey County and assessments are ridiculously high and they keep going up so many of us can no longer stay in our homes. It seems more time is spent on how to take more money from us who are struggling than what is spent on fixing problems that need fixing. Next thing you know St. Paul will charge us for having a sidewalk or charge us for how many trees we have in our yards, or even charge us for breathing the air. St. Paul is CROOKED AND GREEDY and needs to be "cleaned" up.

This definitely is COMMUNISM. We, the people of St. Paul need to stand up against this and PROTEST. If you, as council member, really care about the people, then something better has to be done about trash pickup. Doubling fees is NOT the answer. Mandating and not giving us the option to opt out is NOT the answer. We should have the right to allow an elderly neighbor who has hardly any trash to share our bin. WE, THE PEOPLE need to be given the RIGHT TO VOTE on this issue.

MYRNA THOMAS  
1148 Orange Avenue E  
St. Paul, MN 55106

Dear Ward 4 representative,

As a Saint Paul resident, let me go on record to say that I oppose all four ordinances that will regulate St. Paul's "coordinated collection" of trash.

I urge you to oppose approval of Ordinance # 18-40 and Ordinance # 18-39.

I am being forced to have two containers, when I will hardly even fill up one cart in two weeks time.] It seems so unfair and ridiculous, and this puts a burden on lower income individuals, such as myself, and makes housing less affordable in Saint Paul. Currently, I share trash services with my sister.

Please do what you can to stop these ordinances, or to rethink them, whereby we, as residents of Saint Paul:

Can have the ability to:

Opt Out,  
to Share Containers,  
to Reduce Excessive Price Increases  
to Reduce Excessive Space Requirements  
and to make the Program FAIR TO ALL.

Sincerely,

Jay Wittenberg

From: [DSI-InformationAndComplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:DSI-InformationAndComplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us) [<mailto:DSI-InformationAndComplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us>]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 4:05 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1Complaints <[Ward1Complaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward1Complaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
Subject: CSO FYI: New Complaint - 18 092251 OPN

To: City Council - All Wards - Ward 1

A complaint has been referred to you by the City of Saint Paul Information and Complaint Office. A response is NOT required. This is FYI only.

LOCATION: 1450 Sheldon St

PROPERTY OWNER: Cherie Lynn Farseth 1450 Sheldon St St Paul Mn 55108

DETAILS: Opinion - Constituent is upset about the new organized trash pick up. Concerns include: financial impact, the placement of the can which is the front of her property (she has a rather large lot and she is one of our elderly residents so this is extremely difficult, as well as a disability), If the can is placed in the front it will block the sidewalk