



August 13, 2018

City of Saint Paul
15 Kellogg Blvd. West
Saint Paul MN 55102

Councilmembers,

Please accept our official support of the proposed ordinance to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) throughout the whole of Saint Paul, but respectfully request that a minimum lot size requirement NOT be included for detached ADUs. The typical lot is 40' x 120' totaling 4,800 square feet, so the proposal, as written, would eliminate detached ADUs on the vast majority of city lots.

Saint Paul is in need of additional housing to accommodate its increasing population and we see ADUs as an innovative part of the solution. Property owners will have increased flexibility as to how to best use their own land, while contributing to a response to the community's challenge of offering increased housing options for future Saint Paul residents.

MN-OZA views ADUs as beneficial because they:

- offer flexibility in housing for environmental, lifestyle and financial reasons,
- increase density without changing neighborhood characteristics,
- offer aging residents and extended family innovative options for aging in place,
- are family-friendly, often affording family caregivers increased ease of support for loved ones at home, and
- add value to existing properties.

Thank you for Saint Paul's thorough consideration of the value of Accessory Dwelling Units.

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