From: Kelle Green [mailto:kelle@kellegreen.com] Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 9:42 AM To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <<u>Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>> Subject: Snow Emergency Fines

Hello,

I would like the council to consider just what kind of message the increase in snow emergency fines sends to their city.

The people who will be affected will be largely renters and homeowners who do not have the luxury of off-street parking and/or a garage.

Many of these people are working hard to afford the roof over their heads, perhaps raising a family, and meeting the higher cost of housing without any increase in their wages. They don't have time to stay abreast of the daily issues of the city, much less take the time to find the contact information for their representative and make a comment. How many people struggling to pay their rent can take time off work to attend a meeting in the middle of the day to comment on something like this?

I have been a homeowner and now a renter in St. Paul. This increase will only make it more difficult for the working poor in our community, while those of higher income will be mildly inconvenienced from time to time - if that.

If this increase goes through today the message will be very clear. The council represents the comfortable and the wealthy.

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From: Joe Banken [mailto:bankjoe@icloud.com] Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 9:15 AM To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <<u>Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>> Subject: Increase of towing fees

Good morning I see on the morning news today that the city Council will be meeting today to increase towing fees to \$300 for those unfortunate people who are parked in a snow emergency spot. As they don't have offstreet parking and they are renters who can barely afford their rent in St. Paul.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on the increase. And would urge you to do the opposite and propose a decrease on the towing fees. This is hurts the poor. and undoubtedly the money will come from their food budget.