



## Greater Saint Paul Building Owners & Managers Association

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Honorable Members of the Saint Paul City Council  
15 Kellogg Blvd. West, 310 City Hall  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE: THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 19-81 TO BENCHMARK COMMERCIAL AND  
MULTIFAMILY BUILDING ENERGY AND WATER USAGE

Dear Council Members,

On behalf of Greater Saint Paul BOMA, we are writing in full support of the proposed ordinance 19-81 to benchmark commercial and multifamily building energy and water usage in Saint Paul. Greater Saint Paul BOMA is a commercial real estate association located in downtown St. Paul. We are the leading advocate for the commercial real estate industry in the East Metro area.

We strongly support the proposed ordinance to require buildings in Saint Paul to measure their energy and water performance via ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager. While our membership didn't initially endorse this ordinance, over time, BOMA members have become more familiar with the requirements and are now in agreement with its purpose and goals. This is due in part to the efforts of Kurt Schultz and Molly Smith. They met with our Government Affairs Committee on multiple occasions, and the full membership, and effectively educated building owners on the value of this ordinance. Members were particularly impressed that they incorporated feedback from owners into the final version of the ordinance.

Benchmarking is an effective, low-cost way to encourage energy and water efficiency in Saint Paul's buildings. By passing this ordinance, the City Council will be taking an important step towards making our city more resilient. We strongly support the proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,

Joe Spartz  
Greater St. Paul BOMA President

Clint Blaiser  
Building Owner and BOMA Board Member

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