

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR FILE PH 20-1 RECEIVED BY COUNCIL RESEARCH**

"Hi. My name is Bruce. I read an article in the paper we can comment on how Mayor Melvin Carter's doing in the paper today. I don't have a computer or e-mail. I'm calling on the phone to voice my personal opinion. That's all it is, personal opinions. The Mayor made the City of Saint Paul take city trash pickup. And he's got a monopoly on it. And then he'll raise the trash cost. Where is our freedom? Also, by raising sewer, trash, recycling, and water, the Mayor is giving us a cut on keeping the property tax the same, which is good. He is helping us with the right hand and taking it away with the left hand by raising cost of trash, our recycling, our sewer, and our water. And I am a Saint Paul resident. And I did sign the petition not to do city wide trash because of this trash monopoly by our Mayor. Even though I appreciate he's not going to raise our taxes, he is still making it up in other things by raising sewer, water, and recycling thing. My name is Bruce, my phone number is 771-0740. I live in the City of Saint Paul. I didn't have a computer so I read this in the paper, so this is my personal opinion. I don't think the Mayor is doing that good for us. Thank you. Bye."

Bruce Krummel  
9/1/2020

"As usual, I seem to be a little bit late. Just found out about this ridiculous price increase, which is absolutely ludicrous and completely unnecessary as we are all paying double what we paid to begin with. I'm furious at the leaders of this City who are doing absolutely nothing and now you are raising the price thing? This is absolutely ridiculous. There are seniors who can barely afford now to pay for their trash since they cannot share cans. This is Victoria Kane. I'm at 651-488-5114. And again, I am furious. Goodbye."

Victoria Kane  
9/1/20

"My name is Toby Sauro, 2237 East Sixth Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55119. I'm calling in regards to any additional cost to me as a resident for the trash system that was voted in to Saint Paul. Quite frankly, the trash is over expensive and has been. I do get trash for 2/3 that cost for a property I own in Bloomington. I am definitely against anything that increases the cost of trash pickup in our City. I have also noticed more trash being in the streets, and at bus stops, and elsewhere within the City because we do not have additional pickup at our properties. My old hauler picked up things for very minimal cost at my property. Also in regards to the housing thing that was just passed with renting to criminals and people with low credit scores: as a landlord, I don't see anything but raising my rent to cover additional costs incurred with renting to less than desirable tenants. I have been doing this for 20 years and have had great tenants and people who take care of my properties. The only time I had a bad tenant is when I used Section 8 as a payment plan. The proposed and ratified ordinance is detrimental to residents and keeping costs down for renters. If we get an increase in trash and

we get an increase in the ability to ruin a property and also incur more eviction costs, it will only be passed onto the tenant. Again, Toby Sauro, 612-280-5708, e-mail [tobysauro@gmail.com](mailto:tobysauro@gmail.com). Please stand up for us in the City who are providing housing and providing clean-cut properties and live in Saint Paul. Thank you.”

Toby Sauro  
9/2/20