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Dear Council Members,

I have recently learned that the city has blocked a new business from producing local food. Minnesota Acre Farms has been given a code violation based on a classification issue.

I encourage you to vote to allow this business to move forward. As small business after small business closes in MN due to Covid-19, I think it's appropriate to support all small businesses the best we can. My own small business revenues are down 80% this year. Independent, small operations such as Minnesota Acres Farm is what makes St Paul such a special city to live in - and what draws shoppers and customers in from around the metro area and state.

Furthermore, the health benefits to our community of such an operation outweigh any importance of classification. We need to support local food, especially now, when the health of our city's residents and access to nourishing food takes on renewed priority.

I ask you to please side with local business by classifying based on what is IN the building and what it does, not on what it looks like from the outside. St Paul and it's residents will be better for it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Susan Waibel
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