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Subject: Ord 20-32 and 2021 Trash Budget Line Item

Think Before You Click: This email originated outside our organization.

Dear Councilmembers -

I'm writing today in regards to the organized trash program for 1-4 unit properties in St. Paul and impacts you are currently considering in Ord 20-32 and the 2021 budget.

This is the 1-year anniversary of the 2019 "trash vote," and we just passed the 2-year anniversary of the program rollout. Before the "yes voters" prevailed, we heard again and again about the hard work which would be done by the City and its allies to fix the broken program immediately following the referendum. Almost nothing has changed.

Our supposedly protected tenants are still forced to pay garbage overcharges mandated by the City's no-sharing and no opt-out policy.

Especially during a pandemic, this lack of promised changes for the betterment of the community is so very disappointing. Now is the time to HELP the St. Paul community and this is one area to do just that.

How??

- 1) Allow multifamily properties to share trash carts
- 2) Allow multifamily the option of a trash dumpster instead of trash carts
- 3) Ord 20-32: Do not mandate multifamily properties pay the proposed increased 2021 quarterly trash rates
- 4) 2021 Budget: Do not mandate multifamily properties pay the proposed increase PER TRASH CART city admin fee on property taxes (\$24.60 to \$27.12 per cart)

When I asked why the City admin fee per trash cart was proposed to increase in 2021 and one of the answers was "the City didn't estimate correctly the number of carts needed" I was appalled. My family alone currently has 16 mandated trash carts collecting dust in basements. 16 carts ready to be used vs making more. We are not the only property owners storing, and paying for, unused carts.

Why are St. Paul taxpayers going to pay to reinvent the wheel and create more carts when there are tons sitting in St. Paul basements today? It's this type of inefficiency which if promises were kept, could HELP a bleeding budget and our local community. Please reconsider your proposed 2021 hauler and City trash increases on multifamily properties.

Thank you, Alisa Lein

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