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City Council Members:

Parking Minimums for new apartments in St Paul

The proposal to either reduce the minimum or remove the minimum requirement for parking spaces is the question. I believe the minimums need to be continued. I say this because without any minimums, more units will be built and these people need a place for their vehicles. I realize that some of the committee members believe that these new rental people won't have any vehicles. The committee is under the idea that these young people will not use vehicles. I beg to differ. They will have a vehicle. Without a minimum parking requirement, these people will use the residential on-street parking near their building to "plant" their vehicle. This means the residential people will have no place to park their vehicle-they won't be able to park in front of their own home. These people pay taxes to maintain the street and now they won't be able to park in front of their homes. I find this quite unfair. The homeowner will have the choice of going through the arduous process to get permit parking for their street or fight with the rental people to park on the street. This is why I feel the parking minimums must continue to be required. I live in the midway area, near the soccer stadium and we went through the process to obtain a parking permit because 300 parking spaces just wasn't enough spaces for the 19,000 attending the games. So, I really think the parking minimum should be retained.

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