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HDC Resolution on St. Paul Parking Study recommendations

WHEREAS the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and a 2018 Planning Commission resolution identified minimum parking requirements for study

WHEREAS the planning staff presented two options to "reduce" or "eliminate" minimum parking requirements to the planning commission

WHERAS planning staff presented the study and options to the Transportation Committee of the Highland District Council on June 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS the planning commission recommended the elimination of minimum parking requirements

WHEREAS the Highland District Council recognizes that the cost per space is high and that current minimum parking requirements often exceed market demand

WHEREAS the Highland District Council recognizes the need for reducing the complexity of the parking requirements, increasing flexibility for small businesses and affordable housing

WHEREAS the Highland District Council is concerned about increased parking on residential streets and unintended negative consequences; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland District Council's Transportation Committee recommends that parking requirements be reduced but not eliminated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Highland District Council's Transportation Committee recommends that rules for new minimum parking requirements are not unnecessarily complicated and allow for flexibility when needed.

Approved August 10, 2021

By the Transportation Committee of the Highland District Council