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To whom it may concern,

The recent property tax proposal of \$5,181 is extremely unacceptable, especially for families like mine who live paycheck to paycheck. With inflation driving up the cost of living, from groceries to utilities, the added burden of such a high tax assessment makes it nearly impossible for us to manage our financial obligations. This is a significant increase in property taxes feels out of touch with the economic realities many of us face, as we struggle just to make ends meet. Our wages haven't kept up with inflation, and this tax hike only adds to our already overwhelming financial stress. You have "deferred" payments but this is just another way of saying pay later and pay more taxes. You also stated "non payment" will result in 4.25% interest over 20 years. Of those 20 years, my parents will owe even on their death beds.

Furthermore, taxes have already been raised multiple times in recent years, making it harder for working families to keep up. Every increase in taxes chips away at what little disposable income we have left. This proposal feels like an unfair demand that places undue pressure on homeowners like us, like my retired parents on a fixed income. This would require my parents to each work part time or full time at Walmart over 300 hours to pay \$5,181. My parents are doing everything they can to stay afloat in a challenging economy. It's becoming harder to imagine how we will manage such an increase without having to sacrifice essentials or fall into debt.

We never received any notice about the construction being done on Annapolis street, and there was no warning or communication about the disruption it would cause. I came here a few months ago and expressed how disappointed I was with the lack of communication from the city. The lack of advance notice, has created unexpected inconveniences, making it difficult for us to plan accordingly.

We have sidewalks poorly made and weeds growing through the new dirt they placed. The trees that were planted are already dead, and to make matters worse, the street lights still haven't been turned on, leaving our neighborhood poorly maintained and unsafe at night. I have attached a few pictures showing how poorly and sloppy the work has been. If the city of St. Paul is expecting the community affected by the construction to pay, then give us a proper sidewalk, road and greenery. My stairs leading up to my house is broken because of their machinery and was never fixed. How is this going to be my responsibility to fix it when nothing was broken before this project started. No one ever communicated with us that they would tear down almost 20+ year old trees.

I again, will reiterate we never got a notice about this construction. I am very disappointed that my community who some are retired, working pay check to pay check and those who are stressed because of inflation are having to pay this within 30 days. I ask for leniency. Right before the holidays.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen





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