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Re: Minor Zoning Code Amendments Notice of the City Council Public Hearing July 9th.

Saint Paul City Council

We are opposed to the proposed amendment to Section 65.220 (c) that adds the following phrase to the beginning of the current code section: “The height of campus buildings may exceed the maximum building height in the underlying zoning district provided that ...”. This change essentially would allow a 90 foot building height on any college campus in a residential neighborhood no matter the underlying zoning height requirement.

This is a significant amendment which should be separately considered and not part of a batch of supposed “Minor Zoning Code Amendments”. We ask you to recommend removing this amendment from the proposed February 11, 2025 Minor Zoning code amendments to be considered at a later date as a stand-alone amendment to provide more transparency and more thorough public feedback.

Zoning codes are meant to maintain a balance between different types of property use – such as residential vs a college campus. Allowing a 90foot building within a college campus has the potential to significant change the balance in favor of colleges. If a college can erect a 90 foot building in a 40 foot limit zoning area, that is a huge change. Additionally, the parking and traffic impact of a 90 foot building will be significantly larger than say a 50 or 60 foot building within a residential area. No one wants to look at a towering 90 foot buildings looming across a regular residential street 50 feet from their homes.

Thank you,

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