



Resolution to Support the Ward 3 Design Standards Code Update

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council requested a study of the Residential Design Standards in August of 2014 and the Planning and Economic Development approved a study of Ward 3 residential Design Standards; and

WHEREAS, the Highland District Council (HDC) discussed this issue at the Community Development Committee (CDC) meetings on May 20, 2014 and August 19th, 2014 and held Community input meetings with City Planner, Mike Richardson, on October 13, 2014, January 20, 2015 and March 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the HDC passed a resolution of support for these changes on May 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2018 the HDC requested that the Planning and Economic Development Department of the City of Saint Paul, review and finalize the Ward 3 Residential Design Standards in 2019; and

WHEREAS, The Development Committee of the HDC met with PED Staff on November 19, 2019 and February 18, 2020 to review the draft Zoning Code changes;

WHEREAS, the revised zoning language will address the changes adopted in 2015 to address the high number of granted variance requests for height and sidewall articulation, while maintaining the intent of the 2015 amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Committee suggested dropping the exemption for projects that expand by less than 50% from the height requirement, to prevent additions on a 4 foot side yard setback that could go up to 30 feet; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Development Committee of the Highland District Council recommends approval of the revised zoning language without the exemption for projects that expand by less than 50% from the height requirement.

Approved March 18, 2020

By the Community Development Committee of the Highland District Council

residential design standards

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To: Richardson, Mike (CI-StPaul) <mike.richardson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

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

Dear Mike, Thank you for your service to our city. I want to urge you to please find a way to maintain the intent of the design standards for District 14 and District 15. Thank you for listening. Take Care.

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Dear Mike,

On April 14, 2020, the Board of Directors of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council (“MGCC”) held a public meeting, at which it considered a recommendation from its standing Housing and Land Use Committee.

After discussion, the Board of the MGCC passed the following resolution as recommended by the Housing and Land Use Committee of the MGCC:

“The Housing and Land Use Committee of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council supports the amendments to the District 14 and 15 Residential Design Standards as outlined in the memo from City Planner Mike Richardson to the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee of the City of Saint Paul, dated February 14, 2020.”

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council would also like to express their appreciation and thanks for all of the time you have spent reviewing previous housing projects and gaining neighborhood feedback and the excellent work done to draft amendments to the residential design standards.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Alexa Golemo
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Macalester-Groveland Community Council

cc (via email): Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Ward 3
Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Ward 4