



December 10, 2015

DMNA Board of Directors
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To DMNA Board of Directors:

This letter comes from the Stonebridge Lofts Board of Directors in response to the proposed use of the parking lot on 2nd St. South and 11th Ave for a tailgating parking lot during Minnesota Vikings home games.

It is the position of the Stonebridge Lofts Board of Directors, on behalf of the owners of Stonebridge Lofts with a population of approximately 300 people, that tailgating would be detrimental to not only our residents, but to the community in general.

As the DMNA is aware, there is substantial effort being put toward creating a community in Downtown East. Downtown East has a diverse and growing mix of residents, not only at Stonebridge, but at Bridgewater, the Zenith, as well as new growth both current and future. As we create a true neighborhood with focus on community, cleanliness, and safety, permitting tailgating right in the middle of our neighborhood stands contrary to our objectives of building a strong and safe community.

Unfortunately, the reality of tailgating comes replete with drunkenness, public urination, loud noise, obscenity, and morning to evening partying. Littering, including paper products floating around, empty beer cans, broken beer and liquor bottles, charcoal ashes and more, are standard elements of tailgating. There of course is always the possibility of fighting and people getting out of control with limited police availability on game day.

The residents of Stonebridge Lofts pay in excess of \$2,000,000 per year in property taxes. We insist on safety and security. Police say the best way to stop crime is by stopping small crime first. Let us stop the small crimes of public indecency and littering before they happen. And leave our building clean and free of litter and debris. Who cleans up the mess? Who picks up broken bottles and leftover cans in the bushes? We have a clean building and a clean neighborhood and we want it left that way.

Finally, it would be short sighted to not take a long term view of this decision. In a few years, the population of Downtown East will be doubled or tripled, and allowing tailgating will affect far more people than today. Once permissions for tailgating are in place, it is difficult to reverse those permissions. At that point, leadership will look back and say "why didn't we disallow tailgating when we had the chance?"

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brady Mueller', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Brady Mueller
President, Stonebridge Lofts Board of Directors