

**City of South St. Paul  
Dakota County, Minnesota  
Ordinance No. 1375**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DESIGN STANDARDS FOR TRASH ENCLOSURES**

The City Council of the City of South St. Paul does ordain:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** South St. Paul City Code Section 118-125 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec 118-125.- CGMU, Concord Gateway mixed-use district.

(h) *Building and architectural provisions.*

(7) All exterior trash enclosures or other accessory structures shall be constructed of the same materials and colors as the principal building except for properties that have legal nonconforming exterior trash handling. These properties are permitted to bring their trash handling into partial compliance by constructing a trash enclosure out of composite decking material. Trash enclosures constructed of composite decking material must be placed at least 10 feet away from the principal building unless the principal building is equipped with sprinklers.

(11) All trash, recyclable materials, and equipment for handling them, including compactors, shall be totally screened from eye-level view from public streets and adjacent properties, whether in the front, side or rear, either by being stored within the principal structure or stored within an accessory structure ~~enclosed by a roof~~ and readily served through swinging doors or an overhead door on tracks.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** South St. Paul City Code Section 118-126 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 118-126. - C-1, retail business district.

(f) *Trash or garbage disposal*

(1) For any commercial building constructed after December 16, 1968, there shall be no exterior incineration, and any trash storage shall be completely screened from view by a trash enclosure. This trash enclosure shall be constructed of composite decking material or concrete or ~~other another~~ incombustible material and shall be painted or surfaced to be attractive and neat-appearing. Trash enclosures constructed of composite decking material must be at least 10 feet from the principal building unless the principal building is equipped with sprinklers.

(2) ~~The trash~~ enclosures need not be covered or roofed, but all trash within uncovered enclosures must be stored in covered receptacles. Manufactured containers specifically

designed for trash storage and removal may be used provided they are covered and maintained in a neat, attractive manner and remain adequately painted. Trash enclosures constructed of composite decking materials may not be covered or roofed.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** South St. Paul City Code Section 118-127 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 118-127. - NCMU, North Concord mixed-use district.

(g) *Building and architectural provisions.*

(7) All exterior trash enclosures or other accessory structures shall be constructed of the same materials and colors as the principal building except for properties that have legal nonconforming exterior trash handling. These properties are permitted to bring their trash handling into partial compliance by constructing a trash enclosure out of composite decking material. Trash enclosures constructed of composite decking material must be placed at least 10 feet away from the principal building unless the principal building is equipped with sprinklers.

(11) All trash, recyclable materials, and equipment for handling them, including compactors, shall be totally screened from eye-level view from public streets and adjacent properties, whether in the front, side or rear, either by being stored within the principal structure, totally screened from view by the principal building, or stored within an accessory structure ~~enclosed by a roof~~ and readily served through swinging doors or an overhead door on tracks.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** South St. Paul City Code Section 118-240 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 118-240. - Exterior storage.

(c) In all districts, all waste, refuse, or garbage shall be kept in an enclosed building or properly stored in a closed container designed for such purposes; except for one-family and two-family homes, said container shall be ~~noncombustible~~ of a type as required in the C-1, business district (see subsection 118-126(ef)). The owner of vacant land shall be responsible for keeping such land free of refuse and weeds.

**SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** South St. Paul City Code Section 106-56 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 106-56. - Permits; application.

An owner or an authorized agent of the owner who intends to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any gas, mechanical, electrical, plumbing system, or other equipment the installation of which is regulated by this chapter, or any person wishing to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change a building or structure, including, without limitation, new construction, garages, decks, sheds (120 square feet or larger), roof replacement, soffit, fascia, gutters, siding, windows, doors, interior remodeling, fences, trash enclosures, concrete work, asphalt, sheetrock, stucco work, retaining walls more than four feet tall, or cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit. The application shall be, on forms provided by the city, filed in the office of the city engineer and contain or be accompanied by the following information:

**SECTION 6. SUMMARY PUBLICATION.** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 412.191, in the case of a lengthy ordinance, a summary may be published. While a copy of the entire ordinance is available without cost at the office of the City Clerk, the following summary is approved by the City Council and shall be published in lieu of publishing the entire ordinance:

The proposed ordinance amends the existing design standards for trash enclosures to allow composite decking material trash enclosures under certain circumstances.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Approved: March 1, 2021

Published: March 5, 2021

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Christy Wilcox, City Clerk