



# City of South St. Paul

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**RE: DRAFT ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS – OPEN HOUSE SEPT. 22<sup>ND</sup>, 6 PM**

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of South St. Paul is reviewing architectural standards for commercial and industrial properties and **we would like to hear from you!** This review should help eliminate current inconsistencies among land use classifications and should result in standards that help attract quality development and help protect the property value of existing businesses.

We have created a draft ordinance to show how architectural standards could work in South St. Paul. The draft architectural standards would apply to new development and to substantial building additions (over 50% of the building size and 10,000 s.f.) for properties in the BridgePoint area, the General Business (GB), and Industrial (I) zoning districts.

**We invite you to an Open House on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the South St. Paul City Hall Council Chambers; 125 Third Avenue North.** Please attend and review the draft architectural standards, talk to City staff, and provide comments and suggestions.

If you are not able to attend the Open House, please review and offer comments about the **Draft Architectural Standards Ordinance** and the **Architectural Standards FAQ** sheet posted on the Planning & Zoning page of the City's website - [www.southstpaul.org](http://www.southstpaul.org). (Follow the links for "City Departments & Services", and then "Planning & Zoning"). Send any e-mail comments or suggestions on the draft architectural standards to me: [peter.hellegers@southstpaul.org](mailto:peter.hellegers@southstpaul.org). Please submit comments by noon on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009 to ensure that we can include the comments in our discussion with the City Council and Planning Commission for their upcoming meetings.

**Upcoming meetings for the draft Architectural Standards ordinance:**

1. Open House - Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>
2. City Council Work Session - Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>
3. Planning Commission (continued public hearing) - October 7<sup>th</sup>
4. City Council - 1<sup>st</sup> reading - October 19<sup>th</sup>
5. City Council - 2<sup>nd</sup> reading - November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Phone calls, comments or questions are also welcome at (651) 554-3217.

We hope to hear from you!

Peter Hellegers, City Planner

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