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Subject: New eComment for City Council Virtual Meeting Closed Session - 5:00 P.M.=0ARegular Meeting - 6:00 P.M.=0ADuly Posted on July 23, 2021 at 4:55 P.M. by E.S.
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Jim Butler submitted a new eComment.

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Item: b. REPORT 21-0468 ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE PROPERTY OWNERS TO REPAIR THE SIDEWALK AREA ABUTTING THEIR REAL PROPERTY (City Attorney Michael Jenkins)

eComment: REJECT Sidewalk Repair Ordinance Staff has not offered an explanation or rationale for why this ordinance has been introduced. Burden would fall disproportionately on properties abutting busy streets (estimated 100x the traffic level of the average property in the city). City allows damaging actions to take place on public streets/sidewalks, yet will now expect property owners to pay for the consequences. All of the following are common along the 2700 block of Manhattan Avenue that abuts my property: * public works subcontractors have left behind shoddy work and debris * construction and delivery vehicles offloading heavy equipment on the sidewalk * trash dumped from pedestrians and passing vehicles * animal and human waste left behind * intoxicated individuals traversing sidewalks at night * skateboarding, especially stunts, damaging to sidewalk The ramifications of this ordinance are murky at best. A reasonable interpretation is as follows - imposing liability on a party for property that they do not own implicitly grants that party certain rights to control said property . . . such as the right to exclude public access

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