CHARTER AMENDMENT: REMOVING FINES & FEES CAP FOR CERTAIN ORDINANCES

- BOARD BILL 72CS

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PURPOSE

BB72 proposes a change in the City of St. Louis charter to remove municipal fine limits and allow fines and fees for certain ordinance violations authorized and assessed by relevant city ordinances as authorized by the Board of Aldermen.

KEY CHANGES IN BB72CS

- Adds several whereas clauses to contextualize vacancy problem.

- Narrowly tailors change in fees to focus on the preservation and protection of environmental conditions in the City for the prevention of harm to the health, safety and comfort of its residents or harm to private or public property such as theunauthorized dumping of waste or debris on private or public property, prohibited refuse, waste tire disposal, unpermitted demolitions, vacant property, or non-owner-occupied deteriorated property.
- Adjusts ballot language to reflect changes in CS.

SECTION 1

Section 24 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby *repealed* and enacted in lieu thereof is a new Section 24 of Article IV which shall be and read as follows:

No fine shall exceed five hundred dollars except for violations of City ordinances regarding the preservation and protection of environmental conditions in the City for the prevention of harm to the health, safety and comfort of its residents or harm to private or public property such as the unauthorized dumping of waste or debris on private or public property, prohibited refuse, waste tire disposal, unpermitted demolitions, vacant property, or non-owner-occupied deteriorated property.

SECTION 2

“In order to make the City of St. Louis more effective in the enforcement of laws pertaining to vacant and deteriorated property and better protect the health, safety and welfare of residents, shall the City of St. Louis Charter be amended to add an exception to the five hundred dollar maximum fine for ordinances relating to vacant and non-owner-occupied deteriorated property?”

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QUESTIONS?