

ORDINANCE #66764
Board Bill No. 135
Committee Substitute

An ordinance prohibiting the issuance of any package or drink liquor licenses for any currently non-licensed premises within the boundaries of the Twenty-Seventh Ward Liquor Control District, as established herein, for a period of four years from the effective date hereof; containing an exception allowing, during the moratorium period, for the transfer of existing licenses, under certain circumstances, and the issuance of a drink license to persons operating a restaurant at a previously non-licensed premises; and containing an emergency clause.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

The existence of alcoholic beverage establishments appears to contribute directly to numerous peace, health, safety and general welfare problems including loitering, littering, drug trafficking, prostitution, public drunkenness, defacement and damaging of structures, pedestrian obstructions, as well as traffic circulation, parking and noise problems on public streets and neighborhood lots. The existence of such problems creates serious impacts on the health, safety and welfare of residents of single- and multiple-family within the district, including fear for the safety of children, elderly residents and of visitors to the district. The problems also contribute to the deterioration of the neighborhood and concomitant devaluation of property and destruction of community values and quality of life. The number of establishments selling alcoholic beverages and the associated problems discourage more desirable and needed commercial uses in the area. In order to preserve the residential character and the neighborhood-serving commercial uses of the area, there shall be a moratorium on the issuance of new liquor licenses with the area beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Alcott Ave. and Interstate 70, and proceeding along the centerlines in generally clockwise direction northwest to the city limits, northeast along the city limits to Park Ln., south to McLaran Ave., west to Trafford Ln., south to Norfolk and Western Railway tracks, southeast to Riverview Blvd., north to McLaran Ave., east to Oriole Ave., southwest to Switzer Ave., southeast to N. Broadway, south to N. Calvary St., south to Calvary Ave., southwest to West Florissant Ave., northwest to Alcott Ave., southwest to Harney Ave., northwest to Beacon Ave., southwest to Thekla Ave., southeast to Alcott Ave., southwest to the point of beginning.

Such area shall be known as the Twenty-Seventh Ward Liquor Control Area.

SECTION TWO. The Excise Commissioner is hereby prohibited, for a period of four years, beginning as of the effective date of this Ordinance, from approving the issuance of a package or drink liquor license for any premises which is located within the boundaries of the Twenty-Seventh Ward Liquor Control District established in Section One of this ordinance.

SECTION THREE. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section Two of this Ordinance, the Excise Commissioner shall have authority to:

- (1) Approve transfer of an existing license to another premises within the petition circle of the currently licensed premises, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (B) of section 14.06.330 of Ordinance 61289; and
- (2) Issue a drink license for a premises, not licensed as of the effective date of this Ordinance, which currently is or will be, upon opening, operated as a restaurant, as such term is defined in section 14.01.390 of Ordinance 61289.
- (3) Approve the renewal of an existing license under the provisions of Section 14.08.090 of Ordinance 62656

SECTION FOUR. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Approved: July 7, 2005