

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 89 FS INTRODUCED BY: PRESIDENT LEWIS E.**  
2 **REED, ALDERWOMAN DONNA BARINGER**  
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4 An ordinance adopted pursuant to Section 105.483 (11) RSMo., reaffirming the  
5 provisions of Ordinances 62391, 66691, 67617, 68409 and 68934 establishing a policy  
6 for the disclosure of potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain  
7 municipal officials, and containing an emergency clause.

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

9 **SECTION ONE.** Declaration of Policy.

10 The proper operation of municipal government requires that public officials and  
11 employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people; that government  
12 decisions and policy be made in the proper channels of the governmental structure; that  
13 public office not be used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the  
14 integrity of its government. In recognition of these goals, there is hereby established a  
15 procedure for disclosure by certain officials and employees of private financial or other  
16 interests in matters affecting the city.

17 **SECTION TWO.** Conflicts of Interest.

18 a. All elected and appointed officials as well as employees of a political subdivision must  
19 comply with section 105.454 of Missouri Revised Statutes on conflicts of interest as well  
20 as any other state law governing official conduct.

21 b. Any member of the board of aldermen who has a "substantial or private interest" in  
22 any measure, bill, order or ordinance proposed or pending before such governing body  
23 must disclose that interest to the clerk of the Board and such disclosure shall be recorded  
24 in the Journal of the Board of Aldermen. Substantial or private interest is defined as

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1 ownership by the individual, his spouse, or his dependent children, whether singularly or  
2 collectively, directly or indirectly of: (1) 10% or more of any business entity; or (2) an  
3 interest having a value of \$10,000 or more; or (3) the receipt of a salary, gratuity, or other  
4 compensation or remuneration of \$5,000 or more, per year from any individual,  
5 partnership, organization, or association within any calendar year.

6 **SECTION THREE.** Disclosure Reports.

7 Each elected official, candidate for elective office, the mayor, **all city employees with**  
8 **the authority to sign contracts on behalf of the city, members of the Board of Public**  
9 **Service**, the supply commissioner, and the city counselor shall disclose the following  
10 information by May 1 if any such transactions were engaged in during the previous  
11 calendar year:

12 a. For such person, and all persons within the first degree of consanguinity or  
13 affinity of such person, the date and the identities of the parties to each transaction with a  
14 total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that such person had with the political  
15 subdivision, other than compensation received as an employee or payment of any tax, fee  
16 or penalty due to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to  
17 the political subdivision.

18 b. The date and the identities of the parties to each transaction known to the  
19 person with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that any business entity  
20 in which such person had a substantial interest, had with the political subdivision, other  
21 than payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the political subdivision or transactions  
22 involving payment for providing utility service to the political subdivision, and other than  
23 transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision.

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1 c. The mayor, **all city-wide elected officials, members of the Board of Public**  
2 **Service**, the supply commissioner, and the 28 members of the Board of Aldermen, also  
3 shall disclose by May 1, or the appropriate deadline as referenced in Section 105.487,  
4 RSMo., the following information for the previous calendar year:

5 1. The name and address of each of the employers of such person from  
6 whom income of one thousand dollars or more was received during the year  
7 covered by the statement;

8 2. The name and address of each sole proprietorship that he owned; the  
9 name, address and the general nature of the business conducted of each general  
10 partnership and joint venture in which he was a partner or participant; the name  
11 and address of each partner or coparticipant for each partnership or joint venture  
12 unless such names and addresses are filed by the partnership or joint venture with  
13 the secretary of state; the name, address and general nature of the business  
14 conducted of any closely held corporation or limited partnership in which the  
15 person owned ten percent or more of any class of the outstanding stock or limited  
16 partnership units; and the name of any publicly traded corporation or limited  
17 partnership that is listed on a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation  
18 system in which the person owned two percent or more of any class of  
19 outstanding stock, limited partnership units or other equity interests;

20 3. The name and address of each corporation for which such person served  
21 in the capacity of a director, officer or receiver.

22 **SECTION FOUR.** Filing of Reports.

1 a. The financial interest statements shall be filed at the following times, but no person is  
2 required to file more than one financial interest statement in any calendar year;

3 1. Every person required to file a financial interest statement shall file the  
4 statement annually not later than May 1 and the statement shall cover the calendar year  
5 ending the immediately preceding December 31; provided that any such person may  
6 supplement their financial interest statement to report additional interests acquired after  
7 December 31 of the covered year until the date of filing of the financial interest  
8 statement.

9 2. Each person appointed to office shall file the statement within thirty days of  
10 such appointment or employment covering the calendar year ending the previous  
11 December 31;

12 b. Financial disclosure reports giving the financial information required in Section 3 shall  
13 be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen and with the Missouri Ethics  
14 Commission. The reports shall be available for public inspection and copying during  
15 normal business hours.

16 **SECTION FIVE.** Filing of Ordinance. The city register shall send a certified copy of  
17 this ordinance to the Missouri Ethics Commission within ten days of its approval.

18 **SECTION SIX.** Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and  
19 after the date of its passage and approval and shall remain in effect until amended or  
20 repealed by the Board of Aldermen.

21 **SECTION SEVEN.** Emergency Clause. This being an Ordinance necessary for the  
22 immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an  
23 emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the

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- 1 Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this Ordinance shall become effective
- 2 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.