

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 123 SPONSORED BY ALDERWOMAN DONNA**
2 **BARINGER, PRESIDENT LEWIS REED, ALDERMAN SHANE COHN**

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4 An ordinance adopted pursuant to Section 105.483 (11) RSMo., reaffirming the
5 provisions of Ordinance 69536 establishing a policy for the disclosure of potential
6 conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain municipal officials, and
7 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 the
8 authority to sign contracts on behalf of the city, members of the Board of Public Service,
9 the supply commissioner, and the city counselor shall disclose the following information
10 by May 1 if any such transactions were engaged in during the previous calendar year:

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 **SECTION FOUR. Filing of Reports.**

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

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

6 2. Each person appointed to office shall file the statement within thirty days of such
7 appointment or employment covering the calendar year ending the previous December
8 31;

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

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

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

18 **SECTION SEVEN. Emergency Clause.** This being an Ordinance necessary for the
19 immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an
20 emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the
21 Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this Ordinance shall become effective
22 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

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