

Summary**Board Bill Number 233****Primary Sponsor: Alderman Bret Narayan****January 8, 2021**

An ordinance recommended by the Administrative Judge of the Municipal Division of the Circuit Courts authorizing the assessment of a \$7.00 surcharge for the Missouri Statewide Court Automation Fund in cases in which the Municipal Court assesses court costs against a Defendant. This legislation is requested because Missouri Supreme Court rules now make it mandatory for the city's Court to migrate to the use of the Missouri Statewide Court Automation System, otherwise known as Show Me Courts (see Missouri Supreme Court Operating Rule 4.01); and containing an emergency clause.

BOARD BILL NUMBER 233 INTRODUCED BY: ALDERMAN BRET NARAYAN

1 An ordinance requiring the municipal court to assess a \$7.00 surcharge for state court
2 automation in addition to any other court costs assessed by the court in cases in which costs are
3 assessed.

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

5 **SECTION ONE.** Enactment of a new Section 3.08.394 of the Revised Code of the City of
6 St. Louis. A new section of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, to be numbered as
7 Section 3.08.394 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, is hereby enacted and shall read
8 as follows:

9 In addition to any cost which may be assessed by Municipal Division of the Twenty Second
10 Judicial Circuit, St. Louis City Court, pursuant to statute, ordinance or court rule, a surcharge
11 of seven dollars (\$7.00) shall be assessed in every proceeding filed in the municipal division
12 for violation of a municipal ordinance in which costs are assessed by the court. Such surcharge
13 shall be assessed in cases in which pleas of guilty are processed in the violations bureau. No
14 such surcharge shall be assessed or collected when the proceeding or defendant has been
15 dismissed or acquitted by the court or when costs are waived by the court. Such surcharge shall
16 be collected by the municipal court for the purpose of supporting the development of state
17 court automation and transmitted monthly to the Missouri Director of Revenue to the credit of
18 the Missouri Statewide Court Automation Fund as provided in Section 488.012.3(5) and
19 Section 488.027.2 of the Revised Missouri Statutes.

20 **SECTION TWO.** Surcharge to be assessed only in cases initiated or dispositioned under the
21 mandatory Missouri statewide court automation system. The municipal court shall assess and

1 collect the court automation surcharge provided for in Section One of this ordinance only in
2 cases initiated in, or dispositioned by, the municipal court in the mandatory Missouri statewide
3 court automation system as provided for in Missouri Supreme Court Operating Rule 4.01, also
4 known as Show-Me Courts.

5 **SECTION THREE.** Emergency clause. This ordinance, being necessary for the preservation
6 of health, safety, and welfare shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon approval
7 of the Mayor of the City of St. Louis. An ordinance prohibiting the issuance of any package or
8 drink liquor licenses for any currently unlicensed premises within the boundaries of the First
9 Ward, for a period of three years from the effective date hereof; containing an exception
10 allowing, during the moratorium period, for the transfer of existing licenses, under certain
11 circumstances, and containing an emergency clause.