

BOARD BILL NUMBER 231

PRIMARY SPONSOR: Alderwoman Cara Spencer

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: February 21, 2020

BOARD BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed bill would amend Section 1 of ordinance 63800 codified in Chapter 25.64.010 of the City's code to charge of \$150.00 to cover the cost to the City for providing police security escort services during Building Division demolitions, repairs, board-ups, and clean-ups of buildings or structures that have been declared public nuisances. It allows for a police security escort to be provided when, under the circumstances, such precaution is deemed prudent by the Building Commissioner and will help to reduce vacancy by increasing the holding costs of vacant buildings by enabling the City to recoup some of the cost of dealing with them.

**BOARD BILL NUMBER 231 INTRODUCED BY: ALDERWOMAN CARA SPENCER/
ALDERMAN JOHN COATAR/ALDERWOMAN CHRISTINE INGRASSIA/
ALDERWOMAN PAMELA BOYD/ ALDERWOMAN SARAH MARTIN/
ALDERWOMAN CAROL HOWARD/ALDERMAN JESSE TODD/ALDERMAN DAN
GUENTHER**

1 An ordinance amending Section 1 of ordinance 63800 codified in Chapter 25.64.010 of the City
2 of St. Louis Revised Code of Ordinances to include a charge of \$150.00 to cover the cost to the
3 City for providing police security escort services during Building Division demolitions, repairs,
4 board-ups, and clean-ups of buildings or structures that have been declared public nuisances.

5 **BE IT ORDAINED IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

6 **SECTION ONE.**

7 Section 1 of ordinance 63800 codified in Chapter 25.64.010 of the City of St. Louis Revised
8 Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to be and read as follows:

9 25.64.010 - Certified—Sent to Comptroller.

10 Whenever the Building Commissioner, or **the Building Commissioner's** designated
11 officer, issues an order whereby a building or structure is demolished, repaired, boarded up or
12 the property is cleaned up as a result of a violation of the building code which renders the
13 condition of the building or structure detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the residents
14 thereof, and therefore constitutes a public nuisance, the cost of the demolition, repair, **board-**
15 **up or clean-up, as well the cost of police security escort if provided during the demolition,**
16 **repair, board-up or clean up,** shall be certified, by the Building Commissioner, and sent to
17 the Office of the Comptroller.

1 **The City of St. Louis Division of Police may provide a security escort during a**
2 **demolition, repair, board-up or clean-up effort when such precaution is deemed prudent**
3 **under the circumstances by the Building Commissioner or the Building Commissioner's**
4 **designated officer. The cost for a security escort shall be \$150.**

St. Louis City Ordinance 63800

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

BOARD BILL NO. [96] 106

INTRODUCED BY ALDERMEN VELMA BAILEY, MARY ROSS , PAUL M. BECKERLE , IRENE J. SMITH , GREGORY CARTER

An ordinance pertaining to the cost of demolition, repair, board up, and clean up, by the Building Commissioner or his designated agent of buildings or structures within the City of St. Louis which are detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City and are thereby declared to be a public nuisance; authorizing the Comptroller, upon receiving certification of the cost of such demolition, repair, board up, or clean up, to cause a special tax bill to be assessed against the property; further authorizing the collection of said special tax bill as a personal debt against the property owner, and containing an emergency clause.

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

SECTION ONE. Whenever the Building Commissioner, or his designated officer, issues an order whereby a building or structure is demolished, repaired, boarded up or the property is cleaned up as a result of a violation of the building code which renders the condition of the building or structure detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the residents thereof, and therefore constitutes a public nuisance, the cost of the demolition, repair, board up or clean up shall be certified, by the Building Commissioner, and sent to the Office of the Comptroller.

SECTION TWO. Upon receipt of the certified costs of the activity outlined in Section One, the Office of the Comptroller shall prepare a special tax bill for the amount of the cost certified and shall immediately send the special tax bill to the Collector of Revenue for collection as provided in Chapter 5.08.010 et. seq. of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis.

SECTION THREE. From the date of issuance of the special tax bill by the Office of the comptroller, it shall be deemed a personal debt of the owner of the property and shall also constitute a lien on the property until paid.

SECTION FOUR. 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 shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the mayor.

Legislative History					
1ST READING	REF TO COMM	COMMITTEE	COMM SUB	COMM AMEND	VOTE
06/07/96	06/07/96	PS			
2ND READING	FLOOR AMEND	FLOOR SUB	VOTE	PERFECTN	PASSAGE
06/14/96				06/21/96	
ORDINANCE	VETOED		VETO OVR		EFFECTIVE
63800					EFFECTIVE