

1 **BOARD BILL No. 37** **INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN SHARON TYUS,**
2 **ALDERMAN FRANK WILLIAMSON, ALDERMAN JOHN COLLINS MUHAMMAD,**
3 **ALDERMAN SAMUEL MOORE, ALDERMAN SCOTT OGILVIE, ALDERMAN DAN**
4 **GUENTHER, ALDERWOMAN MEGAN GREEN**

5 An ordinance authorizing and directing the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Director to
6 provide to the Members of the Board of Aldermen within 30 days of this ordinance becoming
7 law, a comprehensive list of all Confederate Statues, Confederate Memorials, Confederate
8 Monuments, and Confederate Flags located in any of the parks owned or operated by the City of
9 St. Louis; requiring the removal of all such Confederate Memorials, Confederate Monuments,
10 and Confederate Flags located in any of the parks owned or operated by the City of St. Louis
11 within 120 days of this ordinance becoming law except if they are located inside a Museum
12 designed for the preservation of History; prohibiting the future installation or placement of
13 Confederate Statues, Confederate Memorials, Confederate Monuments, and Confederate Flags
14 located in any of the parks owned or operated by the City of St. Louis, except if they are located
15 inside a Museum designed for the preservation of History; requiring the renaming of all Streets,
16 Drives or Boulevards in any parks owned or operated by the City of St. Louis with the name of
17 Confederate within 60 days of this ordinance becoming law; and specifically requiring
18 Confederate Drive in Forest Park be renamed **SCOTT JOPLIN DRIVE** within 60 days of this
19 ordinance becoming law; authorizing a Committee be formed, within 30 days of this ordinance
20 becoming law consisting of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen,
21 Treasurer, & Chair of the Parks Committee, to raise private funds to remove all such Confederate
22 Memorials, Confederate Monuments, and Confederate Flags located in any of the parks owned
23 or operated by the City of S. Louis except if they are located inside a Museum designed for the
24 preservation of History and requiring said private funds be placed in a special City account
25 created to receive and spend the private funds raised to remove said Confederate Memorials,
26 Monuments, and Flags and containing an emergency clause.

27 **WHEREAS,** Forest Park is owned by the City of St. Louis and located in Forest Park and
28 there is a street named Confederate Drive, and located right off Confederate Drive there is a
29 Confederate Memorial and/or Stone Monument with a bas-relief fresco titled “The Angel of the
30 Spirit of the Confederacy.” On the back of the Monument is a tribute “To the Memory of the
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1 Soldiers and Sailors of the Southern Confederacy.” Below that tribute is a quote from General
2 Robert E. Lee a leader of the illegal Confederate movement; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The Confederate States of America was commonly referred to as the
4 Confederacy and was a self-proclaimed nation of 11 secessionist slave-holding states of the
5 United States, existing from 1861 to 1865. The Confederacy was originally formed by seven
6 states, South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas.

7 **WHEREAS,** The economy of these states was primarily agriculture, particularly cotton,
8 and used a plantation system that relied upon and made profit upon the free slave labor of
9 African-American slaves. Each of the seven states declared its secession from the United States
10 following the November 1860 election of Abraham Lincoln to the U.S. Presidency. Lincoln was
11 elected on a platform which opposed the expansion of slavery and before Lincoln took office in
12 March, 1861 a new illegal Confederate government was established in February 1861.

13 **WHEREAS,** A Civil War began April 12, 1861 between the legal government of the
14 United States and the Illegal Confederacy government. The Civil War was fought to preserve
15 the Union, oppose slavery, and oppose the illegal secession of any states from the United States
16 of America. During this time four more slave states Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, and North
17 Carolina also declared their secession and joined the Confederacy. The Confederacy later
18 accepted Missouri and Kentucky as members, although neither officially declared secession.

19 **WHEREAS,** The City of St. Louis was a strong pro-Union town during the Civil War. In
20 early 1865, after four years of fighting all the Confederate forces surrendered and the illegal
21 Confederacy was dissolved.

22 **WHEREAS,** It is reported that the local chapter of the United Daughters of the
23 Confederacy paid for all or the bulk of the Confederate Monument located in Forest Park and
24 donated it to the City of St. Louis and which was dedicated in 1914 and as reported a band
25 played Dixie; and

26 **WHEREAS,** There has been great debate across the United States of America including
27 the great City of St. Louis regarding the value of Confederate Memorials and why they should or

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1 should not remain in public spaces other than in History Museums with the proper context of the
2 immoral unconscionable act of slavery included in any such preservation of history.

3 **WHEREAS**, Several years ago, a group of business and civic interest formally
4 recommended to the then Mayor that the Confederate monument be dismantled and moved from
5 the Forest Park site. It is reported the Committee placed a cost of relocating the statue at
6 approximately \$130,000; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The Board of Aldermen the legislative body of the City of St. Louis is the
8 proper place to decide what should be done with any and all Confederate Statues, Confederate
9 Memorials, Confederate Monuments, and Confederate Flags located in any of the parks owned
10 or operated by the City of S. Louis. As such, this Honorable Board of Aldermen concurs that
11 now is the time for any and all Confederate Statutes, Memorials, Monuments and Flags located
12 in any of the parks owned and or operated by the City of St. Louis to be dismantled and
13 removed within 120 days of this ordinance becoming law;

14 **WHEREAS**, This Honorable Board further declares that no public tax dollars should be
15 expanded to dismantle or relocate said Confederate Statutes, Memorials, Monuments or Flags.
16 That instead of expending public tax dollars this Honorable Board authorizes and requires that
17 one of several methods be used to have the Confederate items removed from the City owned
18 and/or operated Parks in a timely fashion as required under this ordinance.

19 1. If possible the items should be returned to any organization that donated said
20 Confederate item as long as the organization pays for the removal and relocation and can
21 have said item removed within the time frame as required under this ordinance.

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23 2. If the organization that donated said Confederate item cannot be located or does not want
24 the item or cannot pay to have it dismantled and relocated, then said item should be
25 offered to any organization that can pay for the removal and relocation and can have said
26 item removed with the time frame as required under this ordinance.

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- 1 3. If there is no such organization that can accept the Confederate item then the item should
2 be sold to the highest bidder long as the organization or person pays for the removal and
3 relocation and can have said item removed with the time frame as required under this
4 ordinance.
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- 6 4. Form a Committee consisting of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of
7 Aldermen, Treasurer, & Chair of the Parks Committee, to raise private funds to pay for
8 the administrative cost and the physical cost for the removal of all such Confederate
9 Memorials, Confederate Monuments, and Confederate Flags located in any of the parks
10 owned or operated by the City of S. Louis except if they are located inside a Museum
11 designed for the preservation of History
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- 13 5. If there is no such organization or person that will purchase the item(s) or accept the
14 donation of the item(s) with the caveat that they pay for removal and relocation and a
15 special fund raising committee cannot raise the necessary funds to have the items
16 dismantled and transported to a museum, then the item(s) can be properly disposed of
17 within 120 days that this ordinance becomes law.
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19 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

20 **SECTION ONE:** The City of St. Louis requires all Confederate Statues, Confederate
21 Memorials, Confederate Monuments, and Confederate Flags located in any of the parks owned
22 or operated by the City of S. Louis except if they are located inside a Museum designed for the
23 preservation of History, shall be removed from said parks within 120 days of this ordinance
24 becoming law;

25 **SECTION TWO:** The City of St. Louis prohibits the future installation or placement of
26 Confederate Statues, Confederate Memorials, Confederate Monuments, and Confederate Flags
27 located in any of the parks owned or operated by the City of S. Louis, except if they are located
28 inside a Museum designed for the preservation of History.

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1 **SECTION THREE:** The City of St. Louis requires all Streets, Drives or Boulevards in
2 any parks owned or operated by the City of S. Louis named Confederate shall be renamed within
3 60 days of this ordinance becoming law;

4 **SECTION FOUR:** The City of St. Louis requires Confederate Drive located in Forest
5 Park shall hereafter be designated as SCOTT JOPLIN DRIVE. The Parks, Recreation and
6 Forestry Director shall erect all necessary street-name signage within 60 days of this ordinance
7 becoming law;

8 **SECTION FIVE:** The City of St. Louis authorizes a Committee be formed within 30
9 days of this ordinance becoming law; consisting of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the
10 Board of Aldermen, Treasurer, & Chair of the Parks Committee. Said Committees sole purpose
11 shall be to raise private funds to remove all such Confederate Memorials, Confederate
12 Monuments, and Confederate Flags located in any of the parks owned or operated by the City of
13 S. Louis, except if they are located inside a Museum designed for the preservation of History.

14 **SECTION SIX:** The City of St. Louis requires said private funds shall be placed in a
15 special City account created to receive and spend the private funds raised to remove said
16 Confederate Memorials, Monuments, and Flags.

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

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