

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 52** **INTRODUCED BY: ALDERWOMAN DONNA**
2 **BARINGER, ALDERMAN KENNETH ORTMANN**

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4 An ordinance providing for and directing the submission to the qualified electors of the City of
5 St. Louis a proposal to increase the motor vehicle license tax rates to provide revenue for the
6 City of St. Louis to fund the Crime Reduction and Professional Policing Fund, as established by
7 Ordinance No. _____, the purpose of which fund is to pay for hiring and
8 retaining police officers, investing in programs to prevent and reduce crime, and training officers
9 in community policing, customer service, bias recognition, mental health and policing a diverse
10 city; and to amend ordinance #59754 adopted pursuant to Section 301.340 RSMo. and codified
11 in Title 17 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis; amending the provisions of Section
12 Four of said ordinance, as and replacing said Section Four to read as contained herein, and
13 containing an emergency clause.

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

15 **SECTION ONE.** The following proposition is hereby submitted to the qualifying
16 electorate of the City of St. Louis, and shall be voted upon at the election to be held as
17 hereinafter provided. The proposition shall read in words and figures as follows:
18 “Shall the motor vehicle license tax rates levied on and collected from the owners of motor
19 vehicles residing in the City of St. Louis set forth in Ordinance 59754, Section Four be amended
20 and increased as follows: the rate of twenty dollars per year per passenger car, twenty-five
21 dollars per year per truck, and eighteen dollars per year per motorcycle, such tax being payable
22 in advance on or before December 31 of each year for the succeeding year and calculated on the
23 basis of vehicles owned as of January 1 of the year in which such tax is billed, for the purpose of
24 funding the Crime Reduction and Professional Policing Fund, as established by Ordinance No.

1 _____, the purpose of which fund is to pay for hiring more and retaining police officers,
2 investing in programs to prevent and reduce crime, and training police officers for community
3 policing, customer service, bias recognition, mental health and policing a diverse city?”
4 Yes____
5 No_____

6 **SECTION THREE.** The foregoing proposition shall be submitted to qualified voters of
7 the City of St. Louis at the first primary, general or special election held throughout the City
8 following the effective date of this Ordinance. If the proposition shall receive in its favor the
9 votes of the majority of the qualified voters voting at such election for or against such
10 proposition, the tax rates as set forth within such proposition shall be authorized and adopted and
11 become part of the laws of the City of St. Louis from the date of said election. The qualified
12 voters may, at such election, vote a ballot in substantially the same form:

13 **OFFICIAL BALLOT**

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15 “Shall the motor vehicle license tax rates levied on and collected from the owners of motor
16 vehicles residing in the City of St. Louis set forth in Ordinance 59754, Section Four, be amended
17 and increased as follows: the rate of twenty dollars per year per passenger car, twenty-five
18 dollars per year per truck, and eighteen dollars per year per motorcycle, such tax being payable
19 in advance on or before December 31 of each year for the succeeding year and calculated on the
20 basis of vehicles owned as of January 1 of the year in which such tax is billed, with the revenue
21 generated from the increase diverted to the Crime Reduction and Professional Policing Fund,
22 established by Ordinance No. _____, the purpose of which fund is to pay for hiring more

1 and retaining police officers, investing in programs to prevent and reduce crime, and training
2 police officers for community policing, customer service, bias recognition, mental health and
3 policing a diverse city?”

4 **SECTION FOUR.** Amendment of Ordinance 59754, Section Four, upon passage; If
5 such proposition contained herein shall receive in its favor the votes of the majority of the voters
6 voting thereon, Ordinance 59754, Section Four, as codified in Section 17.52.040A D. shall be
7 amended to add this paragraph.:

8 “Section Four. A. If such proposition to amend and increase the motor vehicle license tax
9 rates as set forth above shall receive the votes of the majority of the voters voting thereon, the
10 motor vehicle license tax rates as set forth above will increase to the rates of twenty dollars per
11 year per passenger car, twenty-five dollars per year per truck, and eighteen dollars per year per
12 motorcycle; the revenue from said increase shall be devoted to the Crime Reduction and
13 Professional Policing Fund as established by Ordinance No. _____. Said rate increases
14 shall take effect on the first day of the October following the date the ballot measure passes, and
15 be due and payable for the succeeding year on or before December 31 of the year in which the
16 election thereon is held, if such election is held not later than the Tuesday following the first
17 Monday in August, such motor vehicle license tax at such rates shall take effect on the first day
18 of October of the year following the year in which such election is held and be due and payable
19 for the succeeding year on or before December 31 of the year in which such tax takes effect. In
20 each year after the year in which such tax takes effect, such tax shall be due and payable for the
21 succeeding year or before December 31.”

22 All other provisions of Ordinance No. 59754 are to remain in full force and effect.

1 **SECTION FIVE.** Notice of the election on such proposition shall be published and said
2 election shall be conducted in the manner provided by law.

3 **SECTION SIX.** Immediately upon the passage and approval of this Ordinance, the City
4 Register shall certify a copy thereof to the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St.
5 Louis for action and proceedings by said Board in accordance herewith and as required by law

6 **SECTION SEVEN.** Emergency Clause. This being an Ordinance calling and providing
7 for an election and vote by the people increasing existing motor vehicle license tax rates to
8 generate revenue for the maintenance, improvement and immediate preservation of public peace,
9 health, and public safety, it is declared to be an emergency measure as defined by Article IV,
10 Sections 19 & 20 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall take effect and be in
11 force from and after its adoption and approval by the Mayor.