

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 115CS INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT LEWIS E. REED,**  
2 **ALDERWOMAN CHRISTINE INGRASSIA, ALDERWOMAN MEGAN GREEN,**  
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6 An ordinance pertaining to 12th and Park, Buder, Cherokee, Gamble, Marquette, Tandy  
7 and Wohl recreation centers, providing that revenues derived from sources at 12th and Park,  
8 Buder, Cherokee, Gamble, Marquette, Tandy and Wohl recreation centers shall be held in the  
9 special fund as created by this ordinance for each center to allow for the collection of private  
10 donations for the purpose of making capital improvements to these seven (7) neighborhood  
11 recreation centers and to provide additional free or low-cost recreational, educational and social  
12 opportunities for all residents of the City of St. Louis through the hiring of staff, contracting of  
13 services or other investment deemed appropriate; authorizing and directing the Comptroller to  
14 establish said accounts for the deposit of and disbursement of all collected funds, and

15 WHEREAS, the city of St. Louis has an interest in bridging the gap between the  
16 Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry's funding and the public's need for safe, clean, well  
17 maintained and managed recreation centers and the recreational, education and social opportunities  
18 they provide; and

19 WHEREAS, the neighborhood recreation centers continue to be burdened by deferred  
20 maintenance and staffing shortages that hinder the city's ability to provide modern, state-of-the-art  
21 recreational opportunities to residents; and

22 WHEREAS, there's an interest in encouraging residents to take a central role in re-  
23 vitalizing neighborhood recreation centers and in partnering with non-profit organizations around a  
24 capital fundraising campaign to meet the financial shortfalls; and

25 WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis invites interest from individuals, for-profit and non-profit  
26 organizations to form public-private agreements to carry out revenue-generating or capital-related

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1 programs and activities that are in alignment with plans and strategic priorities, such as designing  
2 and building improvements and operating programming; and

3 WHEREAS, there exists an opportunity to model new public-private partnerships similar to  
4 those that have been successful in reinvigorating City of St. Louis parks, by tapping into the  
5 generosity of residents, businesses and non-profit organizations.  
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7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS**  
8 **FOLLOWS:**

9 **SECTION ONE.** All revenues derived from fees or charges collected by the City for the  
10 rental of recreational centers specified herein for private and public events in these City-operated  
11 facilities, shall be held in a special fund for the recreation center utilized as created in Section Two  
12 of this ordinance.  
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15 **SECTION TWO.** The Friends of 12<sup>th</sup> & Park, Friends of Buder, Friends of Cherokee,  
16 Friends of Gamble, Friends of Marquette, Friends of Tandy, and Friends of Wohl Recreation  
17 Center Funds Established.

18 The Comptroller is authorized and directed to establish a fund for each of the City's seven (7)  
19 neighborhood recreation centers, to be designated "Friends of 12th and Park Recreation Center  
20 Fund," "Friends of Buder Recreation Center Fund," "Friends of Cherokee Recreation Center  
21 Fund," "Friends of Gamble Recreation Center and Pool Fund," "Friends of Marquette Center  
22 Fund," "Friends of Tandy Recreation Center Fund," and the "Friends of Wohl Recreation Center  
23 Fund" (to be referred to from this point as the "Friends of' Funds') for the account of the  
24 Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry to establish a direct path for non-profits, private  
25 individuals and businesses to provide needed financial support for City-operated recreation  
26 programs and for capital improvements to neighborhood recreation centers. All interest earned by  
27 the funds deposited in such special accounts shall be retained in the account to be appropriated

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1 according to provisions of this ordinance. All expenditures from such fund shall be appropriated in  
2 accordance with applicable law.

3 **SECTION THREE.** Disposition of Funds Collected.

4 The Department of Parks, Forestry and Recreation or any other entity shall remit, or cause to be  
5 remitted, all monies collected to the Comptroller within one week of receipt.

6 **SECTION FOUR.** Deposit in the “Friends of” Funds.

7 The Comptroller, upon receipt of such collections designated for the “Friends of” Funds shall place  
8 said collections in the “Friends of” Funds established in Section One.

9 **SECTION FIVE.** Use of Funds

10 Funds maintained in the “Friends of” Funds accounts shall only be used for purposes relating to  
11 improving the recreational, social and educational opportunities for residents of all ages and  
12 abilities through strategic investments identified by the Capital Committee and the Department of  
13 Parks, Forestry and Recreation with input from communities served.

14 **SECTION SIX.** Use of Funds

15 The city Information Technology Services Agency shall establish, with the city website, a portal to  
16 allow for online fundraising. The portal shall give residents a secure way to donate to one of the  
17 seven recreation centers listed herein or to a city park, or to a specific amenity within a city park, as  
18 identified by the Department of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

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