

**Resolution Number 94**  
**Safe Transport of Bakken Shale Petroleum through the City of St. Louis**

**WHEREAS**, new technologies have resulted in the development of unprecedented amounts of highly combustible Bakken Shale oil moving by rail through residential neighborhoods in St. Louis from the first dedicated train in 2012 to a possible volume of nearly 800,000 barrels per day; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary source of petroleum anticipated to be transported by rail through St. Louis is from Bakken formation, which the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has determined may be more flammable than traditional heavy crude oil; and

**WHEREAS**, The rail lines that carry this petroleum run through and by St. Louis's neighborhoods, parks, and business and industrial areas and along waterfronts and other natural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, recent derailments, spills, and fires, such as the recent derailment and explosion in Virginia illustrate the potential catastrophic impacts which could occur to our community and environment from the transport of petroleum by rail; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis is deeply concerned about the threat to life, safety and the environment of potential spills and fires from the transport of petroleum by rail;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City of St. Louis urges the State of Missouri to adopt legislation requiring disclosure of the volumes, types of petroleum, petroleum products, and petroleum derivatives; transportation routes; and the frequency and duration of transfers of petroleum, so that the state and local communities can be fully informed of and plan for the risks posed by the transport of petroleum by rail.

**SECTION 2.** The City of St. Louis strongly urges the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to increase federal; tank car design and operation regulations for petroleum product shipments and aggressively phase out older-model tank cars used to move flammable liquids that are not retrofitted to meet new federal requirements.

**SECTION 3.** The City of St. Louis strongly urges the Missouri Department of Ecology and the Military Department Emergency Management Division, in collaboration with the Missouri Department of Fish and Wildlife and local government emergency response entities, to assess the impact to public safety, the environment, the economy, and traffic of petroleum transport by the rail through St. Louis and the State of Missouri.

**SECTION 4.** The City of St. Louis requests that the Governor of Missouri, the Missouri Department of Ecology, the Missouri State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, and any other relevant agencies refrain from permitting projects that would expand the capacity for petroleum export out of the state otherwise increase the number of trains carrying petroleum through St. Louis and other Missouri communities until the cumulative environmental and safety impacts of these projects are studied and addressed.

**SECTION 5.** The City of St. Louis requests that any railroad company that operates rail lines adjacent to St. Louis's residential neighborhoods assure residents' safety or reroute those trains into non-residential areas.

Introduced on the 3rd day of July, 2014 by:

**Honorable President of the Board of Alderman Lewis E. Reed**

Adopted this the 3rd day of July, 2014 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen