

ORDINANCE #65800
Board Bill No. 290

An ordinance prohibiting the violation of a Neighborhood Order of Protection within the City of St. Louis; containing a definition, a penalty clause and an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, the illegal distribution, possession, sale and manufacture of controlled substances continues to plague our neighborhoods and creates a daily public safety concern for the citizens of the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety State and City Courts may, by court order, place a condition on an individual who is under court supervision as a result of illegal drug activities whereby such person is prohibited from being in or traveling through a specified area related to the alleged illegal drug activity; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of an City Ordinance prohibiting a person from violating such an order of the Court will assist the Police Department and the Courts in their efforts to curtail drug related crimes and will further provide additional protection to the residents of our neighborhoods;

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

SECTION ONE. The violation of a Neighborhood Protection Order is prohibited within the City of St. Louis.

SECTION TWO. A Neighborhood Protection Order is any court order that prohibits a person from being in any specified area as a condition of release from custody, a condition of probation, parole, or other supervision or any court order, in a criminal or civil case involving the illegal distribution, possession, sale or manufacture of controlled substances as defined in Section 195.010 RSMo..

SECTION THREE. Whoever violates a Neighborhood Protection Order shall be fined not less than Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than Ninety (90) Days. In lieu of a fine or imprisonment, the Court may order the defendant to complete a term of community service not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) hours.

SECTION FOUR Emergency clause.

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.

Approved: February 14, 2003