

ORDINANCE #65929
Board Bill No. 61

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 902.1 OF SECTION 3, CHAPTER 9, OF ORDINANCE NO. 65023, APPROVED JULY 21, 2000, PERTAINING TO "LICENSING" IN THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS (THE "CODE"), BY ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL EXCEPTION TO THE PERMIT AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS IN SUBSECTION 902.1 OF SAID ORDINANCE 65023; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND CONTAINING AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, there continue to exist, in the City of St. Louis (the "City"), areas of economic instability, economic decline and areas which suffer from a lack of continued investment and development; and

WHEREAS, new development, investment and expansion in the City will serve to stabilize blighted areas, insanitary areas, or areas otherwise in economic decline in the City, and will significantly benefit the City by increasing and providing new revenues by the creation of new jobs, new and increased sales, increased property tax values, additional or increased payroll and earning taxes, and enhanced tourism; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the stability and expansion of the City's economy, the City wishes to stimulate, promote and attract economic development and tourism in the City by encouraging development of hotels in the central business district and along interstate highway corridors for ease of access and visibility to potential tourists and travelers; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that it is in the best interests of the City and its residents and its inhabitants to provide an exception for hotels in the central business district and along interstate highway corridors from certain provisions of the permit and licensing requirements of the Code in order to promote, encourage, and attract new development and tourism in the City.

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

SECTION ONE. The Board of Aldermen hereby adopts the foregoing recitals as findings.

SECTION TWO. Subsection 902.1 of Section 3, Chapter 9 of Ordinance No. 65023, approved July 21, 2000, pertaining to "Licensing" is hereby repealed in its entirety and in lieu thereof a new section is enacted to read as follows:

902.1 Permit and license required. It shall be unlawful to operate a hotel, dormitory, rooming house or boarding house without first obtaining a permit and license as hereinafter set forth. An applicant for a license to operate a dormitory, rooming house, boarding house or hotel, together with all other requirements of this Chapter, shall also file a plat or drawing showing its location or premises together with the position of the building to be used thereon and a written petition in favor of the issuance of such license signed by a majority of the persons, if any, occupying the premises or conducting any business on the main floor within the prescribed petition circle drawn by a radius of five-hundred (500) feet plus one-half of the width of the front of the premises, from the center of such premises projected to the streets. A neighborhood consent petition shall not be required for successive yearly renewals for the same license on the same premises immediately succeeding the original licensing. No such application shall be approved wherein a church, elementary school or secondary school is located within the radius hereinabove described.

Exceptions:

1. Sheltered workshops and residence facilities authorized by Sections 205.968 to 205.972 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 2000, as amended, shall be and are hereby exempted from the plat and petition and the church and school petitions set forth herein.
2. Hotels of sixty (60) or more rooms shall be and are hereby exempted from the plat and petition requirements set forth within the areas defined herewith:
 - A. Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of the center lines of the Poplar Street Bridge and Leonor K. Sullivan Boulevard; thence northwardly along said centerline of

Leonor K. Sullivan Boulevard to the point of intersection thereof with the centerline of Biddle Street; thence westwardly along said centerline of Biddle Street to the point of intersection with the centerline of Interstate 70; thence southwardly along said centerline of Interstate 70, to the point of intersection with the centerline of Cole Street; thence westwardly along said centerline of Cole Street to the point of intersection with the center of Tucker Boulevard; thence southwardly along said centerline of Tucker Boulevard to the point of intersection with the centerline of Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard; thence westwardly along said centerline of Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard to the point of intersection with the centerline of Jefferson Avenue; thence southwardly along said centerline of Jefferson Avenue to the point of intersection with the centerline of Interstate 64; thence eastwardly along said centerline of Interstate 64, to the point of intersection with Leonor K. Sullivan Boulevard, said point being the point of beginning; and

- B. Any and all areas within two thousand (2,000) feet of an interstate highway measured from the center line of said interstate highway.

SECTION THREE. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Aldermen that each and every part, section and subsection of the Ordinance shall be separate and severable from each and every other part, section and subsection hereof and that the Board of Aldermen intends to adopt each said part, section and subsection separately and independently of any other part, section and subsection. In the event that any part, section or subsection of this Ordinance shall be determined to be or to have been unlawful or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections and subsections shall be and remain in full force and effect, unless the court making such finding shall determine that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accord with the legislative intent.

SECTION FOUR. This being an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Mayor.

Approved: June 26, 2003