

ORDINANCE #66097
Board Bill No. 315

An ordinance prohibiting the issuance of any package or drink liquor licenses for any currently non-licensed premises within the boundaries of the Second Ward Liquor Control District, as established herein, for a period of three years from the effective date hereof; containing an exception allowing, during the moratorium period, for the transfer of existing licenses, under certain circumstances, and the issuance of a drink license to persons operating a restaurant at a previously non-licensed premises; and containing an emergency clause.

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

SECTION ONE. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

The existence of alcoholic beverage establishments appears to contribute directly to numerous peace, health, safety and general welfare problems including loitering, littering, drug trafficking, prostitution, public drunkenness, defacement and damaging of structures, pedestrian obstructions, as well as traffic circulation, parking and noise problems on public streets and neighborhood lots. The existence of such problems creates serious impacts on the health, safety and welfare of residents of single- and multiple-family within the district, including fear for the safety of children, elderly residents and of visitors to the district. The problems also contribute to the deterioration of the neighborhood and concomitant devaluation of property and destruction of community values and quality of life. The number of establishments selling alcoholic beverages and the associated problems discourage more desirable and needed commercial uses in the area. In order to preserve the residential character and the neighborhood-serving commercial uses of the area, there shall be a moratorium on the issuance of new liquor licenses with the area beginning at the intersection of the Mississippi River and the centerline of Branch St., and proceeding along the centerlines in a generally clockwise direction west to the intersection of Interstate 70, north along Interstate 70 to E. Grand Ave., west to Blair Ave., north to Linton Ave., west to Conde St., north to Adelaide Ave., east to the intersection with Interstate 70, generally west along Interstate 70 to West Florissant Ave., north to Calvary Ave., northeast to N. Calvary Ave., north to N. Broadway, north to Switzer Ave., northeast to Oriole Ave., north to McLaran Ave., west to Riverview Blvd., south to the Norfolk & Western Railway tracks, west to Trafford Ln., north to McLaran Ave., east to Park Ln., north to the City limits to the northern edge of the city limits, east along the city limits at Watkins Creek to the Mississippi River, and southeast along the Mississippi River to the point of beginning. Such area shall be known as the Second Ward Liquor Control Area.

SECTION TWO. The Excise Commissioner is hereby prohibited, for a period of three years, beginning as of the effective date of this Ordinance, from approving the issuance of a package or drink liquor license for any premises, not licensed as of the effective date hereof, which is located within the boundaries of the Second Ward Liquor Control District established in Section One of this ordinance.

SECTION THREE. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section Two of this Ordinance, the Excise Commissioner shall have authority to:

- (1) Approve transfer of an existing license to another premises within the petition circle of the currently licensed premises, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (B) of section 14.06.330 of Ordinance 61289; and
- (2) Issue a drink license for a premises, not licensed as of the effective date of this Ordinance, which currently is or will be, upon opening, operated as a restaurant, as such term is defined in section 14.01.390 of Ordinance 61289.

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 this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Approved: December 12, 2003