ORDINANCE #66940
Board Bill No. 313

An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis by repealing existing Section 24 of Article IV, and enacting a new Section 24 of Article IV, relating to fines; providing for an election to be held therefor and the manner of voting thereat; and containing an emergency clause.

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

Section One. The following amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby proposed and submitted to the voters of the City of St. Louis and shall be voted upon at an election to be held as hereinafter provided.

The said amendment is in words and figures as follows:

> Section 24 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis relating to fines is hereby repealed, and enacted in lieu thereof is a new Section 24 which shall be and read as follows:
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> Section 24. No fine shall exceed one thousand dollars or such other amount as the City may, by law, be authorized to impose.

Section Two. The foregoing proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis at the next an election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2006, and if said proposed amendment shall receive in its favor the votes of three-fifths of the qualified voters voting at such election for or against said proposed amendment such amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the Charter of the City of St. Louis from the date of said election. Qualified voters of the City of St. Louis may at the election aforesaid vote a ballot substantially in the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Instructions to voters:

To vote in favor of the proposition submitted upon this ballot, place an "X" in the square opposite the word "Yes" and to vote against any proposition submitted upon this ballot, place an "X" in the square opposite the word "No."

The amendment shall appear on the ballot substantially, as follows:

Yes _____
No _____

Amendment to the City Charter

Proposition to amend the Charter of the City of St. Louis to increase the maximum fine to one thousand dollars ($1,000.00), by repealing existing Section 24 of Article IV and enacting a new Section 24 of Article IV relating to fines.

Section Three. The Board of Election Commissioners shall provide the ballots or voting machines or both and conduct the election and shall ascertain and certify the result thereof according to the law.

If voting machines are used, the aforesaid "OFFICIAL BALLOT" shall be placed or posted on the said voting machines wherever said machines are used under the direction of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis and according to law.

Section Four. Upon the approval of this Ordinance, it shall be published in the City Journal, the official publication of the City of St. Louis, Missouri. Proof of the publication of this Ordinance shall be made by affidavit of the City Register, and such affidavit shall be filed in the office of the City Register and a copy of such publication shall be attached thereto.

Section Five. This being an ordinance calling for an election for submission to the people of an amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor pursuant to Article IV Sections 19 and 20 of the Charter.

Approved: December 21, 2005