

ORDINANCE #68748
Board Bill No. 32
Floor Substitute

An ordinance repealing Ordinance 67598 and 67984 pertaining to the issuance of any package or drink liquor licenses for premises within the boundaries of the Third Ward Liquor Control District and in lieu thereof containing the following supplementary exemptions: renewal of an existing license and the establishment of an Entertainment District; and containing an emergency clause.

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

SECTION ONE. Ordinances 67598 and 67984 are hereby repealed and in lieu thereof the following provisions are enacted:

SECTION TWO. 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 centerlines of Interstate 70 and Branch St., and proceeding along the centerlines in a generally clockwise direction west to Destrehan St., west to Palm St., west to Natural Bridge Blvd., west to Parnell St., south to Hebert St., west to Elliott Ave., south to Greer Ave., west to Glasgow Ave., southwest to St. Louis Ave., west to Prairie Ave., south to Maffitt Ave., west to N. Vandeventer Ave., north to Fairgrounds Park and through Fairgrounds Park along the road to the intersection of Prairie Ave. and Kossuth Ave., west to Clay Ave., north to Penrose St., west to Fair Ave., north to Carter Ave., east to Rosalie St., northwest to Adelaide Ave., northeast to Conde St., south to Linton Ave., east to Blair Ave., south to E. Grand Ave., east to Interstate 70, and south along Interstate 70 to the point of beginning. Such area shall be known as the Third Ward Liquor Control Area

SECTION TWO. The Excise Commissioner is hereby prohibited, for a period of three year, beginning as of the effective date of this Ordinance, from approving the issuance of a package or drink liquor license for any premises which is located within the boundaries of the Third 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 Ordinance 68536; 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 Ordinance 68536.
- (3) Approve the renewal of an existing license under the provisions of Ordinance 68536.
- (4) Issue a drink license for premises which lie on Grand Avenue from Blair Avenue to West Florissant Avenue.

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: October 8, 2010