

ORDINANCE #68785
Board Bill No. 157

An ordinance prohibiting the issuance of any package liquor license for any non-licensed premises within the boundaries of the Twenty-Second Ward Liquor Control District, as established herein, for a period of three years from the effective date hereof; containing exceptions and allowing, during the moratorium period, for the transfer of existing licenses, under certain circumstances; 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 within the area beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Page Blvd. and Hamilton Ave., proceeding along the centerlines in a generally clockwise direction south to Etzel Ave., west to the city limits, northeast along the city limits to Interstate 70, southeast to N. Kingshighway Blvd., south to Natural Bridge Ave., west to Union Blvd., south to Lexington Ave., west on Lexington Ave. and continuing on a straight line to Arlington Ave., south to Dr. Martin Luther King Dr., west to Belt Ave., south to Page Blvd., west to Etzel Ave., southwest to Montclair Ave., north to Page Blvd., west to the point of the beginning. Such area shall be known as the Twenty-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 liquor license for any premises which is located within the boundaries of the Twenty-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 68536; and
- (2) Approve the renewal of an existing license under the provisions of Section 14.08.090 of Ordinance 68536; and
- (3) Approve the issuance of a new 5% license (Beer License); and
- (4) Approve the issuance of a package liquor license to premises which were previously licensed within the previous three (3) years from the effective date of this ordinance.

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: November 8, 2010