

ORDINANCE #68943
Board Bill No. 37
Floor Substitute

An ordinance repealing Ordinances 68840 and 68595 and enacting a new ordinance confirming the prohibition of the issuance of any package liquor licenses for any premises within the boundaries of the Twenty-Fourth 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 containing an emergency clause.

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

SECTION ONE.

Ordinances 68840 and 68595 are hereby repealed and the following is hereby enacted in lieu thereof:

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 package liquor licenses with the area beginning at the point of intersection of the St. Louis City county line and I- 44, and proceeding northerly along the St. Louis City county line to I- 64, and proceeding easterly along I- 64 to Clayton Ave, and proceeding easterly along Clayton Ave to Berthold Ave, and proceeding easterly along Berthold Ave to Louisville Ave, and proceeding northerly along Louisville Ave to Oakland Ave, and proceeding easterly along Oakland Ave to Tamm Entrance, and proceeding northerly along Tamm Entrance to I- 64, and proceeding easterly along I- 64 to Hampton Ave, and proceeding southerly along Hampton Ave to Wise Ave, and proceeding easterly along Wise Ave to Pierce Ave, and proceeding southerly along Pierce Ave to W Park Ave, and proceeding easterly along W Park Ave to Manchester Ave, and proceeding westerly along Manchester Ave to Hampton Ave, and proceeding southerly along Hampton Ave to Arsenal St, and proceeding westerly along Arsenal St to I- 44, and proceeding southerly along I- 44 to the point of beginning.. Such area shall be known as the Twenty-fourth Ward Liquor Control Area.

SECTION THREE. 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-Fourth Ward Liquor Control District established in Section Two of this ordinance.

SECTION FOUR. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section Three 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) Approve the renewal of an existing license under the provisions of Ordinance 68536.

SECTION FIVE. 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: July 12, 2011