

ORDINANCE #69009
Board Bill No. 176

An ordinance prohibiting the issuance of any package or drink liquor licenses for any currently non-licensed premises within the boundaries of the Fourteenth 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 point of intersection of Delor St and Missouri Pacific RR, and proceeding westerly along Delor St to Steffens Ave, and proceeding southerly along Steffens Ave to Walsh St, and proceeding westerly along Walsh St to Morganford Rd, and proceeding southerly along Morganford Rd to Walsh St, and proceeding westerly along Walsh St to Gravois Ave, and proceeding westerly along Gravois Ave to Eichelberger St, and proceeding westerly along Eichelberger St to Hummel Ave, and proceeding westerly along Hummel Ave to Dahlia Ave, and proceeding northerly along Dahlia Ave to north/south alleyway, and proceeding southerly along such alleyway to Rosa Ave, and proceeding northerly along Rosa Ave to S Kingshighway Blvd, and proceeding southerly along S Kingshighway Blvd to Rosa Ave, and proceeding westerly along Rosa Ave to Macklind Ave, and proceeding northerly along Macklind Ave to Bancroft Ave, and proceeding easterly along Bancroft Ave to Brannon Ave, and proceeding northerly along Brannon Ave to Chippewa St, and proceeding easterly along Chippewa St to Missouri Pacific RR, and proceeding southerly along Missouri Pacific RR to the point of beginning. Such area shall be known as the Fourteenth 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 which is located within the boundaries of the Fourteenth 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) 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 68536.
- (3) Approve the renewal of an existing license under the provisions of Section 14.08.090 of Ordinance 68536.

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 4, 2011