

ORDINANCE NUMBER 70259

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 309AA INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCOTT OGILVIE AND**  
2 **ALDERWOMEN CARA SPENCER, MEGAN ELLYIA GREEN,**  
3 **CHRISTINE INGRASSIA**

4 An ordinance requiring certain votes taken by the Board of Aldermen to be published  
5 online, containing a Severability Clause and an effective date.

6 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen is the legislative body of the City of St. Louis  
7 and votes on bills and resolutions before it during session; and

8 **WHEREAS**, votes taken by the Board of Aldermen are available in hard copy in the  
9 City Journal; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the public would be better served by a more accessible archive of the  
11 votes taken by members of the Board of Aldermen, available in a searchable digital format.

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

13 **SECTION ONE. Codification.**

14 This ordinance shall be codified in the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis. It is  
15 suggested that it be codified in what is now Chapter 3.06.

16 **SECTION TWO. Votes of the Board of Aldermen to be Published in Digital**  
17 **Archive.**

18 All votes taken by the Board of Aldermen on bills and non-courtesy resolutions for  
19 Final Passage shall be recorded by the Clerk of the Board of Alderman. A record of the vote  
20 of each alderman and the President of the Board of Alderman shall be made and recorded.

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1 Votes shall be recorded as “Yea”, “Nay”, “Present”, “Abstain”, or in the event that an  
2 alderman is not present for the vote, “Absent”.

3 The Clerk of the Board of Alderman shall ensure that a record of the vote for Final  
4 Passage for each bill is posted online within 72 hours after each meeting of the Board of  
5 Alderman and shall ensure that a digital, searchable record of the votes of the Board of  
6 Aldermen is posted online within seven (7) days of each meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

7 The record of the votes of the Board of Aldermen shall be available to the public on  
8 the City’s official Web site in both numerical order by bill number, and in chronological  
9 order by meetings of the Board of Aldermen.

10 The digital record of votes shall contain at minimum the following information: the  
11 number of the bill voted upon; the name and ward of each alderman and the President of the  
12 Board of Alderman; the vote recorded by each alderman on each bill or the alderman’s  
13 absence thereof; a hyperlink to the final and complete text of each bill; and the date the vote  
14 was taken.

15 Votes taken on bills listed collectively on the Third Reading Consent Calendar on the  
16 meeting agenda of the Board of Aldermen shall be noted as such.

17 The record of the proceedings of the Board of Alderman published in the City Journal  
18 shall not satisfy the above requirement for a digital archive.

19 **SECTION TWELVE. Effective Date.**

20 The effective date of this ordinance shall be April 18, 2016.

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