

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 52** **INTRODUCED BY: ALDERMAN SCOTT OGILVIE**

2 An ordinance prohibiting the issuance of any 3 a.m. closing permits for any
3 currently non- 3am licensed premises within the boundaries of the Twenty-Fourth Ward Liquor
4 Control District, as established herein, for a period of three years from the effective date hereof;
5 containing exceptions and allowing, during the moratorium period, for the renewal of or transfer
6 of existing licenses, under certain circumstances, and containing an emergency clause.

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

8 **SECTION ONE.** The existence of alcoholic beverage establishments with 3 a.m.
9 licenses appears to contribute directly to numerous peace, health, safety, and general welfare
10 problems including loitering, littering, drug trafficking, prostitution, public drunkenness,
11 defacement, and damaging of structures, pedestrian obstructions, as well as traffic circulation,
12 parking and noise problems on public streets and neighborhood lots. The existence of such
13 problems creates serious impacts on the health, safety and welfare of residents of single- and
14 multiple-family dwellings within the district, including fear for the safety of children, elderly
15 residents, and of visitors to the district. The problems also contribute to the deterioration of the
16 neighborhood and concomitant devaluation of property and destruction of community values and
17 quality of life. In order to preserve the residential character and the neighborhood-serving
18 commercial uses of the area, there shall be a moratorium on the issuance of new 3 a.m. closing
19 permits within the area beginning at the intersection of the centerlines as follows:

20 Beginning at the point of intersection of the St. Louis City county line and I- 44, and
21 proceeding northerly along the St. Louis City county line to I-64, and proceeding easterly along
22 I-64 to Clayton Ave., and proceeding easterly along Clayton Ave. to Berthold Ave., and
23 proceeding easterly along Berthold Ave. to Louisville Ave., and proceeding northerly along

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1 Louisville Ave. to Oakland Ave., and proceeding easterly along Oakland Ave. to Tamm
2 Entrance, and proceeding northerly along Tamm Entrance to I-64, and proceeding easterly along
3 I-64 to Hampton Ave., and proceeding southerly along Hampton Ave. to Wise Ave., and
4 proceeding easterly along Wise Ave. to Pierce Ave., and proceeding southerly along Pierce Ave.
5 to W. Park Ave., and proceeding easterly along W. Park Ave. to Manchester Ave., and
6 proceeding westerly along Manchester Ave. to Hampton Ave., and proceeding southerly along
7 Hampton Ave. to Arsenal St., and proceeding westerly along Arsenal St. to I-44, and proceeding
8 southerly along I-44 to the point of beginning. Such area shall be known as the Twenty-fourth
9 Ward Liquor Control Area.

10 **SECTION TWO.** The Excise Commissioner shall not, for a period of three years,
11 beginning as of the effective date of this Ordinance, approve the issuance of 3 a.m. closing
12 permits for any premises which is located within the boundaries of the Twenty-Fourth Ward
13 Liquor Control District established in Section One of this ordinance.

14 **SECTION THREE.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section Two of this Ordinance,
15 the Excise Commissioner shall have authority to:

16 (1) Approve transfer of an existing 3 a.m. license to another owner of the same premises
17 within the petition circle of the currently licensed premise, pursuant to the provisions of
18 subsection (B) of section 14.06.330 of Ordinance 68536; and

19 (2) Approve the renewal of an existing license under the provisions of Section
20 14.08.090 of Ordinance 68536.

21 **SECTION FOUR. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.** This being an ordinance for the
22 preservation of public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure
23 within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis

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- 1 and therefore this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval
- 2 by the Mayor.