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1 **BOARD BILL NO. 57AA** INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT LEWIS REED,
2 ALDERWOMAN CAROL HOWARD, ALDERMAN JOSEPH VACCARO,
3 ALDERMAN JOSEPH VOLLMER, ALDERMAN STEPHEN CONWAY,
4 ALDERWOMAN BETH MURPHY, ALDERMAN CHRIS CARTER
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6 An ordinance calling and providing for the holding of an election in the City of St.
7 Louis on November 8, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the
8 City of St. Louis a proposal to levy and collect a property tax of five cents per each one
9 hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the purpose of providing services to persons
10 aged sixty or older.

11 **WHEREAS**, the St. Louis region, as of 2014, has the 8th highest percentage of
12 older residents in the country, with 16.8% of the residents of the City of St. Louis now 60
13 years of age or older; and

14 **WHEREAS**, with life expectancy increasing, the number of seniors nationwide is
15 expected to double by 2050; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the rapidly increasing age of our population along with a reduction
17 in State and Federal allocations has led to serious gaps in funding and services for
18 residents 60 years of age and older who wish to continue to live independently; and

19 **WHEREAS**, affordable transportation, safe and accessible housing, food
20 insecurity and economic independence are among the many challenges facing seniors in
21 the City of St. Louis; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, keeping seniors in their homes stabilizes communities and reduces
2 the costs of dependent care on families and taxpayers; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis is authorized under Sections 67.990 to
4 67.995 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, upon approval of a majority of the qualified
5 voters of the City voting thereon, to levy and collect a tax not to exceed five cents (\$0.05)
6 per each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation upon all taxable property
7 with the City, for the purpose of providing services to persons 60 years of age or older
8 under the Senior Citizens' Services Fund Law; and

9 **WHEREAS**, St. Louis has an opportunity to become an “age-friendly” city that
10 affords seniors more access to basic, necessary services that enhance overall health and
11 quality of life and create an environment where they can age in place; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen of the City does now find and determine that
13 it is desirable and in the public interest that the proposition hereinafter provided for be
14 submitted to the qualified electors of the City at a special election to be held for that
15 purpose.

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

17 **SECTION 1.** An election shall be held and the same is hereby called and ordered
18 to be held in the City of St. Louis, Missouri on the 8th day of November, 2016, at which

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1 there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said City, the proposition as
2 hereinafter set forth in Section 3 of this ordinance.

3 **SECTION 2.** That the polling places in the various wards and precincts in the
4 City of St. Louis whereat the said proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors
5 of said City shall be those polling places established or to be established by the Board of
6 Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis, as provided by law.

7 **SECTION 3.** The notice of the submission of the said proposition at the said
8 election shall be given jointly by the said Board of Election Commissioners and by the
9 City Register of the City of St. Louis by publication in the City Journal, the St. Louis
10 Post-Dispatch, and in at least one other weekly newspaper serving citizens of the City of
11 St. Louis, twice, the first publication occurring in the second week prior to the election
12 and the second publication occurring within one (1) week prior to the election, which said
13 notice shall be in substantially the following form:

14 **NOTICE OF BALLOT PROPOSITION ELECTION**

15 **THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

16 **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

17 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a ballot proposition election will be held in the City
18 of St. Louis, Missouri on

19 Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2016

20 commencing at six o'clock in the morning and closing at seven o'clock in the evening on
21 said date.

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1 The polling places in the various wards and precincts of the City of St. Louis whereat the
2 said proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said City shall be those
3 polling places designated or to be designated by the Board of Election Commissioners of
4 the City of St. Louis, Missouri, separate notice of which will be given by said Board.

5 Subject to such modifications as may be required by the use of an electronic voting
6 system, the ballots to be used at said election shall be in substantially the following form,
7 to-wit:

8 **OFFICIAL BALLOT**

9 **PROPOSITION ELECTION**

10 Instructions to voters:

11 To vote in favor of the proposition submitted upon this ballot, place a cross (X)
12 mark in the square opposite the word "YES"; and, to vote against the said proposition,
13 place a cross (X) mark in the square opposite the word "NO".

14 **PROPOSITION S**

15 Shall the City of St. Louis levy a tax of five cents per each one hundred dollars
16 (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for the purpose of providing services to persons sixty
17 years of age or older?

18 YES

19 NO

20 This notice is given pursuant to Ordinance No. _____ of the City of St.
21 Louis, Missouri, approved the ____ day of _____, 2016.

22 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned Board of Election Commissioners
23 for the City of St. Louis, Missouri, and the Register of said City, have hereunto set our
24 hands under the seal of said City, in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, this ____
25 day of _____, 2016.

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- 2 Member, Board of Election Commissioners
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- 7 _____
- 8 Chairman, Board of Election Commissioners
- 9 _____
- 10 Secretary, Board of Election Commissioners
- 11 [space for Board seal]
- 12 _____
- 13 City Register
- 14 [space for City seal]

15 Proof of the publication of said notice shall be made by affidavits of the
16 publishers of said newspapers, with a copy of such publication attached thereto, and such
17 affidavits shall be filed with the City Register.

18 **SECTION 4.** The Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis,
19 Missouri, shall provide the ballots, conduct the election, and certify the results of said
20 election to the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as required by law.

21 **SECTION 5.** That immediately upon the passage and approval of this ordinance,
22 the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen shall certify a copy thereof to the Board of Election
23 Commissioners for the City of St. Louis, Missouri for action and proceedings by said
24 Board in accordance herewith and as required by law.

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1 **SECTION 6.** Upon the approval of the tax by the qualified electors of the City of
2 St. Louis, the tax so approved shall be imposed upon all taxable property within the City
3 of St. Louis and the proceeds therefrom shall be deposited in a special fund, to be known
4 as the “Senior Citizens’ Services Fund.” No moneys in the senior citizens’ services fund
5 shall be spent until the board of directors provided for in Section 7 of this ordinance has
6 been appointed and has taken office.

7 **SECTION 7.** Upon the approval of the tax authorized by the qualified electors of
8 the City of St. Louis, the Mayor of the city shall appoint a board of directors consisting of
9 seven directors, who shall, as nearly as practicable, represent the various groups to be
10 served by the board. Each director must be approved by the Board of Aldermen and shall
11 be a resident of the City of St. Louis. Each director shall be appointed to serve for a term
12 of four years and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; except that, of the
13 directors first appointed, one director shall be appointed for a term of one year, two
14 directors shall be appointed for a term of two years, two directors shall be appointed for a
15 term of three years, and two directors shall be appointed for a term of four years.
16 Directors may be reappointed. All vacancies on the board of directors shall be filled for
17 the remainder of the unexpired term by the Mayor. The directors shall not receive any
18 compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for all actual and necessary
19 expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties from the moneys in the
20 senior citizens’ services fund.

21 **SECTION 8.** This administrative control and management of the funds in the
22 Senior Citizens’ Services Fund and all programs to be funded therefrom shall rest solely

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1 with the board of directors appointed under Section 7 of this ordinance; except that, the
2 budget for the Senior Citizens' Services Fund shall be approved by the Board of
3 Aldermen prior to making of any payments from the fund in any fiscal year. The board of
4 directors shall use the funds in the Senior Citizens' Services Fund to provide programs
5 which will improve the health, nutrition, and quality of life of persons who are sixty years
6 of age or older. The budget may allocate funds for operational and capital needs to
7 senior-related programs in the City of St. Louis.

8 **SECTION 9.** The board of directors shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, and
9 such other officers as it deems necessary; shall establish eligibility requirements for the
10 programs it furnishes; and shall do all other things necessary to carry out the purpose of
11 Section 7 and Section 8 of this ordinance. A majority of the board of directors shall
12 constitute a quorum.

13 **SECTION 10.** If the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen determines by resolution t
14 hat an audit is necessary or desirable, the accounts of the board of directors shall be
15 audited by a certified public accountant selected by the Board of Estimate &
16 Apportionment. An audit performed under this section shall also review the records of the
17 receipts and disbursements and the property inventory of every officer or office of the
18 board of directors which receives or disburses money on behalf o the board or which
19 holds property belonging to the board. Upon the completion of the investigation, the
20 certified public accountant shall render a report to the governing body of the county or
21 city, along with a statement showing, under appropriate classifications, the receipts and
22 disbursements of the board of directors during the period of the audit. The expense of an

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1 audit performed under this section shall be paid by the board of directors from funds in
2 the Senior Citizens' Service Fund.

3 **SECTION 11.** This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace,
4 health and safety, and providing for submission to the people, it is hereby declared to be
5 an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the
6 Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this ordinance shall become effective
7 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

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