

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 60CSAA** **INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN STEPHEN**
2 **CONWAY, ALDERMAN TOM OLDENBURG, ALDERWOMAN CAROL HOWARD,**
3 **ALDERWOMAN BETH MURPHY, ALDERMAN JACK COATAR**

4 An ordinance relating to public safety; imposing, under and by the authority of Section
5 67.547 RSMo, subject to the approval of the voters, a one-half of one percent sales tax on all
6 retail sales made in the City of St. Louis which are subject to taxation under the provisions of
7 Sections 144.010 to 144.525 RSMo, for the purpose of providing revenues for public safety,
8 including for the police and fire divisions and the Circuit Attorney's Office, as set forth in
9 Exhibit I, in addition to any and all other sales taxes allowed by law; submitting to the qualified
10 voters of the City of St. Louis a proposal to impose such tax; providing for an election and the
11 manner of voting thereat; providing that if such question shall receive the votes of a majority of
12 the voters voting thereon that such tax shall be authorized and in effect as provided in Section
13 67.547 RSMo; and containing an emergency clause.

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

15 **SECTION ONE.** Under and by the authority of Section 67.547 RSMo, there is hereby imposed,
16 subject, however, to the approval of the qualified voters as hereinafter provided, a one-half of
17 one percent sales tax on all retail sales made in the City of St. Louis, solely for the purpose of
18 providing revenues for the operation of the department of public safety, including police and fire
19 divisions, in addition to any and all other sales taxes allowed by law.

20 **SECTION TWO.** The following question is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of the City
21 of St. Louis and shall be voted upon at an election to be held as hereinafter provided. The
22 question shall read substantially in words and figures as follows:

23 Shall the City of St. Louis impose a sales tax at a rate of one half of one percent,

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1 for the purpose of providing revenues for public safety, including hiring more
2 police officers, police and firefighter compensation, and enhanced law
3 enforcement services?

4 YES NO

5 If you are in favor of the question, place an [X] in the box opposite [YES]. If you
6 are opposed to the question, place an [X] in the box opposite [NO].

7 **SECTION THREE.** The foregoing question shall be submitted to the qualified voters at an
8 election called and to be held on Tuesday, the 7th day of November, 2017, and if the question
9 shall receive in its favor the votes of a majority of the voters voting thereon, the tax shall be
10 authorized and shall become effective immediately. The ballot language at such election shall
11 appear in substantially the following form:

12 **PROPOSITION P**

13 Shall the City of St. Louis impose a sales tax at a rate of one half of one percent,
14 for the purpose of providing revenues for public safety, including hiring more
15 police officers, police and firefighter compensation, and enhanced law
16 enforcement services?

17 YES NO

18 If you are in favor of the question, place an [X] in the box opposite [YES]. If you
19 are opposed to the question, place an [X] in the box opposite [NO].

20 **SECTION FOUR.** The Board of Election Commissioners of the City of St. Louis shall provide
21 notice of such election, shall provide the ballots or voting machines, or both, and conduct the
22 election and shall ascertain the results thereof, all according to the laws regulating such elections.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 70580

1 Upon approval of this ordinance, it shall be published once in the City Journal. Proof of
2 publication of this ordinance shall be made by affidavit of the City Register and such affidavit
3 shall be filed in the office of the City Register and a copy of said publication shall be attached
4 thereto.

5 **SECTION FIVE.** The tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be a tax on
6 all retail sales made in the City of St. Louis which are subject to taxation under the provisions of
7 Sections 144.010 to 144.525 RSMo.

8 **SECTION SIX.** The comptroller is authorized and directed to hold all revenue returned to the
9 City of St. Louis from the tax authorized by this Ordinance pursuant to Section 67.547 RSMo. as
10 well as any accompanying Use Tax pursuant to Section 144.757 RSMo. and City Ordinance No.
11 65609 in a special fund or funds, and all expenditures thereof shall be by an appropriation
12 ordinance. All revenue and all interest on such revenue shall be allocated and shall only be
13 expended for the uses set forth herein in Exhibit I.

14 **SECTION SEVEN.** This being an ordinance providing for the submission of a question to the
15 voters, it is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance as provided by Article IV, Section 20
16 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis, and shall be effective immediately upon approval by the
17 Mayor or its approval over his or her veto.

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Exhibit I

The proceeds of the Half-Cent Public Safety Sales Tax are intended for the uses and in the proportions outlined in Table 1. In addition, the proceeds of the corresponding increase in the use tax paid by businesses on out-of-state purchases (which is linked to any increase in the sales tax) are intended for the uses and in the proportions outlined in Table 2.

Table 1

Category	% of Proceeds	Projected FY 2019 Allocation
Police Department	66%	\$12,825,000
Fire Department	28%	\$5,475,000
Circuit Attorney's Office	6%	\$1,200,000
Total:	100%	\$19,500,000

Table 2

Category	% of Proceeds	Projected FY 2019 Allocation
Afterschool Programs & Summer Jobs	25%	\$975,000
Circuit Attorney's Office	7.7%	\$300,000
Building Demolition	17.3%	\$675,000
Recreation Programming	25%	\$975,000
Social Work & Mental Health	25%	\$975,000
Total:	100%	\$3,900,000