

St. Louis City Ordinance 65121

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
BOARD BILL NO. 258 [00]

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An ordinance under and by the authority of Section 144.757 RSMo. subject to the approval of the voters, a City use tax at the same rate as the local sales tax, currently at a rate of 2.625 per cent, which includes the capital improvements sales tax and the transportation tax, for the purpose of providing for the development and preservation of affordable and accessible housing and public health care services; submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis the question of whether the City shall impose a City use tax at the same rate as the local sales tax, currently at a rate of 2.625 per cent; providing that if such question shall receive the votes of a majority of the voters voting thereon that such tax shall be authorized and in effect as provided herein and in Section 144.757 RSMo.; providing that the tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance shall be collected in the same manner and upon the same subjects as the use tax under the provisions of Sections 144.600 to 144.746 RSMo.; providing for an election and the manner of voting thereat; and containing an emergency clause.

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

SECTION ONE. Legislative Findings.

WHEREAS, The Board of Aldermen recognize the need for affordable housing opportunities and adequate public health care services for all citizens of the City of St. Louis;

WHEREAS, because of the ever increasing demands on the general revenue of the City of St. Louis it is necessary to identify new sources of revenue which can be dedicated to affordable housing initiatives and public health issues; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has authorized the City of St. Louis to submit to the qualified voters of the City a proposition to create a use tax on purchases made from out of state vendors which can be used to provide additional funding for these important programs.

SECTION TWO. Under and by the authority of Section 144.757 RSMo. (1996), there is hereby imposed, subject, however, to the approval of the voters as hereinafter provided, a City use tax at the same rate as the local sales tax, currently at a rate of 2.625 per cent, which includes the capital improvements sales tax and the transportation tax, for the purpose of providing for the development and preservation of affordable and accessible housing and public health care services. Fifty percent (50%) of any such tax collected shall be dedicated to providing for the development and preservation of affordable and accessible housing and shall be administered under the provisions of Ordinance (Board Bill #257) and Fifty percent (50%) shall be dedicated to providing public health care services within the City of St. Louis and shall be held by the Comptroller in a special account to be known as the Health Care Trust Fund. Funds deposited in such account shall be used only to provide public health care services within the City of St. Louis. All interest earned by the funds deposited in such special account shall be retained in the account to be appropriated according to provisions of this ordinance. All expenditures from such fund shall be appropriated in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION THREE. The following question is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis and shall be voted upon at an election to be held as hereinafter provided. The question shall read as follows:

Shall the City of St. Louis impose a local use tax at the same rate as the local sales tax, currently at a rate of 2.625 per cent, which includes the capital improvements sales tax and the transportation tax, for the purpose of providing for the development and preservation of affordable and accessible housing and for public health care services, provided that if any local sales tax is repealed, reduced or

raised by voter approval, the respective local use tax shall also be repealed, reduced or raised by the same action? A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by persons whose purchases from out of state vendors do not in total exceed two thousand dollars in any calendar year.

YES NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes." If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No."

SECTION FOUR. The foregoing question shall be submitted to the qualified voters at an election to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2001, and if the question shall receive in its favor the votes of a majority of the voters voting thereon, the tax shall be authorized and in effect as provided in Section 144.757 RSMo. The qualified voters may, at such election, vote a ballot in substantially the following form:

Shall the City of St. Louis impose a local use tax at the same rate as the local sales tax, currently at a rate of 2.625 per cent which includes the capital improvements sales tax and the transportation tax, for the purpose of providing for the development and preservation of affordable and accessible housing and for public health care services, provided that if any local sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised by voter approval, the respective local use tax shall also be repealed, reduced or raised by the same action? A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by persons whose purchases from out of state vendors do not in total exceed two thousand dollars in any calendar year.

YES NO

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SECTION FIVE. The provisions of Section 144.757 RSMo. are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

SECTION SIX. The tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance shall be a tax on the privilege of storing, using or consuming tangible personal property within the City, if such storage, use or consumption is subject to taxation by the State of Missouri under the provisions of Sections 144.600 to 144.746 R.S.Mo.

SECTION SEVEN. The Board of Election Commissioners of the City of St. Louis shall provide the ballots or voting machines, or both, and conduct the election and shall ascertain the results thereof according to the laws regulating such elections. Upon approval of this ordinance, it shall be published once in the City Journal. Proof of publication of this ordinance shall be made by affidavit of the City Register and such affidavit shall be filed in the office of the City Register and a copy of said publication shall be attached thereto.

SECTION EIGHT. This being an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and providing for the submission of a question to the voters, it is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance as provided for by Article IV, Section 20 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis, and shall be effective immediately upon approval by the Mayor or its approval over his veto.

Legislative History				
1ST READING	REF TO COMM	COMMITTEE	COMM SUB	COMM AMEND
12/15/00	12/15/00	H&H		
2ND READING	FLOOR AMEND	FLOOR SUB	PERFECTN	PASSAGE
12/196/00			12/20/00	01/05/01
ORDINANCE	VETOED	VETO OVR	SIGNED BY MAYOR	
65121			01/05/01	