

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 115 INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT LEWIS E. REED,**
2 **ALDERWOMAN CHRISTINE INGRASSIA**

3 An ordinance pertaining to 12th and Park, Buder, Cherokee, Gamble, Marquette, Tandy
4 and Wohl recreation centers, providing that revenues derived from sources at 12th and Park,
5 Buder, Cherokee, Gamble, Marquette, Tandy and Wohl recreation centers shall be held in the
6 special fund as created by this ordinance for each center to allow for the collection of private
7 donations for the purpose of making capital improvements to these seven (7) neighborhood
8 recreation centers and to provide additional free or low-cost recreational, educational and social
9 opportunities for all residents of the City of St. Louis through the hiring of staff, contracting of
10 services or other investment deemed appropriate; authorizing and directing the Comptroller to
11 establish said accounts for the deposit of and disbursement of all collected funds, and

12 WHEREAS, the city of St. Louis has an interest in bridging the gap between the
13 Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry's funding and the public's need for safe, clean, well
14 maintained and managed recreation centers and the recreational, education and social opportunities
15 they provide; and

16 WHEREAS, the neighborhood recreation centers continue to be burdened by deferred
17 maintenance and staffing shortages that hinder the city's ability to provide modern, state-of-the-art
18 recreational opportunities to residents; and

19 WHEREAS, there's an interest in encouraging residents to take a central role in re-
20 vitalizing neighborhood recreation centers and in partnering with non-profit organizations around a
21 capital fundraising campaign to meet the financial shortfalls; and

22 WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis invites interest from individuals, for-profit and non-profit
23 organizations to form public-private agreements to carry out revenue-generating or capital-related
24 programs and activities that are in alignment with plans and strategic priorities, such as designing
25 and building improvements and operating programming; and

1 WHEREAS, there exists an opportunity to model new public-private partnerships similar to
2 those that have been successful in reinvigorating City of St. Louis parks, by tapping into the
3 generosity of residents, businesses and non-profit organizations.
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5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS**
6 **FOLLOWS:**

7 **SECTION ONE.** All revenues derived from fees or charges collected by the City for the
8 rental of recreational centers specified herein for private and public events in these City-operated
9 facilities, shall be held in a special fund for the recreation center utilized as created in Section Two
10 of this ordinance.
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13 **SECTION TWO.** The Friends of 12th & Park, Friends of Buder, Friends of Cherokee,
14 Friends of Gamble, Friends of Marquette, Friends of Tandy, and Friends of Wohl Recreation
15 Center Funds Established.
16 The Comptroller is authorized and directed to establish a fund for each of the City’s seven (7)
17 neighborhood recreation centers, to be designated “Friends of 12th and Park Recreation Center
18 Fund,” “Friends of Buder Recreation Center Fund,” “Friends of Cherokee Recreation Center
19 Fund,” “Friends of Gamble Recreation Center and Pool Fund,” “Friends of Marquette Center
20 Fund,” “Friends of Tandy Recreation Center Fund,” and the “Friends of Wohl Recreation Center
21 Fund” (to be referred to from this point as the “‘Friends of’ Funds’) for the account of the
22 Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry to establish a direct path for non-profits, private
23 individuals and businesses to provide needed financial support for City-operated recreation
24 programs and for capital improvements to neighborhood recreation centers. All interest earned by
25 the funds deposited in such special accounts shall be retained in the account to be appropriated
26 according to provisions of this ordinance. All expenditures from such fund shall be appropriated in
27 accordance with applicable law.

28 **SECTION THREE.** Disposition of Funds Collected.

1 The Department of Parks, Forestry and Recreation or any other entity shall remit, or cause to be
2 remit, all monies collected to the Comptroller within one week of receipt.

3 **SECTION FOUR.** Deposit in the “Friends of” Funds.

4 The Comptroller, upon receipt of such collections designated for the “Friends of” Funds shall place
5 said collections in the “Friends of” Funds established in Section One.

6 **SECTION FIVE.** Use of Funds

7 Funds maintained in the “Friends of” Funds accounts shall only be used for purposes relating to
8 improving the recreational, social and educational opportunities for residents of all ages and
9 abilities through strategic investments identified by the Capital Committee and the Department of
10 Parks, Forestry and Recreation with input from communities served.