

1 **BOARD BILL 161 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN KENNETH ORTMANN**

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3 An Ordinance pertaining to solicitation on highway entrance and exit ramps
4 within the City of St. Louis; amending Section One, Part 829.060 (e) of Ordinance
5 57831, approved April 19, 1979 codified in Section 17.20.070 (E) of the Revised Code of
6 the City of St. Louis, adding new sections pertaining to the same subject matter and
7 containing a severability and emergency clause.

8 Whereas, the safety of pedestrians is of vital importance; and

9 Whereas, the conduct of soliciting on highway entrance and exit ramps places
10 pedestrians in danger of being struck by vehicles exiting the highway; and

11 Whereas, the conduct of pedestrians venturing into vehicular traffic on highway
12 entrance and exit ramps interferes with the free flow of traffic and raises traffic safety and
13 traffic congestion concerns; and

14 Whereas, highway entrance and exit ramps are not traditional public forums, and
15 traditional public forums continue to exist within the City of St. Louis.

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

17 **SECTION ONE** Section One, Part 829.060 (e) of Ordinance 57831, approved April 19,
18 1979 codified in Section 17.20.070 (E) of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis is
19 hereby amended as follows:

20 E. It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to enter upon **or stand within one hundred**
21 **(100) feet of** any portion of a ~~limited access highway~~ entrance or exit ramp of a highway,
22 except in a case of an emergency, and the burden of proof of such emergency shall rest
23 upon such pedestrian.

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1 **SECTION TWO. New sections pertaining to solicitation on highway entrance and**
2 **exit ramps shall be the following:**

3 **F. Pedestrians shall not be allowed to solicit on highway entrance or exit ramps;**
4 **“solicit” is defined here as “the spoken, written, or printed word or such other acts**
5 **or bodily gestures as are conducted in furtherance of the purposes of immediately**
6 **obtaining money or any other thing of value.”**

7 **G. No person, entity or organization shall be allowed a permit to solicit as defined**
8 **Chapter 8.84.010 on any highway entrance or exit ramp within the City of St. Louis.**

9 **SECTION THREE. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.**

10 The Sections of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event any Section of this
11 Ordinance is found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, the
12 remaining Sections of this Ordinance are valid unless the Court finds the valid Sections
13 of this Ordinance so essentially and inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon
14 the void Section, that it cannot presume that the legislature would have enacted the valid
15 Sections without the void ones; or unless the Court finds that the valid Sections, standing
16 alone, are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the
17 legislative intent.

18 **SECTION FOUR. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**

19 This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, it is
20 hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of
21 Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall become effective
22 immediately upon its passage and approval by the mayor.

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