

**BOARD BILL NO. 19 INTRODUCED BY: ALDERWOMAN CARA SPENCER**

1           An Ordinance requiring a City-wide vote to approve any proposal aimed at or having  
2 the effect of privatizing the St. Louis Lambert International Airport (the “Airport”) by the  
3 City’s renting, leasing or transferring its control of the Airport, either in whole or in part,  
4 pursuant to the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Privatization Pilot Program (49  
5 U.S.C. §47134; Section 149) and the Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-95);  
6 and containing a severability clause and emergency clause.

7           **WHEREAS**, St. Louis Lambert International Airport is the City’s most valuable asset  
8 and greatly affects the City’s General Revenue fund;

9           **WHEREAS**, the General Revenue fund is severely crippled by the City’s financial  
10 status and the fund props up the City’s struggling bond rating;

11           **WHEREAS**, a negative financial impact on St. Louis Lambert International Airport  
12 will affect the City’s long-term financial standing; and

13           **WHEREAS**, it is critical for the City voters to voice their opinion in a City-wide  
14 election regarding any potential privatization or long-term lease of the Lambert St. Louis  
15 International Airport

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

18           **SECTION ONE.**     Any proposal aimed at or of having the effect of privatizing the  
19 operations of a public airport and landing fields at St. Louis Lambert International Airport  
20 (the “Airport”) established under Chapter 18.04.020 of the Revised Code of the City of St.

1 Louis, by the City renting, leasing, or otherwise transferring its control of the Airport, either  
2 in whole or in part, to that of another party pursuant to the Federal Aviation Administration’s  
3 Airport Privatization Pilot Program (49 U.S.C. §47134; Section 149) and the Modernization  
4 and Reform Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-95), shall first be submitted to the qualified voters of the  
5 City of St. Louis for approval at a City-wide election. If the required majority of the voters  
6 support such a proposal, the City of Saint Louis shall enter the Federal Aviation  
7 Administration Airport Privatization Pilot Program as provided under 49 U.S.C. §47134;  
8 Section 149 and the Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-95).

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10 **SECTION TWO.**

11 A. The ballot question for any proposal aimed at or of having the effect of privatizing the  
12 operations of a public airport and landing fields at St. Louis Lambert International  
13 Airport by City renting, leasing, or otherwise transferring its control of the Airport,  
14 either in whole or in part, to that of another party pursuant to the Federal Aviation  
15 Administration Airport Privatization Pilot Program (49 U.S.C. §47134; Section 149)  
16 and the Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-95), shall first be submitted  
17 to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis for approval and shall be voted upon at a  
18 City-wide election to be held as hereinafter provided. Such a ballot question shall read  
19 substantially in words and figures as follows:

20                    Shall the City of St. Louis rent, lease, or otherwise transfer its control of St.  
21                    Louis Lambert International Airport, either in whole or in part, as provided

1 under Federal Aviation Administration’s Airport Privatization Pilot Program  
2 49 U.S.C. §47134; Section 149 and the Modernization and Reform Act of  
3 2012 (P.L. 112-95)?

4  YES  NO

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

7 B. Such a ballot question shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of St.  
8 Louis at a City-wide election, and if such ballot question shall receive in its favor the  
9 votes of the required majority of the voters voting thereon, such proposed rental, lease  
10 or other transfer of the City’s control of the Airport, be it in whole or in part, to that of  
11 another party that is the subject of such ballot question shall be authorized and shall  
12 immediately be carried out, or carried out in accordance with the agreement for such a  
13 proposed rental, lease, or other transfer of the City’s control of the Airport, be it in  
14 whole or in part, to that of another party pursuant to the Federal Aviation  
15 Administration Airport Privatization Pilot Program (49 U.S.C. §47134; Section 149)  
16 and the Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-95).

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

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2 **SECTION FOUR.** Severability Clause. The provisions of this section are severable. If any  
3 provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions  
4 of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision.

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6 **SECTION FIVE.** Emergency Clause The passage of this ordinance being deemed  
7 necessary for immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is  
8 hereby declared to exist within the meaning of Section 20 of Article IV of the Charter, and  
9 this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by  
10 the Mayor.