

**BOARD BILL NUMBER 207 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN MEGAN GREEN, ALDERMAN SAMUEL MOORE, ALDERWOMAN CHRISTINE INGRASSIA, ALDERMAN SHANE COHN, ALDERWOMAN CARA SPENCER, ALDERMAN CHRIS CARTER**

1           An ordinance calling for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of St.  
2 Louis of a proposal to authorize the City to enter into an agreement with the Regional  
3 Convention and Sports Complex Authority for the purpose of providing financial assistance in  
4 connection with the construction and operation of a new sports and entertainment facility to be  
5 located within the City of St. Louis; providing that upon approval by the voters of such  
6 proposition, the City Comptroller shall thereafter be authorized to execute such agreement on  
7 behalf of the City of St. Louis; and containing an emergency clause.

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

9                           **SECTION ONE. DEFINITIONS**

10           A. "City" means the City of St. Louis and every department, agency, commission, entity  
11 or corporation of, belonging to, created by, authorized by, or affiliated with the City of St.  
12 Louis. For example, "City" includes the Treasurer, the Comptroller, the Community  
13 Development Agency, the Planned Industrial Expansion Authority, and the Convention  
14 and Tourism Bureau.

15           B. "Development" means any aspect of development, including without limitation  
16 design, construction, operation, maintenance, financing, and site preparation.

17           C. "Financial assistance" means any City assistance of value, direct or indirect, whether

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1 or not channeled through an intermediary entity, including, but not limited to, tax  
2 reduction, exemption, credit, or guarantee against or deferral of increase; dedication of  
3 tax or other revenues; tax increment financing; issuance, authorization, reissuance,  
4 extension or guarantee of bonds; purchase or procurement of land or site preparation;  
5 loans or loan guarantees; sale or donation or loan of any City resource or service;  
6 deferral, payment, assumption or guarantee of obligations, and all other forms of  
7 assistance of value.

8 D. "Governing body" means the entity which, or official who, proposes to take action to  
9 provide financial assistance to the development of a professional sports facility. For  
10 example, "governing body" includes the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Estimate and  
11 Apportionment, the Treasurer, the Comptroller, the Director of the Community  
12 Development Agency, and the Board of Commissioners of the Planned Industrial  
13 Expansion Authority.

14 E. "Professional sports facility" means any construction, building or improvement to real  
15 estate intended to accommodate regularly scheduled games of a professional sports team,  
16 provided that the term shall not include any such facility which is in existence and  
17 accommodating such games on the date of enactment of the ordinance codified in this  
18 chapter.

19 F. "Site preparation" means any work of any kind at or related to the site of a professional  
20 sports facility, including without limitation infrastructure such as roads, streets, parking,

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1 sewer lines, water lines and electric and gas facilities.

2 The following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis:

3 Shall the City of St. Louis be authorized to enter into an agreement with the  
4 Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority for the purpose of providing financial  
5 assistance in connection with the construction and/or operation of a new sports and entertainment  
6 facility to be located within the City of St. Louis?

7 **SECTION TWO.** Said proposition shall be submitted to the voters of the City of  
8 St. Louis at the March 15, 2016 election. The Board of Aldermen shall submit the ballot  
9 measure to the St. Louis Board of Elections to submit to the qualified voters of the City of St.  
10 Louis no later than January 5, 2016. Prior to such public vote, the Comptroller shall prepare a  
11 fiscal note to be provided to the Board of Aldermen and the public which states the total  
12 estimated cost of any new sports and entertainment facility, and the estimated cost of any  
13 proposed financial assistance from the City, no later than January 1, 2016. The Board of  
14 Aldermen shall submit said fiscal note to the St. Louis Board of Elections to be included with the  
15 ballot measure language no later than January 5, 2016. A public hearing on such financial  
16 assistance shall be held no later than February 29, 2016.

17 **SECTION THREE.** Upon the approval of such proposition by the qualified  
18 voters of the City, the Comptroller shall be authorized to execute such agreement with the  
19 Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority on behalf of the City. The City shall not  
20 provide any type of financial assistance in connection with the construction and/or operation of a  
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