

**BOARD BILL NO. 53                      INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN DONNA  
BARINGERL, ALDERMAN KENNETH ORTMANN**

1            An ordinance relating to the license tax on the operation of public garages, imposed  
2 pursuant to SECTION FOUR of Ordinance 48891; repealing, subject to the approval of the  
3 qualified voters, SECTION FOUR of Ordinance 48891, approved June 11, 1958, as codified in  
4 Section 8.76.040 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, and enacting in lieu thereof a new  
5 SECTION FOUR imposing an increased license tax on the gross receipts of public garages, as  
6 defined in SECTION ONE of Ordinance 48891; directing that the revenue generated pursuant to  
7 the increase in the license tax on the operation of public garages be deposited in the Crime  
8 Reduction and Professional Policing Fund; repealing, subject to the approval of the qualified  
9 voters, Section 157.045 of SECTION ONE of Ordinance 56778, approved June 27, 1974, as  
10 codified in Section 8.76.050 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis; submitting to the  
11 qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposition to approve the increase in the license tax on  
12 the operation of public garages; providing for an election and the manner of voting thereat;  
13 providing that if such question shall receive the votes of a majority of the voters voting thereon  
14 that such tax as set forth within such proposition shall be authorized and adopted and become  
15 part of the laws of the City of St. Louis from the date of said election; and containing a  
16 severability clause and an emergency clause.

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

18            **SECTION ONE.** Subject to the approval of the qualified voters of the herein submitted  
19 proposition, SECTION FOUR of Ordinance 48891, approved June 11, 1958, as codified in  
20 Section 8.76.040 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, pertaining to the license tax  
21 imposed on the operation of public garages, is hereby repealed and a new SECTION FOUR,  
22 pertaining to the same subject matter is enacted, which increases the license tax imposed on the

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1 operation of public garages as hereinafter provided and devotes the revenue from such tax to the  
2 Crime Reduction and Professional Policing Fund, as established in Ordinance No.  
3 \_\_\_\_\_, the purpose of which fund is to pay for hiring and retaining police officers,  
4 investing in programs to prevent and reduce crime, and training police officers in community  
5 policing, customer service, bias recognition, mental health and policing a diverse city.

6 **SECTION TWO.** Subject to the approval of the qualified voters of the herein submitted  
7 proposition, Section 157.045 of SECTION ONE of Ordinance 56778, as codified in Section  
8 8.76.050 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis is hereby repealed.

9 **SECTION THREE.** The following proposition is hereby submitted to the qualified  
10 voters of the City of St. Louis and shall be voted upon at the first primary, general or special  
11 election held throughout the City following the effective date of the Ordinance. If the proposition  
12 shall receive in its favor the votes of a majority of the voters voting thereon, the tax rate as set  
13 forth within such proposition shall be authorized and adopted and become part of the laws of the  
14 City of St. Louis from the date of said election. The proposition shall read substantially in words  
15 and figures as follows:

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17 **OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
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19 Shall the license tax rate imposed by SECTION FOUR of Ordinance 48891 on persons, firms or  
20 corporations engaging in the business of operating a public garage for the storing of motor  
21 vehicles be increased to a sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the gross receipts from the business,  
22 for the purpose of funding the Crime Reduction and Professional Policing Fund, as established in

1 Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, the purpose of which fund is to pay for hiring and retaining  
2 police officers, investing in programs to prevent and reduce crime, and training police officers in  
3 community policing, customer service, bias recognition, mental health and policing a diverse  
4 city?

5  YES

6  NO

7 If you are in favor of the question, place an X in the box opposite YES. If you are opposed to the  
8 question, place an X in the box opposite NO.

9 **SECTION FOUR.** Notice of the election on such proposition shall be published and said  
10 election shall be conducted in the manner provided by law.

11 **SECTION FIVE.** Immediately upon the passage and approval of this Ordinance, the  
12 City Register shall certify a copy thereof to the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of  
13 St. Louis for action and proceedings by said Board in accordance herewith and as required by  
14 law.

15 **SECTION SIX.** Upon the approval of the qualified voters of the proposition contained  
16 herein, SECTION FOUR of Ordinance 48891 shall read as follows:

17 **SECTION FOUR.** Every person, firm or corporation engaging in the business of  
18 operating a public garage for the storing of motor vehicles shall pay to the City of St. Louis, as a  
19 license tax, a sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the gross receipts from such business. The  
20 revenue from said license tax shall be devoted to the Crime Reduction and Professional Policing  
21 Fund as established by Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, the purpose of which fund is to pay for  
22 hiring and retaining police officers, investing in programs to prevent and reduce crime, and

1 training officers in community policing, customer service, bias recognition, mental health and  
2 policing a diverse city.

3 **SECTION SEVEN.** If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the  
4 remainder of this Ordinance, to the extent severable there from, shall not thereby be invalidated.

5 **SECTION EIGHT.** This being an ordinance providing for the submission of a question  
6 to the voters, it is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance as provided by Article IV,  
7 Section 20 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis, and shall be effective immediately upon  
8 approval by the Mayor or its approval over his or her veto.