

BOARD BILL NO. 14 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN CHARLES QUINCY TROUPE

1 An ordinance amending Ordinance Number 67483 by moving Neighborhood Stabilization,
2 Fund 1010 Department 622 and its budget to Fund 1010, Department 110 and containing an
3 emergency clause.

4 **WHEREAS**, The responsibilities of the Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (“NSO”)
5 includes identifying problems that have a negative impact on the quality of life in all geographic
6 areas of the City of St. Louis and solving said problems in an efficient, effective and timely manner;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, The NSO’s chief objective is to improve the quality of life in his or her
9 assigned geographic areas by eliminating problems through actively and aggressively working with
10 elected officials representing the area, City departments, police, neighborhood leaders, block units
11 and empowering neighborhood residents to do so; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The NSO handles problems relative to a physical violation of health, safety
13 and/or property maintenance codes (e.g., derelict vehicles, excessive grass or weed growth, trash);
14 and relative to a behavioral nuisance (including but not limited to excessive noise, drug sales,
15 inappropriate use of property, overcrowding); and

16 **WHEREAS**, The NSO identifies problems by attending meetings of neighborhood
17 organizations, ward organizations and block units; consulting with all Aldermen/women representing
18 assigned geographic areas; working closely with police (especially problem property officers),
19 meeting monthly at appropriate crackdown meetings to monitor nuisance issues; and personally
20 surveying by driving and/or walking through all parts of all assigned geographic areas at least once
21 per month; and

1 **WHEREAS**, There are NSOs assigned to each of the twenty-eight wards and each NSO is
2 accessible, responsible to the alderman/woman to the ward assigned.

3 **WHEREAS**, The moving of the Neighborhood Stabilization, Fund 1010, Department 622
4 and its budget to Fund 1010, Department 110, will result in a coordination of efforts among the
5 Nuisance Coordinators, the City Inspectors, and the Aldermen/women to bring about a more efficient
6 and effective remedy of violations to better service the citizens of the City of St. Louis.

7 **WHEREAS**, To better serve the citizens of the City of St. Louis, to coordinate activities and
8 to set priorities with the City Inspectors, building division, health, traffic and nuisance, the NSOs
9 should be employees of the Board of Aldermen to work in conjunction with Aldermen/women who
10 live, represent and defend the citizens of the City of St. Louis.

11 **WHEREAS**, The Neighborhood Stabilization Officers shall maintain their civil service
12 status.

13 **WHEREAS**, To facilitate the coordination of efforts, the evaluation of the effectiveness of
14 the program and the NSOs, the NSOs shall meet weekly with their Aldermen/women or upon request
15 of said Aldermen/women.

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

17 **SECTION ONE.** Ordinance Number 67483 is hereby amended by moving Neighborhood
18 Stabilization, Fund 1010 Department 622 and its budget to Fund 1010, Department 110.

19 **SECTION TWO.** The NSO shall be required to meet with their assigned Aldermen/women
20 weekly or upon request of said Aldermen.

1 **SECTION TWO. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.** This being an ordinance for the preservation
2 of public peace, health, and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the
3 meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall
4 become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.