

1 An ordinance relating to the graduated business license tax imposed pursuant to
2 Ordinance 60643; imposing, subject to the approval of the voters, increased graduated business
3 license taxes and setting forth public safety purposes for which revenue generated by the
4 proposition shall be used; repealing, subject to the approval of the qualified voters SECTION
5 ONE of Ordinance 60643, approved January 8, 1988, and enacting in lieu thereof a new
6 SECTION ONE imposing increased graduated business license taxes; submitting unless such
7 question shall have received in its favor the votes of a majority of the voters voting thereon at the
8 August 8, 2006, election, to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposition to approve
9 the increase in the graduated business license taxes; providing for an election and the manner of
10 voting thereat; providing that if such question shall receive the votes of a majority of the voters
11 voting thereon that such tax shall be authorized and shall be imposed on graduated business
12 licenses issued for the tax year beginning June 1, 2007 and every tax year thereafter; providing
13 further for the establishment of a Public Safety Trust Fund and for the establishment of an
14 Enhanced Police Services Account, an Enhanced Criminal Prosecution Account, and an
15 Enhanced Problem Properties and Nuisance Crime Prosecution Account within such Fund into
16 which all revenue derived from the increase in the graduated business license tax pursuant to the
17 approval of the voters and all interest on such revenue shall be deposited, allocated and credited
18 and setting forth the purposes for which monies in such Trust Fund and such Accounts shall be
19 used; restricting the use of monies in such Trust Fund and such Accounts to expenditures for the
20 purposes listed; requiring an annual review by the Ways and Means Committee of the Board of

1 Aldermen to monitor the distribution of all monies in the Public Safety Trust Fund; and
2 containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

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

4 **SECTION ONE.** Subject to the approval of the qualified voters of the herein submitted
5 proposition, SECTION ONE of Ordinance 60643, pertaining to the graduated business license
6 tax, is repealed and a new SECTION ONE, pertaining to the same subject matter is enacted,
7 which increases the graduated business license tax as hereinafter provided.

8 **SECTION TWO.** The following question is hereby submitted to the qualified voters
9 of the City of St. Louis and shall be voted upon at an election to be held as hereinafter
10 provided, unless such question shall have received in its favor the votes of a majority of the
11 voters voting thereon at the August 8, 2006, election. The question shall read substantially in
12 words and figures as follows:

13 **PROPOSITION G**

14 Shall the graduated business license tax rates imposed in SECTION ONE of
15 Ordinance 60643 be repealed and new graduated business license tax rates as follows be
16 imposed for the purpose of hiring and retaining more police officers and prosecutors to fight
17 violent crime, drugs, nuisance crimes and problem properties:

18	St. Louis Employees	Graduated Business License Tax
19	2 or fewer	\$200.00
20	3-5	\$325.00
21	6-10	\$675.00
22	11-20	\$1,500.00

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1	21-30	\$2,250.00
2	31-40	\$3,000.00
3	41-50	\$4,500.00
4	51-75	\$7,500.00
5	76-100	\$11,250.00
6	101-150	\$15,000.00
7	151-200	\$20,250.00
8	201-300	\$25,500.00
9	301-400	\$30,000.00
10	401-500	\$34,500.00
11	501 or more	\$37,500.00

12 YES NO

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

15 **SECTION THREE.** The foregoing question shall be submitted to the qualified voters at
16 an election called and to be held on Tuesday, November __, 2006, unless such question shall
17 have received in its favor the votes of a majority of the voters voting thereon at the August 8,
18 2006, election, and if the question shall receive in its favor the votes of a majority of the voters
19 voting thereon, the tax shall be authorized and shall be imposed on graduated business licenses
20 issued for the tax year beginning June 1, 2007 and every tax year thereafter. The qualified voters
21 may, at such election, vote a ballot in substantially the following form:

22 **PROPOSITION G**

1 question, place an X in the box opposite NO.

2 **SECTION FOUR.** The Board of Election Commissioners of the City of St. Louis
3 shall provide notice of such election pursuant to Section 115.127 RSMo, shall provide the
4 ballots or voting machines, or both, and conduct the election and shall ascertain the
5 results thereof, all according to the laws regulating such elections. Upon approval of this
6 ordinance, it shall be published once in the City Journal. Proof of publication of this
7 ordinance shall be made by affidavit of the City Register and such affidavit shall be filed
8 in the office of the City Register and a copy of said publication shall be attached thereto.

9 **SECTION FIVE.** Upon approval of the voters of the proposition contained
10 herein SECTION ONE of Ordinance 60643 shall read as follows:

11 **SECTION ONE.** There is hereby imposed a graduated business license tax on all
12 merchants, manufacturers, businesses, avocations, pursuits and callings that are not
13 exempt from the payment of licenses by law, except those merchants, manufacturers,
14 businesses, avocations, pursuits and callings listed in SECTION THREE of Ordinance
15 60643. The graduated business license tax shall be calculated and based on the licensee's
16 St. Louis employees as defined in SECTION TWO of Ordinance 60643 and be payable prior to
17 issuance of a business license as follows:

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12 **SECTION SIX.** There is hereby created a special trust fund, to be known as the Public
13 Safety Trust Fund. The Public Safety Trust Fund shall consist of three (3) accounts, namely, an
14 Enhanced Police Services Account, an Enhanced Criminal Prosecution Account, and an
15 Enhanced Problem Properties and Nuisance Crime Prosecution Account. All revenue derived
16 from the increase in the graduated business license tax pursuant to this Ordinance and all interest
17 on such revenue shall be deposited into such Public Safety Trust Fund and such Accounts within
18 said Fund and allocated and credited upon receipt as follows: 75% to the Enhanced Police
19 Services Account, 15% to the Enhanced Criminal Prosecution Account, and 10% to the
20 Enhanced Problem Properties and Nuisance Crime Prosecution Account. Money in the
21 Enhanced Police Services Account shall be used only to pay for the cost of hiring and retaining
22 additional police officers assigned to expand the Most Violent Offenders Program and the cost of

1 equipment, facilities and services directly associated with the hiring and retaining of such police
2 officers, for the cost of hiring and retaining additional police officers assigned to address
3 nuisance crimes and problem properties and the cost of equipment, facilities and services directly
4 associated with the hiring and retaining of such police officers, for the cost of hiring and
5 retaining additional investigators assigned to the Sex Crimes Unit and the cost of equipment,
6 facilities and services directly associated with the hiring and retaining of such investigators, for
7 the cost of adding and retaining additional employees, equipment and software in the Crime
8 Analysis Unit, for the cost of hiring and retaining an additional advocate for victims of sexual
9 assault and sexual abuse and the cost of equipment, facilities and services directly associated
10 with the hiring and retaining of such advocate, and for the cost of hiring and retaining an
11 additional criminologist assigned to the processing of rape kits and the cost of equipment,
12 facilities and services directly associated with the hiring and retaining of such criminologist.
13 Money in the Enhanced Criminal Prosecution Account shall be used only to pay for the cost of
14 hiring and retaining additional attorneys, paralegals and investigators assigned to prosecute
15 repeat and violent offenders and the cost of equipment, facilities and services directly associated
16 with the hiring and retaining of such attorneys, paralegals and investigators. Money in the
17 Enhanced Problem Properties and Nuisance Crime Prosecution Account shall be used only to
18 pay for the cost of hiring and retaining additional attorneys, paralegals, and investigators
19 assigned to prosecute problem and nuisance property offenders and the cost of equipment,
20 facilities and services directly associated with the hiring and retaining of such attorneys,
21 paralegals and investigators.

22 **SECTION SEVEN.** All revenue received by the City from the increase in the graduated

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1 business license tax authorized by this Ordinance shall be deposited in the Public Safety Trust
2 Fund. No money credited and allocated to any account within the Public Safety Trust Fund shall
3 be transferred to any other fund nor appropriated, expended, used or encumbered for any purpose
4 other than for the purposes set forth in Section One above. All monies from any account within
5 the Public Safety Trust Fund shall be expended only by appropriating ordinances. There shall be
6 an annual review by the Ways and Means Committee of the Board of Aldermen to monitor the
7 distribution of all monies in the Public Safety Trust Fund.

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

10 **SECTION SEVEN.** This being an ordinance providing for the submission of a question
11 to the voters, it is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance as provided by 2 Article IV,
12 Section 20 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis, and shall be effective 3 immediately upon
13 approval by the Mayor or its approval over his or her veto.