

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 194 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN DONNA**

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3 An ordinance pertaining to secondhand and junk dealers; repealing Ordinance
4 64311, approved March 6, 1998, presently codified as Section 8.82.050 of the Revised
5 Code of the City of St. Louis, pertaining to secondhand dealers and the registry and
6 regulation of purchases by such secondhand dealers, and enacting in lieu thereof a new
7 section pertaining to the same subject matter and requiring a holding period for the
8 purchase of jewelry of any kind or description, or of old gold or silver; and containing an
9 emergency clause.

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

11 **SECTION ONE** Ordinance 64311, approved March 6, 1998 and presently codified as
12 Section 8.82.050 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis is hereby repealed.

13 **SECTION TWO:** There is hereby enacted the following which shall read as follows:
14 8.82.050 Photograph and Transaction Forms and Holding Period for jewelry of any kind
15 or description, or of old gold or silver

16 A. No secondhand dealer shall accept any article or property as full or part payment, or
17 purchase any article or property unless he shall make a photograph of the person from
18 whom such article is being received and attach such photograph to a transaction form
19 which shall be completed at the time of the transaction. For jewelry of any kind or
20 description, or of old gold or silver a photograph of the property shall be taken.

21 B. The transaction form shall be supplied by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police
22 Department and shall include, but not limited to, the date and time of sale, place of sale,
23 name, address, date of birth, social security number, driver's license number, if different

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1 from social security number of seller, description of seller, home and business telephone
2 number of seller, employee handling the transaction and description of property sold to
3 licensee, and right thumb print of person selling property and any other information
4 required by the police department. If right thumb print cannot be obtained, the left thumb
5 print shall be obtained and the reason why the right thumb print was not available shall be
6 listed on the form. The requirement that the seller be photographed and thumb-printed
7 shall not apply to any purchase or trade-in transaction which occurs at an auction or in the
8 private house or office of the person selling said items but all other requirements as
9 aforesaid shall remain in effect.

10 C. The photograph and transaction form shall be maintained by the secondhand dealer
11 for a period of one year from the date of the transaction. No secondhand dealer shall
12 refuse to deliver such photograph or transaction form to any law enforcement officer
13 upon request in connection with a specific item of stolen property within one year
14 following the date of the transaction. Every secondhand dealer shall display a notice to
15 his customers in a prominent place to the effect that he is required to photograph and
16 fingerprint every person selling or offering as full or part payment an item to him, by city
17 ordinance.

18 D. At least sixty days prior to the destruction of a photograph or transaction form, the
19 licensee shall notify, in writing, the police department of his intent to destroy such
20 documents. The police department, at its option, shall request the licensee to turn over all
21 said documents to the police department, and the licensee, upon said request, shall turn
22 over all documents to the police department.

1 E. It shall be unlawful for any secondhand dealer who purchases and sells jewelry of
2 any kind or description, or of old gold or silver to sell, trade, melt down or in any way
3 dispose of, alter or destroy any jewelry of any kind or description, or of old gold or silver
4 until forty-eight (48) hours after the date of its purchase. Upon written notice that the St.
5 Louis Metropolitan Police Department have cause to believe an item has been stolen, the
6 secondhand dealer shall retain jewelry of any kind or description, or of old gold or silver
7 for an additional ten (10) days.

8 **SECTION THREE. Emergency Clause.**

9 This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, it is
10 hereby declared to be an emergence measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of
11 Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall become effective
12 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.