

BOARD BILL NO. 283 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN WILLIAM WATERHOUSE

1 An ordinance prohibiting the issuance of any package or drink liquor licenses for any premises
2 within the boundaries of the Twenty-fourth Ward Liquor Control District, as established herein, for
3 a period of three years from the effective date hereof; containing an exception allowing, during the
4 moratorium period, for the transfer of existing licenses, under certain circumstances, and the issuance
5 of a drink license to persons operating a restaurant at a previously non-licensed premises; and
6 containing an emergency clause.

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

8 **SECTION ONE. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.**

9 The existence of alcoholic beverage establishments appears to contribute directly to
10 numerous peace, health, safety and general welfare problems including loitering, littering, drug
11 trafficking, prostitution, public drunkenness, defacement and damaging of structures, pedestrian
12 obstructions, as well as traffic circulation, parking and noise problems on public streets and
13 neighborhood lots. The existence of such problems creates serious impacts on the health, safety and
14 welfare of residents of single- and multiple-family within the district, including fear for the safety
15 of children, elderly residents and of visitors to the district. The problems also contribute to the
16 deterioration of the neighborhood and concomitant devaluation of property and destruction of
17 community values and quality of life. The number of establishments selling alcoholic beverages and
18 the associated problems discourage more desirable and needed commercial uses in the area. In order
19 to preserve the residential character and the neighborhood-serving commercial uses of the area, there
20 shall be a moratorium on the issuance of new liquor licenses with the area beginning at the
21 intersection of the centerlines of January Ave. and Fyler Ave., and proceeding along the centerlines

1 in a generally clockwise direction west to Clifton Ave., north to Wyoming Ave., west to Tamm Ave.,
2 northwest to Watson Rd., northeast to Clifton Ave., north to Odell St., west to Tamm Ave., north
3 to Marmaduke Ave., west to Ivanhoe Ave., south to the entrance ramp at Ivanhoe Ave., to the east
4 side of Interstate 44, northeast to Southwest Ave., west to the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway
5 tracks, southwest to the city limits, north to Clayton Rd., southeast to Clayton Ave., southeast to
6 Oakland Ave., Oakland Ave. east to Interstate 64, southwest to Clayton Ave., southeast to Berthold
7 Ave., east to Fairmont Ave., north along the prolongation of Fairmont Ave. to Interstate 64, east to
8 the southbound Hampton Ave. exit ramp, southeast to Hampton Ave., south to Wise Ave., east to
9 Pierce Ave., south to West Park Ave., southeast to Manchester Ave., east to Macklind Ave., south
10 to St. Louis & San Francisco Railway tracks, west to Sublette Ave., south to Interstate 44, west to
11 Hampton Ave., south to Elizabeth Ave., west to Hampton Ave., south to Arsenal St., east to 59th St.,
12 southeast to January Ave., south to Fyler Ave., south to the point of beginning. Such area shall be
13 known as the Twenty-fourth Ward Liquor Control Area.

14 **SECTION TWO.** The Excise Commissioner is hereby prohibited, for a period of three year,
15 beginning as of the effective date of this Ordinance, from approving the issuance of a package or
16 drink liquor license for any premises which is located within the boundaries of the Twenty-fourth
17 Ward Liquor Control District established in Section One of this ordinance.

18 **SECTION THREE.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section Two of this Ordinance, the Excise
19 Commissioner shall have authority to:

20 (1) Approve transfer of an existing license to another premises within the petition
21 circle of the currently licensed premises, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (B) of section
22 14.06.330 of Ordinance 61289; and

1 (2) Issue a drink license for a premises, not licensed as of the effective date of this
2 Ordinance, which currently is or will be, upon opening, operated as a restaurant, as such term is
3 defined in section 14.01.390 of Ordinance 61289.

4 (3) Approve the renewal of an existing license under the provisions of Section
5 14.08.090 of Ordinance 62656

6 **SECTION FOUR. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**

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