

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 284 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMANN KEN ORTMANN AND**  
2 **ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN: SCHMID, GREGALI, FLORIDA, DAVIS,**  
3 **WESSELS, FORD-GRIFFIN, WATERHOUSE, WILLIAMSON, KREWSON,**  
4 **COHN, PRESIDENT REED, KENNEDY, MOORE**

5 An Ordinance pertaining to rooming houses, boarding houses, dormitories or  
6 hotels; amending Section 1 of Ordinance 61971, approved April 20, 1990, codified in  
7 Section 11.72.010 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis pertaining to a  
8 neighborhood consent petition and containing a severability and emergency clause.

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

10 **SECTION ONE.** Section 1 of Ordinance 61971, approved April 20, 1990, codified in  
11 Section 11.72.010 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis is hereby amended as  
12 follows:

13 11.72.010 Petition for hearing.

14 A. The Board of Public Service, upon receipt by the Secretary of the Board of Public  
15 Service of a petition, shall hold a public hearing based on said petition. The petition shall  
16 be signed by a majority of the persons occupying premises or conducting any business on  
17 the main or surface floor of such building, the two floors immediately above the main or  
18 surface floor, and the floor immediately below the main or surface floor within the  
19 prescribed petition circle drawn by a radius of three hundred fifty feet plus one-half of the  
20 width of the front of the premises, from the center of such premises projected to the  
21 streets alleging that the operation of the premises involved, which is being operated as a  
22 rooming house, boarding house, dormitory or hotel, is being operated in such manner, as  
23 factually set out in said petition, to constitute a detriment to the neighborhood.

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1 A neighborhood consent petition shall not be required for successive yearly renewal  
2 licenses for the same licensee on the same premises.

3 B. After the filing of an application with the Board of Public Service, the applicant shall  
4 be required to send a postcard addressed to "occupant" at each address within the petition  
5 circle of the proposed premises, notifying them that an application has been filed and of  
6 the applicant's intent to circulate a neighborhood consent petition. The postcard shall be a  
7 preprinted form provided by the Board of Public Service and shall read substantially as  
8 follows:

9 " \_\_\_\_\_ has/have applied to the Board of Public Service for a rooming  
10 house, boarding house, dormitory or hotel for the premises at \_\_\_\_\_. The  
11 proposed use for these premises will include: \_\_\_\_\_. Within the next month,  
12 a petition in support of the application will be circulated, which you may either sign or  
13 refuse to sign. If a public hearing is scheduled notices will be mailed. You may support or  
14 protest the application. For information, please contact the Board of Public Service at  
15 622-3535."

16 The applicant shall pay an application fee for all administrative costs. The applicant shall  
17 be responsible for placing addresses and postage on the pre-printed postcards and  
18 returning them to the Board of Public Service, who, if satisfied that the applicant has  
19 provided cards addressed to occupant at each address within the petition circle, shall  
20 cause the post cards to be mailed immediately. The Board of Public Service shall not  
21 provide the applicant with neighborhood consent petition forms, and the applicant may

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1 not solicit, or have others solicit, signatures on the neighborhood consent petition, for five  
2 days following mailing of the postcards. Upon filing of an application for a rooming  
3 house, boarding house, dormitory or hotel, the Board of Public Service shall have the  
4 premises for which a license is sought posted with a sign which contains substantially the  
5 same information as the pre-printed post card.

6 **SECTION TWO. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.**

7 The Sections of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event any Section of this  
8 Ordinance is found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, the  
9 remaining Sections of this Ordinance are valid unless the Court finds the valid Sections  
10 of this Ordinance so essentially and inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon  
11 the void Section, that it cannot presume that the legislature would have enacted the valid  
12 Sections without the void ones; or unless the Court finds that the valid Sections, standing  
13 alone, are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the  
14 legislative intent.

15 **SECTION THREE. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**

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

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