

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 293 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN KENNETH**  
2 **ORTMANN, ALDERMAN CRAIG SCHMID, ALDERMAN STEPHEN GREGALI**  
3 **AND ALDERMAN JENNIFER FLORIDA**

4 An Ordinance pertaining to rooming houses, boarding houses, dormitories or  
5 hotels; amending Section 903.1 of Chapter 25.32.480 of the Revised Code of the City of  
6 St. Louis pertaining to application and neighborhood consent petition and containing a  
7 severability and emergency clause.

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

9 **SECTION ONE** Section 903.1 of Chapter 25.32.480 of the Revised Code of the City of  
10 St. Louis is hereby amended as follows:

11 903.1 Permit and license required. It shall be unlawful to operate a hotel, dormitory,  
12 rooming house or boarding house without first obtaining a permit and license as  
13 hereinafter set forth. An applicant for a license to operate a dormitory, rooming house,  
14 boarding house or hotel, together with all other requirements of this Chapter, shall also  
15 file a plat or drawing showing its location or premises together with the position of the  
16 building to be used thereon and a written petition in favor of the issuance of such license  
17 signed by a majority of the persons, if any, occupying the premises or conducting any  
18 business on the main floor within the prescribed petition circle drawn by a radius of five  
19 hundred feet plus one-half of the width of the front of the premises, from the center of  
20 such premises projected to the streets. A neighborhood consent petition shall not be  
21 required for successive renewals for the same license on the same premises immediately  
22 succeeding the original licensing. No such application shall be approved wherein a  
23 church, elementary school or secondary school is located within the radius herein above  
24 described. After the filing of an application with the Board of Public Service, the

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

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

13 The applicant shall pay an application fee for all administrative costs. The applicant shall  
14 be responsible for placing addresses and postage on the pre-printed postcards and  
15 returning them to the Board of Public Service, who, if satisfied that the applicant has  
16 provided cards addressed to occupant at each address within the petition circle, shall  
17 cause the post cards to be mailed immediately by the Board of Public Service. The Board  
18 of Public Service shall not provide the applicant with neighborhood consent petition  
19 forms, and the applicant may not solicit, or have others solicit, signatures on the  
20 neighborhood consent petition, for five days following mailing of the postcards. Upon  
21 filing of an application for a rooming house, boarding house, dormitory or hotel license,  
22 the Board of Public Service shall have the premises for which a license is sought posted

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1 with a sign which contains substantially the same information as the pre-printed post  
2 card.

3 Exceptions:

4 1. Sheltered workshops and residence facilities authorized by Sections 205.968 to  
5 205.972 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 2000, as amended, shall be and are hereby  
6 exempted from the plat and petition and the church and school petitions set forth herein.

7 2. Hotels of sixty (60) or more rooms shall be and are hereby exempted from the plat  
8 and petition requirements set forth within the areas defined herewith:

9 A. Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of the center lines of the  
10 Poplar Street Bridge and Leonor K Sullivan Blvd; thence northwardly along said  
11 centerline of Leonor K Sullivan to the point of intersection thereof with the centerline of  
12 Biddle Street; thence westwardly along said centerline of Biddle Street to the point of  
13 intersection with the centerline of Interstate 70; thence southwardly along said centerline  
14 of Interstate 70, to the point of intersection with the centerline of Cole Street; thence  
15 westwardly along said centerline of Cole Street to the point of intersection with the center  
16 of Tucker Blvd; thence southwardly along said centerline of Tucker Blvd. to the point of  
17 intersection with the centerline of Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.; thence westwardly  
18 along said centerline of Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. to the point of intersection with the  
19 centerline of Jefferson Avenue; thence southwardly along said centerline of Jefferson  
20 Avenue to the point of intersection with the centerline of Interstate 64; thence eastwardly  
21 along said centerline of Interstate 64, to the point of intersection with Leonor K Sullivan  
22 Blvd., said point being the point of beginning; and

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2 B. Any and all areas within two thousand (2,000) feet of an interstate highway  
3 measured from the center line of said interstate highway.

4 903.1.1 Notification of termination. The Director of the Saint Louis Office for Mental  
5 Retardation/ Developmental Disabilities Resources shall notify the Director of Public  
6 Safety, in writing, within ten days when the operation of any sheltered workshop or  
7 residence facility is terminated, voluntarily or otherwise. The exemption herein granted  
8 for that location shall be automatically withdrawn.

9 **SECTION TWO. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.**

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

18 **SECTION THREE. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**

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

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