

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 57AA** INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT LEWIS REED,
2 ALDERWOMAN CAROL HOWARD, ALDERMAN JOSEPH VACCARO,
3 ALDERMAN JOSEPH VOLLMER, ALDERMAN STEPHEN CONWAY,
4 ALDERWOMAN BETH MURPHY, ALDERMAN CHRIS CARTER
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6 An ordinance calling and providing for the holding of an election in the City of St.
7 Louis on November 8, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the
8 City of St. Louis a proposal to levy and collect a property tax of five cents per each one
9 hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the purpose of providing services to persons
10 aged sixty or older.

11 **WHEREAS**, the St. Louis region, as of 2014, has the 8th highest percentage of
12 older residents in the country, with 16.8% of the residents of the City of St. Louis now 60
13 years of age or older; and

14 **WHEREAS**, with life expectancy increasing, the number of seniors nationwide is
15 expected to double by 2050; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the rapidly increasing age of our population along with a reduction
17 in State and Federal allocations has led to serious gaps in funding and services for
18 residents 60 years of age and older who wish to continue to live independently; and

19 **WHEREAS**, affordable transportation, safe and accessible housing, food
20 insecurity and economic independence are among the many challenges facing seniors in
21 the City of St. Louis; and

22 **WHEREAS**, keeping seniors in their homes stabilizes communities and reduces
23 the costs of dependent care on families and taxpayers; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis is authorized under Sections 67.990 to
2 67.995 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, upon approval of a majority of the qualified
3 voters of the City voting thereon, to levy and collect a tax not to exceed five cents (\$0.05)
4 per each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation upon all taxable property
5 with the City, for the purpose of providing services to persons 60 years of age or older
6 under the Senior Citizens’ Services Fund Law; and

7 **WHEREAS**, St. Louis has an opportunity to become an “age-friendly” city that
8 affords seniors more access to basic, necessary services that enhance overall health and
9 quality of life and create an environment where they can age in place; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen of the City does now find and determine that
11 it is desirable and in the public interest that the proposition hereinafter provided for be
12 submitted to the qualified electors of the City at a special election to be held for that
13 purpose.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** An election shall be held and the same is hereby called and ordered
16 to be held in the City of St. Louis, Missouri on the 8th day of November, 2016, at which
17 there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said City, the proposition as
18 hereinafter set forth in Section 3 of this ordinance.

19 **SECTION 2.** That the polling places in the various wards and precincts in the
20 City of St. Louis whereat the said proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors

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1 of said City shall be those polling places established or to be established by the Board of
2 Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis, as provided by law.

3 **SECTION 3.** The notice of the submission of the said proposition at the said
4 election shall be given jointly by the said Board of Election Commissioners and by the
5 City Register of the City of St. Louis by publication in the City Journal, the St. Louis
6 Post-Dispatch, and in at least one other weekly newspaper serving citizens of the City of
7 St. Louis, twice, the first publication occurring in the second week prior to the election
8 and the second publication occurring within one (1) week prior to the election, which said
9 notice shall be in substantially the following form:

10 **NOTICE OF BALLOT PROPOSITION ELECTION**

11 **THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

12 **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

13 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a ballot proposition election will be held in the City
14 of St. Louis, Missouri on

15 Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2016

16 commencing at six o'clock in the morning and closing at seven o'clock in the evening on
17 said date.

18 The polling places in the various wards and precincts of the City of St. Louis whereat the
19 said proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said City shall be those
20 polling places designated or to be designated by the Board of Election Commissioners of
21 the City of St. Louis, Missouri, separate notice of which will be given by said Board.

22 Subject to such modifications as may be required by the use of an electronic voting
23 system, the ballots to be used at said election shall be in substantially the following form,
24 to-wit:

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

PROPOSITION ELECTION

Instructions to voters:

To vote in favor of the proposition submitted upon this ballot, place a cross (X) mark in the square opposite the word "YES"; and, to vote against the said proposition, place a cross (X) mark in the square opposite the word "NO".

PROPOSITION S

Shall the City of St. Louis levy a tax of five cents per each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for the purpose of providing services to persons sixty years of age or older?

YES

NO

This notice is given pursuant to Ordinance No. _____ of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, approved the ____ day of _____, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis, Missouri, and the Register of said City, have hereunto set our hands under the seal of said City, in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Member, Board of Election Commissioners

Member, Board of Election Commissioners

Member, Board of Election Commissioners

Chairman, Board of Election Commissioners

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1 _____
2 Secretary, Board of Election Commissioners

3 [space for Board seal]

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5 City Register

6 [space for City seal]

7 Proof of the publication of said notice shall be made by affidavits of the
8 publishers of said newspapers, with a copy of such publication attached thereto, and such
9 affidavits shall be filed with the City Register.

10 **SECTION 4.** The Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis,
11 Missouri, shall provide the ballots, conduct the election, and certify the results of said
12 election to the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as required by law.

13 **SECTION 5.** That immediately upon the passage and approval of this ordinance,
14 the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen shall certify a copy thereof to the Board of Election
15 Commissioners for the City of St. Louis, Missouri for action and proceedings by said
16 Board in accordance herewith and as required by law.

17 **SECTION 6.** Upon the approval of the tax by the qualified electors of the City of
18 St. Louis, the tax so approved shall be imposed upon all taxable property within the City
19 of St. Louis and the proceeds therefrom shall be deposited in a special fund, to be known
20 as the "Senior Citizens' Services Fund." No moneys in the senior citizens' services fund
21 shall be spent until the board of directors provided for in Section 7 of this ordinance has
22 been appointed and has taken office.

23 **SECTION 7.** Upon the approval of the tax authorized by the qualified electors of
24 the City of St. Louis, the Mayor of the city shall appoint a board of directors consisting of
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1 seven directors, who shall, as nearly as practicable, represent the various groups to be
2 served by the board. Each director must be approved by the Board of Aldermen and shall
3 be a resident of the City of St. Louis. Each director shall be appointed to serve for a term
4 of four years and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; except that, of the
5 directors first appointed, one director shall be appointed for a term of one year, two
6 directors shall be appointed for a term of two years, two directors shall be appointed for a
7 term of three years, and two directors shall be appointed for a term of four years.
8 Directors may be reappointed. All vacancies on the board of directors shall be filled for
9 the remainder of the unexpired term by the Mayor. The directors shall not receive any
10 compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for all actual and necessary
11 expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties from the moneys in the
12 senior citizens' services fund.

13 **SECTION 8.** This administrative control and management of the funds in the
14 Senior Citizens' Services Fund and all programs to be funded therefrom shall rest solely
15 with the board of directors appointed under Section 7 of this ordinance; except that, the
16 budget for the Senior Citizens' Services Fund shall be approved by the Board of
17 Aldermen prior to making of any payments from the fund in any fiscal year. The board of
18 directors shall use the funds in the Senior Citizens' Services Fund to provide programs
19 which will improve the health, nutrition, and quality of life of persons who are sixty years
20 of age or older. The budget may allocate funds for operational and capital needs to
21 senior-related programs in the City of St. Louis.

22 **SECTION 9.** The board of directors shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, and
23 such other officers as it deems necessary; shall establish eligibility requirements for the

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1 programs it furnishes; and shall do all other things necessary to carry out the purpose of
2 Section 7 and Section 8 of this ordinance. A majority of the board of directors shall
3 constitute a quorum.

4 **SECTION 10.** If the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen determines by resolution t
5 hat an audit is necessary or desirable, the accounts of the board of directors shall be
6 audited by a certified public accountant selected by the Board of Estimate &
7 Apportionment. An audit performed under this section shall also review the records of the
8 receipts and disbursements and the property inventory of every officer or office of the
9 board of directors which receives or disburses money on behalf o the board or which
10 holds property belonging to the board. Upon the completion of the investigation, the
11 certified public accountant shall render a report to the governing body of the county or
12 city, along with a statement showing, under appropriate classifications, the receipts and
13 disbursements of the board of directors during the period of the audit. The expense of an
14 audit performed under this section shall be paid by the board of directors from funds in
15 the Senior Citizens' Service Fund.

16 **SECTION 11.** This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace,
17 health and safety, and providing for submission to the people, it is hereby declared to be
18 an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the
19 Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this ordinance shall become effective
20 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

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