

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 27**  
**CITIZENS INITIATIVE PETITION FOR AIRPORT PRIVATIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, Article V of the Charter of the City of St. Louis (“City Charter”) grants the citizens of the City of St. Louis the power to initiate amendments to City Charter (“Initiative Power”) pursuant to a procedure that involves collection of voter signatures in support of proposed amendments, certification of voter signatures and such proposed amendments to the Board of Aldermen by the Board of Election Commissioners, a decision by the Board of Aldermen to adopt or refuse to adopt the Petition, and ultimately a citizen vote on such proposed legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, in accord with this Initiative Power, on June 22, 2020 Saint Louis Rising (“Petitioners”) drafted a proposal to privatize St. Louis Lambert International (“Airport”) via amendment to the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Petitioners have led a campaign to garner signatures in support for such proposal (the “Airport Petition”); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 2020 the Petitioners submitted the Airport Petition, with the gathered voter signatures in favor, to the Board of Election Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 2, 2020 the sufficiency of the Airport Petition and its satisfaction of the voter signature requirement of 19,687 was certified by the Board of Election Commissioners to the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we refuse to adopt the Airport Petition submitted by Petitioners and such refusal to adopt shall constitute a final refusal of the Airport Petition and that the Petitioners shall have fifteen (15) days from the date of the passage of this Resolution to determine whether it is necessary that the Airport Petition be submitted to the voters for the November 3, 2020 election.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if Petitioners, within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Resolution, do not state in writing to the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen that there is no necessity for submitting the Airport Petition to the voters for the November 3, 2020 election, then the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen shall forthwith certify the Board of Aldermen’s final refusal to adopt the Airport Petition to the Board of Election Commissioners, who then shall place the Airport Petition on the ballot to be voted on during the November 3, 2020 election.

**Introduced this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020 by:**  
**The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 16<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 as attested by:**

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**Terry Kennedy**  
**Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis E. Reed**  
**President, Board of Aldermen**