

RESOLUTION NUMBER 72

WHEREAS, recently in the 98th General Assembly, 1st Regular Session, the Missouri Senate and the Missouri House of Representatives passed SS#2 HCS HB 722; and

WHEREAS, SS#2 HCS HB 722 prohibits banning or placing a fee on the use of plastic bags and prohibits municipalities from establishing a citywide minimum wage that is higher than the state or federal minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, Section 1, Paragraph 25 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis empowers the City to “regulate all acts, practices, conduct, business, occupations, callings, trades, uses of property and all other things whatsoever detrimental or liable to be detrimental to the health, morals, comfort, safety, convenience or welfare of the inhabitants of the city”; and

WHEREAS, Section 1, Paragraph 26 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis empowers the City to “prescribe limits within which business, occupations and practices liable to be . . . detrimental to the health, morals, security or general welfare of the people may lawfully be established, conducted or maintained”; and

WHEREAS, Section 1, Paragraph 33 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis empowers the City to “do all things whatsoever expedient for promoting and maintaining the comfort, education, morals, peace, government, health, welfare, trade, commerce or manufactures of the city or its inhabitants”; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we strongly urge Governor Jay Nixon to veto SS#2 HCS HB 722 because the General Assembly does not have authority to enact legislation which supersedes the provisions of the Charter of the City of St. Louis.

Introduced on the 2nd day of July, 2015 by:

Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
Honorable Antonio French, Alderman 21st Ward
Honorable Chris Carter, Aldermn 27th Ward

Adopted this the 2nd day of July, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen