

RESOLUTION 169
Audit of the City of St. Louis

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis' financial resources are becoming increasingly scarce, and fiscal responsibility and accountability of growing concern for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, such concerns may only be addressed through sound financial management practices; and

WHEREAS, an essential element to the establishment and maintenance of sound financial practices and ensuring needed transparency and accountability in City government is a regular, comprehensive, independent financial audit; and

WHEREAS, the most recent independent audit of the City of St. Louis was completed by the Missouri State Auditor in 2010, and covered the period of time beginning September 2008 and ending April 2010, three years prior to the City gaining control of the St. Louis Division of Police; and

WHEREAS, in light of the forgoing it is evident it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of St. Louis for the City to promptly initiate a comprehensive, independent audit of the City, in which all of the City's officials, offices, and divisions actively cooperate; and

WHEREAS, active cooperation on the part of the City's officials, offices, and divisions is critical to the success of an audit, and it is they who are ultimately responsible for the sound financial operation of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen wishes to make known its support for a comprehensive, independent, financial audit of the City of St. Louis pursuant to Missouri Revised Statute.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that this Honorable Board of Aldermen pause in our deliberations to register our support for the prompt initiation of a comprehensive, independent, financial audit of the City of St. Louis, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 17th day of November, 2017 by:

The Honorable Joe Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
The Honorable John Collins-Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward

Adopted this 17th day of November, 2017 as attested by:

Donna Elliot
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen