

RESOLUTION NUMBER 196

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Neighborhood Stabilization Team's mission to empower constituents to sustain a quality environment within their neighborhood through assistance, education, intervention and organization; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Stabilization Team's serves as a catalyst for bringing together the police, elected officials, governmental agencies, social service organizations, community groups and individuals to identify permanent solutions to on-going problems. Their staff of 28 Neighborhood Improvement Specialists [also known as Neighborhood Stabilization Officers (NSOs)] serves the entire city; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Stabilization Team consists of a Neighborhood Development Executive (Joe Thele), Customer Service Manager (Dotti Pennington) , the Neighborhood Improvement Specialists, support staff and the Citizens' Service Bureau (CSB)and is a division of the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, recently three (3) new positions, Neighborhood Stabilization Supervisors were created within the Neighborhood Stabilization Team; and

WHEREAS, the individuals selected for the supervisory positions had the least experience of all Neighborhood Improvement Specialists; and

WHEREAS, Civil Service Rules were designed to avoid this type of shenanigans and to assure all loyal employees a fair path to promotion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we direct the Public Safety Committee of this board to convene hearings for the purpose of examining and investigating the recent hiring of three (3) Neighborhood Stabilization Supervisors. We further direct the committee to include in such discussion Joe Thele, Neighborhood Development Executive, and all other parties, individuals, and documents deemed appropriate and necessary by the Public Safety Committee to conduct a fair and thorough investigation.

Introduced on the 17th day of January, 2014 by:

Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward
Honorable Stephen J. Conway, Alderman 8th Ward

Adopted this the 17th day of January, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen