

Resolution Number 206
Gun Buyback Program for St. Louis

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis has a public health and safety interest in reducing homicides, suicides and accidental deaths and injuries arising from the improper use of guns; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis has a history of hosting gun buyback programs in partnership with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen believes that gun buyback programs should be an available option, or tool, available to the City administration for part of broader crime reduction, suicide prevention and accidental gun injury prevention strategies; and

WHEREAS, in passing RSMo 571.067, the Missouri State Legislature prohibits gun buyback programs in the State of Missouri unless “the county, municipality, or governmental body has adopted a resolution, ordinance, or rule authorizing the participation of the county, municipality, or governmental body, in such a program” under RSMo 571.067(1); and

WHEREAS, RSMo 571.067(2) “provides that any firearm received shall be offered for sale or trade to a licensed firearms dealer. The proceeds from any sale or gains from trade shall be the property of the county, municipality, or governmental body. Any proceeds collected under this subdivision shall be deposited with the municipality, county, or governmental body unless the proceeds are collected by a sheriff, in which case the proceeds shall be deposited in the county sheriff’s revolving fund under section 50.535. Any firearm remaining in the possession of the county, municipality, or governmental body after the firearm has been offered for sale or trade to at least two licensed firearms dealers, may be destroyed”; and

WHEREAS, continuing efforts to offer programs to gun owners to facilitate voluntary removal of firearms from households in the City of St. Louis is a priority of this body.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we comply with RSMo 571.067 by passing this resolution authorizing the participation of the City of St. Louis in gun buyback programs, thereby making gun buyback programs legal in the City of St. Louis.

Introduced on the 31st day of January, 2014 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman 20th Ward

Honorable Scott Ogilvie, Alderman 24th Ward

Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 31st day of January, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen