

RESOLUTION NUMBER 202

WHEREAS, the residency rule in the City of St. Louis has been part of the City Charter since 1914 and its validity has withstood every court challenge; and

WHEREAS, despite the clear message from the voting majority in this City supporting the residency rule, once again there has been legislation filled in the Missouri General Assembly which will invalidate the residency requirement for fire department employees; and

WHEREAS, the current legislation is found in House Bill 325, which was introduced on January 10 2007 by Representative Neal C. St. Onge who resides in Ellisville, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Missouri voters overwhelmingly voted in the 2002 General Election on Amendment 1, which amended the Missouri Constitution so that the citizens of the City of St. Louis may amend or revise their present charter to provide for and reorganize their county functions and offices, as provided in the constitution and laws of the state; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this city should be allowed to determine the rules and regulations regarding the employees who serve them and are paid with their tax dollars;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we call upon the Missouri State Senate and the Missouri House of Representatives to respect the will of the majority of the residents of this city in regard to the issue of residency for city employees and to further refrain from taking any action which is contrary to the express provisions of our city charter to establish rules regarding the members of the St. Louis Fire Department.

Introduced on the 9th day of February, 2007 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted this the 9th day of February, 2007 as attested:

Patrick J. Connaghan
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

James F. Shrewsbury
President, Board of Aldermen