

Summary
Board Bill Number 34
Introduced by: Alderman Thomas Oldenburg
May 21, 2021

This ordinance would submit to the qualified voters of the City a proposed amendment to Article XVI of the City's Charter to require the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to hear public comment on any matter before it may vote on the matter except for matters that relate to the board's own rules for its proceedings. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment would be allowed to vote on matters at the same meeting it hears public comment on the matter. The proposed amendment would be on the ballot for the November 2, 2021 election.

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1 An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposed amendment to
2 Section XVI of the Charter of the City of St. Louis requiring the Board of Estimate and
3 Apportionment to meet and hear public comment on any matter before voting on it with the
4 exception of matters relating to the rules of its own proceedings and providing that the Board may
5 vote on a matter at the same meeting it hears public comment on the matter.

6 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

7 **SECTION ONE.** Proposed Charter Amendment.

8 A. An amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby proposed and submitted to
9 the voters of the City of St. Louis and shall be voted upon at an election to be held as hereinafter
10 provided.

11 B. Said amendment would add a new Section 9 to Article XVI of the Charter of the City of
12 St. Louis, to be and read as follows:

13 **SECTION 9 – Public Comment at Meetings**

14 Except for matters that relate to the rules for its own proceedings, the Board of Estimate and
15 Apportionment shall not vote on any matter unless such Board has first met and heard comment
16 from the public on the matter. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment may vote on any matter
17 at the same meeting after allowing public comment on the matter.

[] YES [] NO

SECTION THREE. Conduct of the Election. The Board of Election Commissioners shall provide the ballots or voting machines or both and conduct the election and shall ascertain and certify the result thereof according to the law. If voting machines are used, the aforesaid "OFFICIAL BALLOT" shall be placed or posted on the said voting machines wherever said machines are used under the direction of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis and according to law.

SECTION FOUR. Publication. Upon the approval of this Ordinance, it shall be published in the official publication of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, The City Journal. Proof of said publication of this ordinance shall be made by affidavit of the City Register, and such affidavit shall be filed in the Office of the City Register and a copy of such publication shall be attached thereto.

SECTION FIVE. Certification. Upon the approval of this Charter amendment it shall be certified and deposited as required by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of Missouri and shall be filed in the Office of the City Register.