

ORDINANCE #68595
Board Bill No. 276

An ordinance prohibiting the issuance of any package or drink liquor licenses for any premises within the boundaries of the Twenty-fourth Ward Liquor Control District, as established herein, for a period of three years from the effective date hereof; containing an exception allowing, during the moratorium period, for the transfer of existing licenses, under certain circumstances, and the issuance of a drink license to persons operating a restaurant at a previously non-licensed premises; and containing an emergency clause.

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

SECTION ONE. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

The existence of alcoholic beverage establishments appears to contribute directly to numerous peace, health, safety and general welfare problems including loitering, littering, drug trafficking, prostitution, public drunkenness, defacement and damaging of structures, pedestrian obstructions, as well as traffic circulation, parking and noise problems on public streets and neighborhood lots. The existence of such problems creates serious impacts on the health, safety and welfare of residents of single- and multiple-family within the district, including fear for the safety of children, elderly residents and of visitors to the district. The problems also contribute to the deterioration of the neighborhood and concomitant devaluation of property and destruction of community values and quality of life. The number of establishments selling alcoholic beverages and the associated problems discourage more desirable and needed commercial uses in the area. In order to preserve the residential character and the neighborhood-serving commercial uses of the area, there shall be a moratorium on the issuance of new liquor licenses with the area beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of January Ave. and Fyler Ave., and proceeding along the centerlines in a generally clockwise direction west to Clifton Ave., north to Wyoming Ave., west to Tamm Ave., northwest to Watson Rd., northeast to Clifton Ave., north to Odell St., west to Tamm Ave., north to Marmaduke Ave., west to Ivanhoe Ave., south to the entrance ramp at Ivanhoe Ave., to the east side of Interstate 44, northeast to Southwest Ave., west to the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway tracks, southwest to the city limits, north to Clayton Rd., southeast to Clayton Ave., southeast to Oakland Ave., Oakland Ave. east to Interstate 64, southwest to Clayton Ave., southeast to Berthold Ave., east to Fairmont Ave., north along the prolongation of Fairmont Ave. to Interstate 64, east to the southbound Hampton Ave. exit ramp, southeast to Hampton Ave., south to Wise Ave., east to Pierce Ave., south to West Park Ave., southeast to Manchester Ave., east to Macklind Ave., south to St. Louis & San Francisco Railway tracks, west to Sublette Ave., south to Interstate 44, west to Hampton Ave., south to Elizabeth Ave., west to Hampton Ave., south to Arsenal St., east to 59th St., southeast to January Ave., south to Fyler Ave., south to the point of beginning. Such area shall be known as the Twenty-fourth Ward Liquor Control Area.

SECTION TWO. The Excise Commissioner is hereby prohibited, for a period of three year, beginning as of the effective date of this Ordinance, from approving the issuance of a package or drink liquor license for any premises which is located within the boundaries of the Twenty-fourth Ward Liquor Control District established in Section One of this ordinance.

SECTION THREE. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section Two of this Ordinance, the Excise Commissioner shall have authority to:

- (1) Approve transfer of an existing license to another premises within the petition circle of the currently licensed premises, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance 68536; and
- (2) Issue a drink license for a premises, not licensed as of the effective date of this Ordinance, which currently is or will be, upon opening, operated as a restaurant, as such term is defined in Ordinance 68536.
- (3) Approve the renewal of an existing license under the provisions of Ordinance 68536.

SECTION FOUR. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Approved: March 16, 2010