

ORDINANCE #68885
Board Bill No. 6

An ordinance prohibiting the issuance of any package liquor license for any non-licensed premises within the boundaries of the Fifth Ward Liquor Control District, as established herein, for a period of one year from the effective date hereof; containing exceptions and allowing, during the moratorium period, for the transfer of existing licenses, under certain circumstances; 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 within the area beginning at the intersection of the Mississippi River and the centerline of the eastward prolongation of Mullanphy Street and proceeding in a generally clockwise direction along the centerlines west to N. 7th St., south to Interstate 70, south to Cole St., west to N. Tucker Blvd., south to Locust St., west to N. 13th St., north to Lucas Ave., west to 18th St., north to Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, west to Glasgow Ave., north to Gamble St., east to Leffingwell Ave., north to Madison St., west to Glasgow Ave., north to N. Market St., west to Grand Blvd., south to Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, west to N. Vandeventer Ave., north to Maffitt Ave., east to Prairie Ave., north to St. Louis Ave., east to Glasgow Ave., northeast to Greer Ave., east to Elliott Ave., north to Hebert St., east to Parnell St., north to Natural Bridge Ave., east to Palm St., east to Destrehan St., northeast to Branch St., southeast to the Mississippi River and south along the Mississippi River to the point of beginning. Such area shall be known as the Fifth Ward Liquor Control District.

SECTION TWO. The Excise Commissioner is hereby prohibited, for a period of one (1) year, beginning as of the effective date of this Ordinance, from approving the issuance of a package liquor license for any premises which is located within the boundaries of the Fifth 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 subsection (B) of section 14.06.330 of Ordinance 68536; and
- (2) Issue a drink license for 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 section 14.01.390 of Ordinance 68536; and
- (3) Approve the renewal of an existing license under the provisions of Section 14.08.090 of Ordinance 68536; and
- (4) This ordinance shall not be applicable to properties located in the Fifth Ward Liquor Control District boundaries beginning at the point of Delmar Boulevard and N. Tucker Boulevard, south to Locust Street, west to N. 13th Street, north to Lucas Avenue, west to 18th Street, north to Delmar Boulevard to the point of beginning.

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: May 25, 2011