

**BOARD BILL NO. 144 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JEFFREY BOYD**

An ordinance repealing Ordinance 68785 and in lieu thereof enacting a new ordinance prohibiting the issuance of any package or drink liquor licenses for any currently non-licensed premises within the boundaries of the Twenty-Second Ward Liquor Control District, as established herein, for a period of three years 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**SECTION ONE.** Ordinance number 68785 is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof the following provisions are enacted:

**SECTION TWO. 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-

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1 serving commercial uses of the area, there shall be a moratorium on the issuance of new  
2 liquor licenses within the area beginning at the point of intersection of Page Blvd and  
3 Belt Ave, and proceeding westerly along Page Blvd to Blackstone Ave, and proceeding  
4 southerly along Blackstone Ave to Etzel Ave, and proceeding westerly along Etzel Ave  
5 to the St. Louis City county line, and proceeding northerly along the St. Louis City  
6 county line to I- 70, and proceeding easterly along I- 70 to Geraldine Ave, and  
7 proceeding westerly along Geraldine Ave to Natural Bridge Ave, and proceeding  
8 westerly along Natural Bridge Ave to Union Blvd, and proceeding southerly along Union  
9 Blvd to Lexington Ave, and proceeding westerly along Lexington Ave to Arlington Ave,  
10 and proceeding southerly along Arlington Ave to St Louis Ave, and proceeding easterly  
11 along St Louis Ave to Union Blvd, and proceeding southerly along Union Blvd to Dr  
12 Martin Luther King Dr, and proceeding westerly along Dr Martin Luther King Dr to  
13 Stewart Pl, and proceeding southerly along Stewart Pl to Semple Ave, and proceeding  
14 southerly along Semple Ave to Ridge Ave, and proceeding westerly along Ridge Ave to  
15 Belt Ave, and proceeding southerly along Belt Ave to the point of beginning. Such area  
16 shall be known as the Twenty-Second Ward Liquor Control Area.

17           **SECTION THREE.** The Excise Commissioner is hereby prohibited, for a  
18 period of three years, beginning as of the effective date of this Ordinance, from approving  
19 the issuance of a package liquor license for any premises which is located within the  
20 boundaries of the Twenty-Second Ward Liquor Control District established in Section  
21 Two of this ordinance.

22           **SECTION FOUR.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section Three of this  
23 Ordinance, the Excise Commissioner shall have authority to:

1 (1) Approve transfer of an existing license to another premises within the  
2 petition circle of the currently licensed premises, pursuant to the provisions of subsection  
3 (B) of section 14.06.330 of Ordinance 68536; and

4 (2) Approve the renewal of an existing license under the provisions of  
5 Section 14.08.090 of Ordinance 68536; and

6 (3) Approve the issuance of a package liquor license to premises which were  
7 previously licensed within the previous three (3) years from the effective date of this  
8 ordinance.

9 **SECTION FIVE. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**

10 This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health and safety,  
11 it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and  
12 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this ordinance shall  
13 become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.