



**Agenda**  
**Health & Human Development Committee**  
**Meeting**  
**St. Louis Board of Aldermen**  
**Thursday, February 5, 2026 - 9:00 AM**  
**Kennedy Room**

President Megan Green  
Alderswoman Pamela Boyd, Chair  
Alderman Thomas Oldenburg, Vice Chair  
Committee Members:  
Alderswoman Sharon Tyus  
Alderswoman Alisha Sonnier

**Order of Business**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the Thursday, January 15, 2026, and Thursday, January 22, 2026, committee meetings.

**IV. Board Bills for Review**

(The committee will discuss the following and take public comment on the following)

**Item Number 1**

**Board Bill Number 133**

**Sponsored by Alderswoman Pamela Boyd**

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the Commissioner of the Department of Health or her designee, on behalf of the City of St. Louis, to enter into the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Consulting Agreement and to accept funds awarded; appropriating said funds in the amount of up to Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$78,253.60); authorizing the Department of Health to expend the appropriated funds for allowed purposes; and containing an emergency clause.

**Item Number 2**

**Board Bill Number 134**

**Sponsored by Alderswoman Anne Schweitzer**

An ordinance amending Ordinance 72059 adopting the Forestry Division's regulations relating to weeds, native plants, and other vegetation in the City of St. Louis; containing

definitions, reporting, abatement, enforcement, severability and emergency clauses. For the purpose of clarifying regulations for abatement on occupied and non-occupied parcels

**V. Resolutions for Review**

None

**VI. Committee Discussions**

None

**VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony**

**VIII. Announcements**

**IX. Excused Members**

**X. Adjournment**



**Preliminary Minutes**  
**Health and Human Development Committee Meeting**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**St. Louis Board of Aldermen**  
**Thursday, January 22, 2025 – 9:00 am**  
**Webinar**

Alderwoman Pamela Boyd, Chair  
Alderman Thomas Oldenburg, Vice Chair  
Committee Members:  
Alderwoman Sharon Tyus  
Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier  
Alderwoman Jamie Cox-Antwi

Megan Green, President

## Order of Business

### I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### II. Roll Call

The following members were present: Mr. Oldenburg, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, and Ms. Boyd.  
**4 members were present. A quorum was established.**

### III. Approval of Minutes

None

### IV. Board Bills for Review

None

### V. Resolutions for Review

None

### VI. Committee Discussions

(The committee will discuss and take public comment on the following)

#### Discussions Item Number 1

##### **Mayoral Appointments to Senior Citizen's Service Fund Board**

The committee will discuss the Mayoral re-appointments to the Mental Health Board: Andrea Blaylock

**Held in committee**

**Discussion Item Number 2**

**Forestry Division will give their Annual Vegetation Memo presentation.**

The Chair recognized Alan Jankowski, Forestry Commissioner.

Mr. Jankowski provided information on the new forestry weed ordinance.

After no further comments from the speaker, the Chair open the discussion up to the committee.

The committee asked questions

After no further questions from the committee, the Chair thanked Mr. Jankowski for sharing information.

**VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony**

None

**VIII. Announcements**

None

**IX. Excused Alderman**

None

**X. Adjournment**

Having no other business to discuss, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Cox-Antwi moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Boyd.

**The motion was carried by unanimous consent.**

**The meeting adjourned at 09:20 a.m.**

**Minutes prepared by:**

Associate Clerk Rozlyn Smith

**Minutes approved:**



**Preliminary Minutes  
Health and Human Development Committee Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
St. Louis Board of Aldermen  
Thursday, January 15, 2025 – 9:00 am  
Webinar**

Alderwoman Pamela Boyd, Chair  
Alderman Thomas Oldenburg, Vice Chair  
Committee Members:  
Alderwoman Sharon Tyus  
Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier  
Alderwoman Jamie Cox-Antwi

Megan Green, President

## Order of Business

### I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

### II. Roll Call

The following members were present: Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, and Ms. Boyd. **3 members were present. A quorum was established.**

### III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Tuesday, December 16, 2025 committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, December 16, 2025 committee meeting.

Ms. Sonnier moved to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, December 16, 2025 committee meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Cox Antwi.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, and Ms. Boyd. **3 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following members were present in the meeting but did not cast a vote:

None

**A total of 3 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

#### **IV. Board Bills for Review**

(The committee will discuss and take public comment on the following)

##### **Item Number 1**

##### **Board Bill Number 124**

##### **Introduced by Alderwoman Sonnier**

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the Commissioner of the Department of Health or her designee, on behalf of the City of St. Louis, to enter in the FY 2024 State Crisis Intervention Program Subaward Agreement and to accept funds awarded; appropriating said funds in the amount of up to Two Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$255,115.69); and authorizing the Department of Health to expend the appropriated funds for allowed purposes; and containing an emergency clause.

The Chair recognized Ms. Sonnier on Board Bill Number 124.

Ms. Sonnier provided an overview of Board Bill Number 124.

Ms. Myia Woods, Attorney Manager with Problem properties and Beau Richmond, City of St. Louis Health Services Manager provided more information about the bill.

After no further comments from the presenters, the chair opened the discussion up to the committee.

The committee asked questions.

Ms. Cox-Antwi made a motion to En Banc Board Bill Number 124

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier

Previous roll requested by Ms. Boyd

**Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated Board Bill Number 124 has been En Banc.**

The Associate Clerk recorded the following from the previous roll:

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, and Ms. Boyd. **3 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following members were present in the meeting but did not cast a vote:

None

A total of 3 votes were cast. The motion carried

After no further comments from the committee, the Chair recognized Ms. Sonnier to close.

Ms. Sonnier as for a Do Pass Recommendation of Board Bill Number 124

The Chair she would entertain a motion to pass Board Bill Number 124 out of committee with a Do pass Recommendation.

Ms. Cox-Antwi made a motion to pass Board Bill Number 124 out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

Seconded by Ms. Boyd.

Previous roll requested by Ms. Boyd

**Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated Board Bill Number 124 has pass out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.**

The Associate Clerk recorded the following from the previous roll:

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, and Ms. Boyd. **3 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following members were present in the meeting but did not cast a vote:

None

A total of 3 votes were cast. The motion carried

**V. Resolutions for Review**

None

**VI. Committee Discussions**

(The committee will discuss and take public comment on the following)

**Discussions Item Number 1**

**Mayoral Appointments to Senior Citizen’s Service Fund Board**

The committee will discuss the Mayoral re- appointments to the Mental Health Board: Andrea Blaylock

**Held in committee**

**VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony**

None

**VIII. Announcements**

None

**IX. Excused Alderman**

The Chair excused Ms. Tyus and Mr. Oldenburg for necessary absence.

**X. Adjournment**

Having no other business to discuss, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Cox-Antwi moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

**The motion was carried by unanimous consent.**

**The meeting adjourned at 09:29 a.m.**

**Minutes prepared by:**

Associate Clerk Rozlyn Smith

**Minutes approved:**

**Summary**  
**Board Bill Number 133**  
**Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd**  
**January 30, 2026**

This Board Bill recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Health or her designee, on behalf of the City of St. Louis, to enter into the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Consulting Agreement to accept funds awarded; appropriates said funds in the amount of Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$78,253.60); authorizes the Department of Health to expend the appropriated funds for the allowed purposes; and contains an emergency clause.

**BOARD BILL NUMBER 133 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN PAMELA BOYD**

1 An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the  
2 Commissioner of the Department of Health or her designee, on behalf of the City of St. Louis, to  
3 enter into the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Consulting Agreement and to accept funds  
4 awarded; appropriating said funds in the amount of up to Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred  
5 Fifty-Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$78,253.60); authorizing the Department of Health to expend  
6 the appropriated funds for allowed purposes; and containing an emergency clause.

7 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Crisis  
8 Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) is working in conjunction with the U.S.  
9 Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Center for Mental Health Services, within the  
10 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to provide funding to  
11 states, tribes, or territories (STTs) to provide assistance to individuals and communities in  
12 recovering from the psychological effects of disasters in jurisdictions that have received a  
13 Presidential major disaster declaration through the provision of community-based outreach and  
14 educational services; and

15 **WHEREAS**, a FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Assistance and Training Program Grant  
16 was awarded by FEMA to the Missouri Department of Mental Health as one of the STTs, which  
17 in turn subcontracted with the Missouri Coalition of Community Mental Health Centers dba  
18 Missouri Behavioral Health Council (MBHC); and

19 **WHEREAS**, the MBHC is subcontracting with the City of St. Louis Department of Health  
20 to provide consulting services under the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Grant in the amount  
21 of Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$78,253.60)  
22 through a Consulting Agreement.

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

2 **SECTION ONE.** The Commissioner of the Department of Health or her designee is hereby  
3 authorized, on behalf of the City of St. Louis, to enter into the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program  
4 (CCP) Consulting Agreement with the Missouri Coalition of Community Mental Health Centers  
5 dba Missouri Behavioral Health Council (MBHC) to accept the CCP Award. Said Consulting  
6 Agreement shall be in substantially the same form as the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program  
7 Consulting Agreement attached hereto as **Attachment A** and incorporated herein. The  
8 Commissioner of the Department of Health or her designee is hereby authorized to make,  
9 negotiate, and execute any and all contracts or other documents on behalf of the City as necessary  
10 or appropriate to receive the funds set forth in the CCP Award.

11 **SECTION TWO.** There is hereby appropriated the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Two  
12 Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$78,253.60) in CCP Award funds, solely to the  
13 extent received, for the purposes allowed under the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Consulting  
14 Agreement. The Commissioner of the Department of Health or her designee is authorized and  
15 directed to execute any documents on behalf of the City to expend such funds for allowed purposes.  
16 The Comptroller is authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury for payment  
17 of all expenditures authorized in this Section provided that such warrants do not exceed the total  
18 amount of funds appropriated by this Section.

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

**BOARD BILL NUMBER 133**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

Preparer's Name Craig Schmid

Phone Number or Email Address (will be available publicly) (314) 657-1534

Bill Sponsor Alderwoman Boyd

<b>Bill Synopsis:</b>	This Board Bill authorizes the Department of Health (the “DOH”) to accept a FEMA Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) award of up to \$78,253.60 in accordance with the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Consulting Agreement with the Missouri Coalition of Community Mental Health Centers dba Missouri Behavioral Health Council (MBHC) to fund up to 50% of the time of a Project Manager and a Resource Director (no fringes) up to a year; supplies; and advertising costs as set forth in the Immediate Service Program and Regular Service Program budgets (Exhibits A & B to the Consulting Agreement) that are part of Attachment A to the Board Bill; appropriating such funds to the Department of Health; authorizing the expenditure of such funds to fulfill the obligations of said Consulting Agreement; authorizing contracts and other documents to expend such funds, to the extent received; and containing an emergency clause.
<b>Type of Impact:</b>	This Board Bill authorizes the Commissioner of Health or her designee to enter into a Consulting Agreement with MBHC for the Department of Health to provide consulting services under the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Grant of up to \$78,253.60 granted by FEMA to the Missouri Department of Mental Health, which is subcontracting with MBHC for both the Immediate Service Program (2-3 months) and Regular Service Program (9-10 months) to provide consulting services related to assisting individuals and communities in recovering from the psychological effects of the May 16, 2025 disastrous tornado (receiving a Presidential major disaster declaration) through the provision of community-based outreach and educational services. It supports short-term interventions to assist disaster survivors in understanding their current situation and reactions, mitigating stress, promoting the use or development of coping strategies, providing emotional support, and encouraging

	<p>links with other individuals and agencies who may help survivors in their recovery process. This includes striving to meet the needs of people with access and functional needs, such as people with limited English proficiency and individuals with disabilities, such as people who are deaf or hard of hearing who may use sign language or captioning.</p> <p>It includes consulting for -- individual and group counseling connections to improve coping strategies, review their options, and connect with other individuals and agencies who may assist them either in person or via telehealth crisis counseling; educational information for general support and information on resources and services available to disaster survivors; building and/or supporting community networking and support among community resource organizations, faith-based groups, and local agencies; assessment of needs of adults and children and providing resource linkages such as referral to additional disaster-relief services, mental health or substance abuse treatment; development and distribution of educational materials; and obtaining media and public service announcements.</p> <p>Services are provided at no cost and are available to any survivor who has been impacted by the disaster.</p>
<b>Agencies Affected:</b>	Department of Health (the “DOH”)

**SECTION A**

**Does this bill authorize:**

- An expansion of services which entails additional costs beyond that approved in the current adopted city budget? \_\_X\_\_ Yes    \_\_No
- Costs covered entirely by CCP award**
- An undertaking of a new service for which no funding is provided in the current adopted city budget? \_\_\_ Yes    X No
- A commitment of city funding in the future under certain specified conditions? \_\_\_ Yes    X No
- An issuance of bonds, notes and lease-purchase agreements which may require additional funding beyond that approved in the current adopted city budget? \_\_\_ Yes    X No
- An execution or initiation of an activity as a result of federal or state mandates or requirements? \_\_\_ Yes    X No

- A capital improvement project that increases operating costs over the current adopted city budget?  Yes  No
- A capital improvement project that requires funding not approved in the current adopted city budget or that will require funding in future years?  Yes  No

**If the answer is yes to any of the above questions, then a fiscal note must be attached to the board bill. Complete Section B of the form below.**

**SECTION B**

- Does the bill require the construction of any new physical facilities?  Yes  No

- If yes, describe the facilities and provide the estimated cost:

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- Is the bill estimated to have a direct fiscal impact on any city department or office?  Yes  No

- If yes, explain the impact and the estimated cost:

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- Does the bill create a program or administrative subdivision?  Yes  No

- If yes, then is there a similar existing program or administrative subdivision?

Yes  No

- If yes, explain the how the proposed programs or administrative subdivisions may overlap:

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- Describe the annual operating, equipment, and maintenance costs that would result from the proposed bill, as well as any funding sources: NA

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Complete the chart below to list the total estimated expenditures required of the City resulting from the proposed board bill and any estimated savings or additional revenue.

<b>Financial Estimate of Impact on General Fund</b>			
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1 (current)</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>Additional Expenditures</b>	0	0	0
<b>Additional Revenue</b>	0	0	0
<b>Net</b>	0	0	0
<b>Financial Estimate of Impact on Special Funds</b>			
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1 (current)</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>Additional Expenditures</b>	0	0	0
<b>Additional Revenue</b>	0	0	0
<b>Net</b>	0	0	0

- Describe any assumptions used in preparing this fiscal note:  
 Acceptance and signature of Consulting Agreement with expenditure of grant funds for the purposes authorized only.  
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- List any sources of information (including any City officials, agencies, or departments) used in preparing this fiscal note:  
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- Have the financial estimates of this bill been verified by the City Budget Division?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No  
 ○ If yes, by whom? \_\_\_\_\_ .

# CONSULTING AGREEMENT



## FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Consulting Agreement

St. Louis City Health Department

And

Missouri Behavioral Health Council

This Agreement stipulates work to be completed by St. Louis City Health Department (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant") for Missouri Coalition of Community Mental Health Centers dba Missouri Behavioral Health Council (hereinafter referred to as "MBHC") between October 22, 2025 and September 7, 2026.

### SCOPE OF WORK

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The Consultant will work with the DMH Office of Disaster Services and all CCP provider agencies to coordinate the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program work. The Consultant will work with individuals, families, and groups to provide outreach, emotional support, individual and group crisis counseling, public education, and referrals when needed, as part of the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program. The Consultant will network with other agencies and partners to ensure needs of survivors are met. The Consultant will provide presentations for community groups on disaster reactions, coping skills, stress management, and the disaster response program.

### COSTS AND PAYMENTS

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#### > Consultant Fees and Rates

Consultant shall be paid for work delivered, and reimbursable costs incurred, per the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) approved rates.

**The maximum budget for the term of this agreement shall not exceed \$78,253.60, including all Consultant fees and expenses.** The allocated consulting amount is subject to change and may be redistributed during the project.

#### > Invoice

Consultant will invoice DMH via email to Stacey Peters ([stacey.peters@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:stacey.peters@dmh.mo.gov)) monthly. MBHC agrees to make payment within 30 days of receiving the invoice from DMH. Consultant must provide MBHC with a completed W-9 form before invoices can be paid. Only invoices and expenses submitted before September 7, 2026, may be reimbursed.

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## **OWNERSHIP**

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All documents created by the Consultant under this Agreement, and for the benefit of the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program, shall remain the sole property of the DMH. Those documents shall be shared with DMH, MBHC, and their affiliates to fulfill general operational and programming needs for this Agreement.

All documents, training materials, and intellectual property created by the Consultant in partnership with DMH and MBHC as part of this Agreement shall be accessible by DMH and MBHC in shareable format with full right of use during and after the term of this Agreement.

## **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS**

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The Consultant shall perform the Work as independent contractors and not as Missouri Behavioral Health Council employees. MBHC expects its employees and independent contractors to adhere to professional conduct and integrity standards. This ensures that the work environment is safe, comfortable, and productive. Consultant is required to represent themselves and MBHC positively and professionally. For example, employees and independent contractors should be respectful, courteous, and mindful of others' feelings and needs and always attempt to achieve their job objectives with diligence and consideration as a representative of MBHC. Any misrepresentation of MBHC may lead to immediate termination of the Consulting Agreement with MBHC and impact payment fulfillment by MBHC. Consultant will not be subject to control and direction as to the details and means for accomplishing the anticipated result of their service, nor as an agent for any other organization while conducting the agreed upon Work.

## **PROCUREMENT**

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Missouri Behavioral Health Council (MBHC) commits to maintain the highest standard of conduct and ethics to ensure that goods and services purchased are obtained in a cost-effective manner and in compliance with applicable federal and state laws. Purchases may also be subject to prior funding source approval and additional requirements imposed by grants or contracts. All MBHC procurement activities involving the expenditure of federal funds must be conducted in compliance with the Procurement Standards codified in 2 C.F.R § 200.317 through § 200.326 unless otherwise directed in writing by the federal agency or state pass-through agency that awarded the funds. MBHC will follow all applicable local, state, and federal procurement requirements when expending federal funds. MBHC will engage responsible vendors who possess the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement.

## **INDEMNIFICATION**

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Consultant will indemnify, defend and hold harmless MBHC and its affiliates, and its respective employees, directors, officers, members and agents, from and against any third party claims, demands, loss, damage, costs or expenses (including counsel fees and court costs) relating to bodily injury or death of any person or

# CONSULTING AGREEMENT



damage to real and/or tangible personal property but only to the extent that such claims result in vicarious/derivative liability to the indemnitee and are caused by the act, omission, negligence, misconduct, or other fault of Consultant and its employees, agents, representatives, officers, principals, shareholders, directors, provided MBHC gives Consultant prompt written notice of any claim hereunder. Consultant shall allow MBHC to cooperate fully (at Consultant's expense) in defense of any such claim, and Consultant makes no settlement or compromise of any such claim without MBHC's prior written consent.

## **TERM / TERMINATION / CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS**

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The Agreement shall commence on October 22, 2025 and shall terminate upon the satisfactory completion of all activities related to this Agreement, but not extend beyond September 7, 2026, unless sooner terminated by either party. Either party may terminate the Agreement at any time by written notice to the other, specifying the effective date of such termination, with a minimum of 30 days' notice. MBHC will not be responsible for reimbursing the Consultant for fees and expenses related to incomplete work or deliverables established in this Agreement.

## **AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION**

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This Agreement may only be modified or amended by written document expressly describing any such modification or amendment, signed by both parties.

## **DISPUTES**

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Any disputes arising under the terms of the Agreement, if unable to be resolved by the parties themselves, shall be resolved by arbitration, under the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Any arbitration shall occur with the State of Missouri. This provision shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

## **GOVERNING LAW**

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This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State of Missouri. This provision shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

## **NOTICES**

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Notices to **the Consultant** will be addressed as follows:

**St. Louis City Health Department**  
**Behavioral Health Bureau**  
**Beaudine Richmond**  
Email: [richmondb@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:richmondb@stlouis-mo.gov)

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Notices to **Missouri Behavioral Health Council** will be addressed as follows:

**Chelsea Hughes**, EVP Finance & Administration  
Missouri Behavioral Health Council  
PO Box 1007  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
Office: 573.634.4626 x 106  
Cell: 573.645.2230  
Email: [chughes@mobhc.org](mailto:chughes@mobhc.org)

## SIGNATURE PAGE

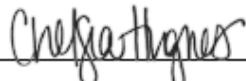
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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers or agents as of the effective date.

### The Consultant:

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Victoria Anwuri | Commissioner, St. Louis City Health Department      Date

### Missouri Behavioral Health Council:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chelsea Hughes      01/04/2026  
EVP, Finance & Administration      Date

# Exhibit A

**ISP Narrative Budget**  
 Local Provider: St. Louis City Health Department  
 Geographic Areas to be Served: St. Louis City

Budget Line Item Description				Pre-Notice of Award Costs		Projected Costs		Total Funded Costs	Total In-kind Costs
<b>Direct Costs</b>									
Direct Personnel Costs	No. of FTE	Hours per Day	Rate	Pre-Notice of Award Hours	Pre-Notice of Award Costs	Projected Days	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs	Total In-kind Costs
Project Director	0.50	8.00	\$36.20			45.00	\$6,516.00	\$6,516.00	
Resource Manager	0.50	8.00	\$30.15			45.00	\$5,427.00	\$5,427.00	
<b>Personnel Subtotal</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$11,943.00</b>	<b>\$11,943.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Fringe</b>					<b>Pre-Notice of Award Costs</b>		<b>Projected Costs</b>	<b>Total Funded Costs</b>	<b>Total In-kind Costs</b>
Not claiming fringe.				0%			\$0.00	\$0.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box to confirm that these are the usual and customary rates for this organization.									
<b>Fringe Benefits Subtotal</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Direct Travel Costs	Miles	Rate	Pre-Notice of Award Days	Pre-Notice of Award Costs	Projected Days	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs	Total In-kind Costs	
Not claiming travel costs.							\$0.00	\$0.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box to confirm that these are the usual and customary rates for this organization.									
					<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Direct Supplies Costs	Unit Cost	No. of Units	Pre-Notice of Award Costs	No. of Units	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs	Total In-kind Costs		
General Office Supplies - pens, note pads, paper...etc. Supplies needed to complete the project. Estimated for ISP, \$25 per person.	\$25.00	2.00			\$50.00	\$50.00			

Printed material (flyers). These printed materials will not be duplicative of what SMHA/Learfield will be producing.	\$1.00	3000.00			\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
<b>Supplies Subtotal</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,050.00</b>	<b>\$3,050.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Subtotal Direct Provider Charges</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$14,993.00</b>	<b>\$14,993.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Contractual Costs</b>							
<b>Contractual Media/Public Information Costs</b>							
				<b>Pre-Notice of Award Costs</b>	<b>Projected Costs</b>	<b>Total Funded Costs</b>	<b>Total In-kind Costs</b>
Advertisements (for local talk radio, publications, social media, city bus signage, yard signs, brochures, etc.). These advertisements will not be duplicative of what SMHA/Learfield will be producing.					\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
<b>Subtotal Media/Public Information Costs</b>					<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	
<b>Other Contractual Costs</b>							
				<b>Pre-Notice of Award Costs</b>	<b>Projected Costs</b>	<b>Total Funded Costs</b>	<b>Total In-kind Costs</b>
<b>Subtotal Other Contractual Costs</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Subtotal Contractual Provider Charges</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Provider Charges: The total on this line should be added to the State's contractual costs and any other provider budget totals and reflected in line 6f. of the SF-424a.</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$19,993.00</b>	<b>\$19,993.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## Exhibit B

### RSP Narrative Budget

Local Provider: St. Louis City Health Department  
Geographic Areas to be Served: St. Louis City

Budget Line Item Description				Projected Costs		Total Funded Costs
<b>Direct Costs</b>						
<b>Direct Personnel Costs</b>	<b>No. of FTE</b>	<b>Hours per Day</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Projected Days</b>	<b>Projected Costs</b>	<b>Total Funded Costs</b>
Project Director	0.50	8.00	\$36.20	189.00	\$27,367.20	\$27,367.20
Resource Manager	0.50	8.00	\$30.15	189.00	\$22,793.40	\$22,793.40
<b>Personnel Subtotal</b>					<b>\$50,160.60</b>	<b>\$50,160.60</b>
<b>Fringe</b>					<b>Projected Costs</b>	<b>Total Funded Costs</b>
Not claiming fringe.				0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box to confirm that these are the usual and customary rates for this organization.						
<b>Fringe Benefits Subtotal</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Direct Travel Costs</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Rate</b>		<b>Projected Days</b>	<b>Projected Costs</b>	<b>Total Funded Costs</b>
Not claiming travel costs.					\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box to confirm that these are the usual and customary rates for this organization.						
					<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Direct Supplies Costs</b>		<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>Projected Costs</b>	<b>Total Funded Costs</b>
General Office Supplies - pens, note pads, paper...etc. Supplies needed to complete the project. Estimated for RSP, \$50 per person.		\$50.00	2.00		\$100.00	\$100.00
Printed material (flyers). These printed materials will not be duplicative of what SMHA/Learfield will be producing.		\$1.00	3000.00		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>Supplies Subtotal</b>					<b>\$3,100.00</b>	<b>\$3,100.00</b>
<b>Subtotal Direct Provider Charges</b>					<b>\$53,260.60</b>	<b>\$53,260.60</b>
<b>Contractual Costs</b>						
<b>Contractual Media/Public Information Costs</b>						

	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs
Advertisements (for local talk radio, publications, social media, city bus signage, yard signs, brochures, etc.). These advertisements will not be duplicative of what SMHA/Learfield will be producing.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>Subtotal Media/Public Information Costs</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Other Contractual Costs</b>		
	<b>Projected Costs</b>	<b>Total Funded Costs</b>
<b>Subtotal Other Contractual Costs</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Subtotal Contractual Provider Charges</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Total Provider Charges: The total on this line should be added to the State's contractual costs and any other provider budget totals and reflected in line 6f. of the SF-424a.</b>	<b>\$58,260.60</b>	<b>\$58,260.60</b>

**Summary**  
**Board Bill Number 134**  
**Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer**  
**January 30, 2026**

An ordinance amending **Ordinance 72059** adopting the Forestry Division's regulations relating to weeds, native plants, and other vegetation in the City of St. Louis; containing definitions, reporting, abatement, enforcement, severability and emergency clauses. For the purpose of clarifying regulations for abatement on occupied and non-occupied parcels.

**BOARD BILL NUMBER 134 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN ANNE SCHWEITZER**

1 An ordinance amending Ordinance 72059 adopting the Forestry Division’s regulations relating  
2 to weeds, native plants, and other vegetation in the City of St. Louis; containing definitions,  
3 reporting, abatement, enforcement, severability and emergency clauses. For the purpose of  
4 updating fee and fine language.

5 **WHEREAS**, St. Louis City encourages the preservation, restoration, and management of native  
6 plant communities and wildlife habitats within the City limits. The city recognizes that the use of  
7 wildflowers and other native plants in home, school, corporate, municipal, or other managed  
8 landscapes is economical, reduces maintenance, and effectively conserves water, soil, and other  
9 elements of the natural community. Moreover, landscaping with native plants and the  
10 preservation, restoration, and management of native plant communities and wildlife habitats may  
11 preclude the introduction of pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, and other pollutants into the  
12 environment; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the City further acknowledges the need to enjoy and benefit from the biodiversity,  
14 beauty, and practical values of natural landscapes, and seeks to assure that residents have the  
15 freedom to employ varying degrees of natural landscaping as viable and desirable alternatives to  
16 other conventional modes of landscaping; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the City seeks to encourage each property owner to create and sustain a condition  
18 of ecological resiliency on their land. It is not the intent of this legislation to allow vegetative  
19 areas to be unmanaged or overgrown in any way that may adversely affect the public health or  
20 safety, or pose a threat to agricultural activity; and

1 **WHEREAS**, it is the express intent of this city that it shall be lawful to grow native  
2 plants, including, but not limited to, ferns, grasses, forbs, aquatic plants, trees, and shrubs in a  
3 landscape when these plants were obtained not in violation of local, state, or federal laws; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Growth of weeds and other vegetation and the presence of debris on land in the  
5 City of St. Louis are detrimental to and endanger the public health, safety, and welfare of the  
6 residents of the City; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The City recognizes the need to monitor and regulate the growth of nuisance and  
8 noxious plants, and through this ordinance amends and strengthens the process for the collection  
9 of fees and fines assessed by the Forestry Division; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Rule 58 of the Board of Aldermen, the proposed amendments to  
11 **Ordinance 72059** are set out in the body of this bill, with additions marked in ***boldface,***  
12 ***underline, and italicized*** and deletions marked with ~~[brackets, boldface, and strikethrough]~~.

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

14 **SECTION ONE.** Amend

15 **Ordinance Number 72059** is hereby amended in its entirety to read in the following words and  
16 figures.

17 **SECTION ONE.** Repeal

18 **Ordinance Number 59860** is hereby repealed in its entirety, and in lieu thereof, a new  
19 ordinance is hereby enacted as follows.

20 **SECTION TWO.** Purpose and Intent

21 The Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis finds and declares as follows:

- 1       A. Growth of unmanaged vegetation and the presence of debris on land in the City of St.  
2           Louis are detrimental to and endanger the public health, safety, and welfare of the  
3           residents of the City; and
- 4       B. Such growth of unmanaged vegetation and the presence of debris are a concern to the  
5           residents of the City; and
- 6       C. Prevention and correction of such conditions are properly the duties and responsibilities  
7           of property owners, but if the owner does not manage it then it shall be abated by the  
8           City.

9   SECTION THREE. Definitions

- 10       A. “City” shall mean the City of St. Louis, Missouri.
- 11       B. “City Property” shall mean all real property which is owned, leased, or maintained by the  
12           City, any part of any right-of-way within the City, including city-managed parks.
- 13       C. “Commissioner” shall mean the Commissioner of Forestry of the City of St. Louis.
- 14       D. “Chronic violation” shall mean the third or more confirmed violations of this Code on the  
15           same property during a calendar year.
- 16       E. “Chronic violator” shall mean a property that qualifies as a chronic violation in the  
17           current year or the prior year.
- 18       F. “Carriage Walk” shall mean a section of concrete in the tree lawn connecting the public  
19           street to the public sidewalk.
- 20       G. “Department of Health” shall mean the designated employees of the Department of  
21           Health and Hospitals of the City of St. Louis.

- 1 H. “Forestry Division” shall mean designated employees of the Forestry Division of the City  
2 of St. Louis.
- 3 I. “Health Commissioner” shall mean the Health Commissioner of the City of St. Louis.
- 4 J. “Invasive Plant” shall mean a non-native vegetation species that grows aggressively in  
5 the State of Missouri, as listed by the Missouri Department of Conservation and/or listed  
6 in the annual Vegetation Memo.
- 7 K. “Managed natural landscape” shall mean planned, intentional, and maintained planting of  
8 native and ornamental plants, including but not limited to rain gardens, meadow, prairie,  
9 vegetation, and ornamental plantings. For purposes of this definition, the following words  
10 and phrases shall have the following meanings:
- 11 a. “Meadow vegetation” shall mean grasses and flowering broad-leaf plants that are  
12 native to the State of Missouri, and that are commonly found in meadow and  
13 prairie plant communities, not including invasive plants, nuisance plants, or  
14 noxious weeds, as defined in this section.
- 15 b. “Ornamental plants” shall mean grasses, perennials, annuals, and groundcovers  
16 purposefully planted for aesthetic reasons.
- 17 c. “Rain garden” shall mean a native plant garden that is designed not only to  
18 aesthetically improve properties but also to reduce the amount of stormwater and  
19 accompanying pollutants from entering streams, lakes, rivers, and other bodies of  
20 water.

- 1 L. “Native Plant” shall mean those plants, including but not limited to, grasses (including  
2 prairie grasses), sedges, rushes, forbs (flowering broadleaf plants), vines, shrubs, ferns,  
3 groundcovers, and trees that are native, as listed by the Missouri Department of  
4 Conservation and/or listed in the annual Vegetation Memo.
- 5 M. “Non-Occupied Parcel” shall mean a parcel of land with no lawfully permitted occupant.
- 6 N. “Noxious Weed” shall mean a vegetation species that is listed as a Missouri State  
7 Noxious Weed by the United States Department of Agriculture and/or listed in the annual  
8 Vegetation Memo.
- 9 O. “Nuisance Plant” shall mean toxic species known to cause death or severe allergic  
10 reactions among a segment of the human population, such as Poison Hemlock, Poison  
11 Ivy, and Ragweed, as listed by the Missouri Department of Conservation and/or listed in  
12 the annual Vegetation Memo.
- 13 P. “Owner” shall mean a person owning or otherwise in legal control of property.
- 14 Q. “Person” shall mean an individual person, corporation, association, or entity of any kind.
- 15 R. “Shared Use Path” shall mean a multi-use path designed primarily for use by bicyclists,  
16 pedestrians, and other authorized motorized and non-motorized users, for transportation  
17 purposes, and that may also be used for recreation. Shared use paths are physically  
18 separated from motor vehicle traffic by an open space or barrier and are either within the  
19 highway or other public right-of-way.
- 20 S. “Sidewalk” shall mean the portion of the street between the curb line and the adjacent  
21 property line, intended for the use of pedestrians.

- 1 T. “Sustenance Garden” shall mean a cultivated area dedicated to growing vegetables, herbs,  
2 fruits, nuts, and seeds meant for human consumption.
- 3 U. “Tree Lawn” shall mean the area between the public sidewalk and public street that often  
4 has trees or other vegetation that is part of the public right-of-way.
- 5 V. “Turf-grass lawn” shall mean a lawn comprised mostly of grasses commonly used in  
6 regularly cut lawns or play areas intended to be maintained at a height of no more than  
7 seven (7) inches.
- 8 W. “Right-of-Way” shall mean property located within and adjoining streets, roads, and  
9 alleys within the City, which is owned, controlled, or maintained by the City, including  
10 but not limited to areas commonly referred to as the “tree lawn” between the public  
11 sidewalk and the public street.
- 12 X. “Unmanaged vegetation growth” shall mean an area not maintained in which any  
13 turfgrass, hay, weeds, brush, or other vegetation has grown to a height of over seven (7)  
14 inches or the presence of invasive, nuisance, or noxious plant vegetation as a result of the  
15 absence of active cutting, mowing, or other maintenance. This definition shall not  
16 include:
- 17 a. Sustenance Garden as defined in this section;
  - 18 b. Managed natural landscape area(s) that is wholly contained within the parcel on  
19 which it is planted and maintained;
  - 20 c. Vegetation located on agricultural land;
  - 21 d. Vegetation found on shoreland within 35 feet of the ordinary high-water mark.

1 SECTION FOUR. Reporting

2 A. The Forestry Division shall annually report to the Health and Human Development  
3 Committee or its successor the second week in January, presenting the Vegetation Memo.

4 a. Annual Vegetation Memo may include:

5 i. List of prohibited debris on lots and land;

6 ii. Methods the City will use during the year to abate weed and debris  
7 nuisances;

8 iii. Abatement fee including equipment, labor costs, quantity of material used,  
9 clerical costs, and other data appropriate to document the actual cost of the  
10 abatement;

11 iv. Other information the Commissioner of Forestry deems necessary and  
12 appropriate, including any Native Plants, Noxious Weeds, and Nuisance  
13 Plants that are not on the Missouri Department of Conservation or United  
14 States Department of Agriculture lists, and examples of native landscape  
15 restorations and best practices for design and maintenance.

16 SECTION FIVE. Public Nuisance and Responsibility of Property Owner

17 A. All unmanaged vegetation growth or noxious weeds that have attained a height of seven  
18 (7) inches or more growing or being upon any lot or land, including the tree lawn and  
19 midpoint of the alley within the City, are hereby declared a public nuisance. Every owner,  
20 occupant, or person in control of any lot or land, including the tree lawn and midpoint of  
21 the alley within the City, shall cause such lot or land to be kept free from such noxious

1 weeds, invasive plants, or nuisance plants by methods approved by the Commissioner of  
2 Forestry.

3 B. Managed natural landscapes may include plants and native grasses in excess of seven (7)  
4 inches in height and which have gone to seed, but may not include any noxious weeds,  
5 nuisance plants, or invasive plants, and shall be maintained so as not to include  
6 unintended vegetation.

7 a. Managed natural landscapes may not include any noxious weeds, nuisance plants,  
8 or invasive plants, or any other plantings, which, due to location and manner of  
9 growth, constitute a hazard to the public or may cause injury or damage to  
10 persons or property.

11 b. Managed natural landscapes shall not include turf-grass lawns left unattended for  
12 the purpose of returning to a natural state.

13 c. Managed natural landscapes on the right-of-way shall not obstruct sight distance  
14 for vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic as determined by the City.

15 d. All vegetation on private property shall be maintained so that no part thereof is  
16 obstructing the public right-of-way, and shall be trimmed or maintained in order  
17 to allow at least eight (8) feet of vertical clearance for streets, sidewalks, and  
18 shared use paths. Vegetation shall be cultivated so as not to intrude into the public  
19 right-of-way in such a manner as to create a hazard for pedestrians using the  
20 sidewalk or shared use path.

- 1 e. Street light poles, public utility poles, traffic signals, and street signs of any type
- 2 shall be kept free of all climbing or creeping vegetation.
- 3 f. Managed natural landscapes in the tree lawn shall adhere to the following
- 4 parameters and be maintained by the property owner:
  - 5 i. In a four (4) feet radius from all fire hydrants, no vegetation shall attain a
  - 6 height of seven (7) inches or more;
  - 7 ii. All vegetation shall be maintained to ensure the public right-of-way is
  - 8 clear, including carriage walks;
  - 9 iii. All vegetation shall not attain a height greater than twenty-four (24)
  - 10 inches;
  - 11 iv. At least every ten (10) feet if no carriage walk is present, then there shall
  - 12 be no vegetation greater than twelve (12) inches for a continuous four (4) foot
  - 13 area.
- 14 C. The City shall not be liable for damage to any vegetation planted, or to any property or
- 15 fixtures placed, in or upon the City right-of-way that results from work performed by the
- 16 City in the tree lawn or right-of-way.
- 17 D. The presence upon any lot or lands, other than properly licensed and operated salvage
- 18 yards, within the City of debris of any and all kinds and varieties included in the annual
- 19 Vegetation Memo or determined by the Commissioner of Forestry to be unhealthy,
- 20 unsanitary, or unsafe is hereby declared a public nuisance. It is the duty of every owner,

1 occupant, or person in control of any lot or land, including the tree lawn and midpoint of  
2 alley within the City, to remove debris from such lot or land forthwith.

3 E. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to be in conflict with or in  
4 violation of any of the provisions of any code relating to nuisances in the City of St.  
5 Louis, as such codes exist at the time of the effective date of this ordinance and as such  
6 codes may be amended in the future.

7 SECTION SIX. Abatement

8 A. Whenever the Forestry Division determines that there has been a violation of Section  
9 Five<sup>1/2</sup> on an occupied parcel, notice shall be given to the owner or the person or persons  
10 responsible therefore in the following manner:

11 a. Such notice shall:

- 12 i. Be in writing;
- 13 ii. Include a description of the lot or land;
- 14 iii. Include a statement of the violation(s) and the reason(s) the notice is being  
15 issued;
- 16 iv. Include a correction order allowing up to ten (10) calendar days to abate  
17 the nuisance; and
- 18 v. Inform the property owner of the right to appeal within thirty (30) days to  
19 the Forestry Division, whose decision shall be final.

1           b. The notice shall be directed to the owner(s) of such lot or lands as recorded most  
2                   recently in the City of Saint Louis Assessor's Office. The notice shall be served in  
3                   one of the following ways:  
4                   i.    Hand-delivered to the owner or owners; or  
5                   ii. Posting the notice in a conspicuous place in or about the lot or land affected  
6                   by such notice and shall be deemed served twenty-four (24) hours after the  
7                   posting thereof; or  
8                   iii. Mailing a copy of said notice by regular mail, postage prepaid, direct to the  
9                   owner(s) place of business or the address currently recorded in the Assessor's  
10                  Office of the City of Saint Louis, and shall be deemed served twenty-four (24)  
11                  hours after the mailing of the notice.

12        B. A non-occupied parcel shall only have to have one ~~[violation]~~ notice at the beginning of  
13        the growing season to be abated. **Such notice shall:**

14           a. **Be in writing and delivered in the manner described in Subsection A(b) of this**  
15                   **Section Six;**

16           b. **Inform the property owner(s) that any violation of Section Five on such non-**  
17                   **occupied parcel may be abated by the Forestry Division without further notice;**  
18                   **and**

19           c. **Inform the property owner(s) that they may be subject to charges for the cost of**  
20                   **such abatement and/or an administrative citation fine for such violation as**  
21                   **described in this Section Six.**

- 1 C. If a [~~condition~~] violation on an occupied parcel is not abated within the time provided  
2 following the notice, or if the Forestry Division determines that a violation exists on a  
3 non-occupied parcel, the Forestry Division may abate it, and the code official shall have  
4 the authority to issue an administrative citation to any person responsible for the  
5 violation.
- 6 D. In the event any parcel in the City shall receive three (3) or more confirmed violations of  
7 this ordinance specific to violations in the tree lawn or by written notice of the Forestry  
8 Commissioner or their designee, the Forestry Division may remove or abate all  
9 vegetative growth causing the source of violation.
- 10 E. When debris is found that, in the judgment of the Commissioner, may constitute an  
11 immediate danger to public health and safety, they shall notify the Department of Health,  
12 which shall inspect the property. Pursuant to Article XIII Section 14-C (c) of the City  
13 Charter, if the Department of Health, on such inspection, finds a nuisance and that its  
14 continuance is a danger to the public health and safety, they may order the Forestry  
15 Division to abate such nuisance as soon as practicable.
- 16 F. After abating any nuisance, the Forestry Division shall record the following: date of the  
17 abatement, location of the abatement, condition abated, the amount of personnel time and  
18 equipment, quantity of material used, clerical costs, other data appropriate to document  
19 the actual cost of the abatement, and date(s) of notice.
- 20 G. The Forestry Division shall bill the owners of any property on which the City abates a  
21 nuisance under this ordinance for the cost of such abatement and an administrative

1 citation fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) for unmanaged vegetation growth and five  
2 hundred dollars (\$500) for debris.

3 a. The administrative citation fine for repeat violations of the same code provision  
4 by the same person at the same property shall be subject to additional fines as the  
5 code official deems appropriate, so long as any such fine is assessed 30 days or  
6 more after the previous fine date unless the property is marked in chronic  
7 violation or as a chronic violator, then each day after notice of a nuisance and the  
8 correction period from this ordinance is unabated may be considered a separate  
9 violation.

10 b. The administrative citation fine shall include the following information:

- 11 i. The date of the violation or, if the date of the violation is unknown, then  
12 the date the violation is identified;
- 13 ii. The address or a definite description of the location where the violation  
14 occurred;
- 15 iii. The section of the applicable code violated and a description of the  
16 violation;
- 17 iv. The amount of the fine for the code violation;
- 18 v. A description of the fine payment process, including a description of the  
19 time within which and the place to which the fine shall be paid;
- 20 vi. An order prohibiting the continuation or repeated occurrence of the code  
21 violation described in the administrative citation;

- vii. A description of the administrative citation review process, including the time within which the administrative citation may be contested and the place from which a request for a hearing form to contest the administrative citation may be obtained; and
- viii. The name and signature of the citing code official.

H. The Commissioner shall have the authority to waive fines and fees at their discretion.

I. Any administrative citation fine paid pursuant to subsection shall be refunded if it is determined, after a hearing, that the person charged in the administrative citation was not responsible for the violation or that there was no violation as charged in the administrative citation.

J. Payment of a fine under this ordinance shall not excuse or discharge any continuation or repeated occurrence of the code violation that is the subject of the administrative citation.

Fines and fees may be collected in the following manners:

- a. The fine and fee shall be paid to the City within thirty days from the date of the administrative citation.
- b. The amount of the unpaid abatement fee may be certified by the Forestry Division and submitted to the Office of the Comptroller for issuance of a special tax bill, to be collected according to and in the same manner as real estate taxes under, Chapter 71.285 R.S.Mo, 71.780 R.S.Mo and 67.398 R.S.Mo. These special tax bills may not be forgiven except by the City Counselor, who shall, in writing, instruct the Forestry Division to forgive such special tax bills or liens. Further,

1 special tax bills shall be permitted to be waived when ownership of said property  
2 for which the bill was issued is accepted by the Land Reutilization Authority,  
3 Saint Louis Development Corporation, or any other City agency.

- 4 c. The amount of the unpaid administrative fine and abatement fee may be certified  
5 by the Forestry Division and submitted to the Office of the Comptroller for  
6 issuance of a special tax bill or judgement lien, to be collected according to and in  
7 the same manner as described under Chapter 479.011.5 R.S.Mo. These special tax  
8 bills or judgment liens may not be forgiven except by the City Counselor, who  
9 shall, in writing, instruct the Forestry Division to forgive such special tax bills or  
10 judgment liens. Further, special tax bills or judgment liens shall be permitted to be  
11 waived when ownership of said property for which the bill was issued is accepted  
12 by the Land Reutilization Authority, Saint Louis Development Corporation, or  
13 any other City agency.

14 K. Any recipient of an administrative citation may contest that there was a violation of the  
15 code or that they are the responsible party by completing a Request for Administrative  
16 Hearing petition and returning it to the Forestry Division, along with a non-refundable  
17 filing fee of \$20.00, within thirty days from the date of the administrative citation.

- 18 a. A Request for Administrative Hearing petition may be obtained from the Forestry  
19 Division  
20 b. The person requesting the hearing shall be notified of the time and place set for  
21 the hearing at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing.

- 1 c. If the code official submits an additional written report concerning the  
2 administrative citation to the hearing officer for consideration at the hearing, then  
3 a copy of this report also shall be served on the person requesting the hearing at  
4 least five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing. The Forestry Division shall  
5 designate the hearing officer for the administrative hearing.
- 6 d. A hearing prior to the hearing officer shall be set for a date that is not less than  
7 fifteen (15) days and not more than ninety (90) days from the date that the request  
8 for hearing is filed in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.
- 9 e. At the hearing, the party contesting the administrative citation shall be given the  
10 opportunity to testify and to present evidence concerning the administrative  
11 citation; The party contesting the administrative citation may be represented by  
12 counsel at any hearing, though this is not a requirement.
- 13 f. The failure of any recipient of an administrative citation to appear at the  
14 administrative citation hearing shall constitute a failure to exhaust their  
15 administrative remedies.
- 16 g. The code violation notice, property record, and related documentation in the  
17 proper form, or a copy thereof, shall be prima facie evidence of the municipal  
18 code violation. The code official who issued the notice of violation need not be  
19 present.

- 1           h. The hearing officer may continue the hearing and request additional information
- 2                   from the code official or the recipient of the administrative citation prior to
- 3                   issuing a written decision.
  
- 4           i. After considering all of the testimony and evidence submitted at the hearing, the
- 5                   hearing officer shall issue a written decision to uphold or cancel the
- 6                   administrative citation and shall list in the decision the reasons for that decision.
- 7                   The decision of the hearing officer shall be considered the final decision.
  
- 8           j. If the hearing officer determines that the administrative citation should be upheld,
- 9                   the hearing officer shall set forth in the decision a payment schedule for the fine.
  
- 10          k. If the hearing officer determines that the administrative citation should be
- 11                   canceled and the fine was deposited with the City, then the City shall promptly
- 12                   refund the amount of the deposited fine, together with interest at the average rate
- 13                   earned on the City's portfolio for the period of time that the fine amount was held
- 14                   by the City.
  
- 15          l. The recipient of the administrative citation shall be served with a copy of the
- 16                   hearing officer's written decision.

17 SECTION SEVEN. Enforcement

18           A. Enforcement of this Ordinance shall be the joint responsibility of the Forestry Division,

19                   the Health Department, Street Department, Building Division, and the Police

20                   Department. The Forestry Division or Health Department may however, refer properties

1 subject to this ordinance to the Building Division if they believe the building may also  
2 have building code violations.

3 B. This ordinance should not be construed in any way as in contravention of the duties and  
4 powers of the Forestry Commissioner relative to the abatement of any matter which may  
5 constitute a nuisance, and shall not negate or preclude the availability of any other  
6 remedies for violation of any other City of St. Louis Ordinance that might be applicable.

7 **SECTION EIGHT. Severability**

8 If any term, condition, or provision of this Ordinance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or  
9 unenforceable, the remainder hereof shall be valid in all other respects and continue to be  
10 effective and each and every remaining provision hereof shall be valid and shall be enforced to  
11 the fullest extent permitted by law, it being the intent of the Board of Aldermen that it would  
12 have enacted this Ordinance without the invalid or unenforceable provisions. In the event of a  
13 further subsequent change in applicable law that renders valid a provision of the Ordinance that  
14 was previously held to be invalid or unenforceable, said provision shall thereupon be restored to  
15 its full effect, be capable of enforcement without further action by the City, and shall thereafter  
16 again be binding.

17 **SECTION TWO. Emergency Clause**

18 This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health and safety and providing for  
19 public work or improvements and repair thereof, it is hereby declared to be an emergency  
20 measure within the meaning of Section 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter, and, therefore,  
21 this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval of the Mayor

1 of the City.

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**Ordinance 59860**  
**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**  
**BOARD BILL NO. 550**

An ordinance pertaining to certain public nuisances; containing legislative findings and declarations; repealing Ordinances 55662 and 57628; providing that the presence of certain weeds over seven inches high, other vegetation, and debris on land in the City of St. Louis are public nuisances; establishing procedures for the abatement of public nuisances in the form of weeds and debris; providing for notices to owners of property in the City of such abatement procedures; assessing the cost of abatements of such nuisances by the City against the owners of the property; providing that unpaid bills for such abatements may be referred to the City Counselor or a collection agency for collection; providing for interest on such bills; requiring that notice of properties on which three abatements of nuisances by the City hereunder have occurred within twelve months be given to the alderman of the ward in which the property is located; with a severability clause and an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, Article I Sec. 1(25) of the City Charter empowers the City in pertinent part "to define and prohibit, abate, suppress and prevent ... and regulate all acts, practices, conduct, ... uses of property and all other things whatsoever detrimental or liable to be detrimental to the health, morals, comfort, safety, convenience or welfare of the inhabitants of the city and all nuisances and causes thereof"; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII Sec. 14-C(c) of the City Charter authorizes the health commissioner to declare and abate nuisances as provided by the charter, law or ordinance.

WHEREAS, the growth of weeds and the presence of debris of land in the City of St. Louis are harmful to the public health, safety and welfare;

Now, Therefore

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

**Section One.** The Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis finds and declares as follows:

(a) Growths of weeds and other vegetation and the presence of debris on land in the City of St. Louis are detrimental to and endanger the public health, safety and welfare.

(b) Such growths of weeds and other vegetation and presence of debris are of increasing concern to citizens of the City despite extensive efforts by the City to prevent and correct such conditions.

(c) Prevention and correction of such conditions are properly the duties and responsibilities of property owners.

(d) The present ordinance provisions concerning such conditions do not provide an effective system for requiring prevention and correction of such conditions by property owners.

**Section Two.** As used in this ordinance;

Forestry Commissioner means the Forestry Commissioner of the City of St. Louis or his designated employee.

Health Commissioner means the Health Commissioner of the City of St. Louis or his designated employee.

Occupied means improved with a structure which is being used for any purpose.

Substantial value means having an apparent resale value of One Hundred Dollars or more.

**Section Three.** Ordinance 55662 and Ordinance 57628 are hereby repealed.

**Section Four.** Any ordinance or City Code provision to the contrary notwithstanding this ordinance shall govern proceedings for the abatement of nuisance conditions as defined herein.

**Section Five.** Russian, Canadian, or common thistle, wild lettuce, wild mustard, wild parsley, ragweed, milkweed, ironweed, poisonous plants or shrubs, and all other unattended vegetation and noxious weeds which have attained a height of seven inches or more growing or being upon any lot or lands within the City, and unattended growths of shrubs, trees, and seedlings, which in the opinion of the Commissioner of Forestry, are unsightly and which may impede the clearing of any lot or lands within the City contrary to the general purpose of this ordinance, are hereby declared a public nuisance. Every owner, occupant, or person in control of any lot or land within the City shall cause such lot or lands to be kept free from such noxious weeds and vegetation by destroying them, by cutting or spraying with a chemical compound approved by the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the destruction of weeds, or by digging under, or by any other method approved by the Commissioner of Forestry.

**Section Six.** Any public nuisance described in Section Five is hereby found and declared to be a nuisance the existence of which is plain and the continuance of which is a danger to public health.

**Section Seven.** The presence upon any lot or lands, other than properly licensed and operated salvage yards, within the City of debris of any and all kinds and varieties, including but not limited to weed cuttings, cut and fallen trees and shrubs, rubbish and trash of all kinds, lumber of all kinds not piled or stacked twelve inches off the ground, rocks or bricks of all kinds not piled or stacked twelve inches off the ground, tin, steel, parts of derelict cars or trucks, broken furniture, any flammable material which may endanger the public safety or any material which is

unhealthy, unsanitary or unsafe is hereby declared a public nuisance. It is the duty of every owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or land within the City to remove debris from such lot or land forthwith.

**Section Eight.** (a) The Forestry Commissioner shall prepare each year a written notice which shall:

(1) summarize the provisions of this ordinance;

(2) be accompanied by a copy of this ordinance;

(3) advise the property owners of the average length of time in which unattended weeds attain the height of seven inches, and the approximate dates between which such growth occurs;

(4) advise the property owners of the methods the City will use during the year to abate weed and debris nuisances and of the best available figures on the costs of such methods on a per square foot basis;

(5) contain such other information as the Forestry Commissioner deems necessary and appropriate.

(b) The Forestry Commissioner may mail the notice described in this Section by first class mail to any owner of property in the City between February 1 and March 31 of each year. The Forestry Commissioner shall mail a copy of such a notice to any property owner with respect to whose property abatement proceedings hereunder are initiated, and to each purchaser of property in the City of St. Louis as soon as possible after the purchase is reported in the St. Louis Daily Record. If the owner or person in control of such property is a non-resident of the City and has no business address in the City, such notice shall be deemed served at the end of such period after the mailing thereof as in the ordinary course of delivery of mail would be required for delivery of such notice.

(c) The Forestry Commissioner may cause a summary of the provisions of this ordinance to be published in each

daily newspaper of general circulation with its principal office in the City of St. Louis at least two times between February 1 and March 31 of any year.

**Section Nine.** Weed of debris nuisances may be abated immediately as follows:

(a) Nuisances described in Section Five, on properties whose owners have been served with notice under Section Eight (b) shall be abated by the Forestry Commissioner without further notice.

(b) When debris as described in Section Seven is found, which in the judgment of the Forestry Commissioner may constitute an immediate danger to the public health and safety, he shall notify the Health Commissioner who shall inspect the property. Pursuant to Article XIII Section 14-C (c) of the City Charter, if the Health Commissioner, on such inspection, finds that the existence of a nuisance is plain and that its continuance is a danger to the public health and safety, he may order the Forestry Commissioner to abate such nuisance as soon as practicable.

**Section Ten.** Except as provided in Section Nine, weed and debris nuisances shall be proceeded against as follows:

(a) If the Forestry Commissioner finds a weed nuisance, he shall give notice to the property owner as provided in subsection (d) of this section. If the condition has not been abated within the time provided in that subsection, the Forestry Commissioner shall abate it.

(b) If debris, not of substantial value, is found on vacant property, the Forestry Commissioner shall give notice to the property owner as provided in subsection (d) of this section. If the condition has not been abated within the time provided in that subsection, the Forestry Commissioner shall abate it.

(c) If debris is found on improved property, or if debris which appears to be of substantial value is found on any

property, the Forestry Commissioner, if the condition is not abated within five (5) days, shall notify the Health Commissioner, who shall inspect said property and notify the owner and occupant if different from the owner that he will conduct a hearing on the condition on the fifth day following the date of the notice (or, if such fifth day be a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, on the next day after such fifth day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday). Such hearing shall be informal and shall not be postponed or continued. The property owner or occupant may testify. Immediately upon the conclusion of such hearing, the Health Commissioner shall determine whether the condition is a public nuisance as defined in Section Seven. If he so determines he shall order the condition abated within five days. If the condition is not abated within such five days, the Forestry Commissioner or such other City department or division as may be directed by the Health Commissioner shall abate it.

(d) any notice provided for by this Section shall specify the address of the property and the weed or debris condition existing on the property. Such notice shall be served:

By causing such notice to be delivered to the owner or other person in control; or

By mailing such notice, first class postage prepaid, to the property owner or other person in control of the property, either at his place of business or residence address in the City or elsewhere. Such notice shall be deemed served 24 hours after the mailing of such notice if it is directed to a business or residence address in the City of St. Louis. If the owner or person in control of such property is a non-resident of the City and has no business address in the City, such notice shall be deemed served at the end of such period after the mailing thereof as in the ordinary course of delivery of mail would be required for delivery of such notice.

If no mailing address can be determined for the owner or person in control of such property, a copy of such notice

shall be posted upon the lot or land in question; such posted notice shall be deemed served at the end of twenty-four hours after the posting thereof.

In giving any notice under this ordinance, any City official or employee shall proceed in a manner which is both consistent with this ordinance and which is reasonably calculated to cause actual notice to reach the property owner or person in control of the property.

Such notice if given pursuant to subsections (a) or (b) shall state that the weeds or debris must be removed, and that such removal must begin within two days after such notice is served and be completed within five days after such notice is served. If given pursuant to subsection (c), the notice shall state time, place, and purpose of the hearing.

**Section Eleven.** After abating any nuisance hereunder, the Forestry Commissioner or other City department or division which conducted such abatement shall record the following: date and location of abatement, condition abated, equipment, material and personnel used, the length of use of personnel and equipment, quantity of material used, such other data as is appropriate to document the actual cost of the abatement, including clerical costs, and the method and dates of service of notice hereunder.

**Section Twelve:** The Forestry Commissioner shall bill the owners of any property on which the City abates a nuisance under this ordinance for the cost of such abatement. Any such bill which is unpaid on November 15 of the year in which the abatement is made after it is mailed may be referred to the City Counselor or to a collection agency for collection and shall bear interest at the highest rate allowed by law.

**Section Thirteen.** The Forestry Commissioner shall notify the alderman of the ward in which any property is located on which the Forestry Commissioner or Health Commissioner abates any nuisance hereunder three times within a twelve month period.

**Section Fourteen.** Any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$500, by imprisonment for up to 90 days, or by a combination of such fine and imprisonment. Each day a nuisance described in Section Five is unabated, or debris as described in Section Seven remains on property, after notice has been served pursuant to Sections Eight or Ten, is a separate violation.

**Section Fifteen.** Enforcement of this ordinance shall be the joint responsibility of the Forestry Commissioner, Health Commissioner, and police department, provided, however, that the Forestry Commissioner or Health Commissioner may refer properties subject to this ordinance to the Building Division if they believe building code violations also exist on such property.

**Section Sixteen.** The several sections and parts of sections or portions hereof shall be severable. In the event any part, section, or portion of this ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void, invalid, or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections or portions of this ordinance are intended to have legal effect and be valid unless the court finds the valid parts, sections or portions hereof are so essentially and inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon the void part, section or portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board of Aldermen would have enacted the valid parts, sections or portions without the void matter or unless the court finds that the valid parts, sections or portions, standing alone, are so incomplete as to be incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

**Section Seventeen.** This being an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance pursuant to Article IV, Sections 19 and 20 of the City Charter, and it shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Mayor.

**Ordinance 57628**  
(B.B. No. 20 Sub.)

An ordinance repealing Section 245.070 of Ordinance Number 55662 and enacting a new Section 245.070 relating to weeds and debris and defining official duties, and collection procedures and containing an emergency clause.

Be it ordained by the City of St. Louis as follows:

**Section One.** Section 245.070 of Volume One of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis relating to Assessment Against Property for weed and debris removal is hereby repealed.

**Section Two:** Section 245.070 of Volume One of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis is hereby reenacted to be known as Section 245.070 of said Revised Code which shall be and read as follows:

**245.070—ASSESSMENT  
AGAINST PROPERTY**

A. The Comptroller, upon a receipt or certificate from the Commissioner of Forestry of the cost of work done by him for the destruction of such noxious weeds or vegetation and removal of debris, shall then make out special tax bills for such work against the owner or owners of said land, and the charge shall be a special tax lien against the property on which said work has been done.

The Comptroller is hereby authorized to forward monthly said special tax bills to the owner of record of said property. Said tax bills shall be payable as billed. A late charge of Five Percent (5) per month shall be collected on all past due amounts not to exceed a late charge of Twenty-Five Percent (25) of the tax bill.

B. If said tax bills remain unpaid, then the Comptroller shall forward said unpaid bills to the Collector of Revenue for inclusion with the annual Real Estate Property Tax Bill, for their collection, subject to normal collection procedures.

C. All notices pursuant to Section 245.050 of this Chapter shall include the following statement:

If you fail to correct these violations the City of St. Louis will abate the nuisance described herein and a special tax bill will be charged against your property. Your failure to pay shall result in a lien and may cause foreclosure of your property for payment.

Said statement shall appear in bold type in the notice.

**Section Three:** This being an ordinance providing for public works or improvements, an emergency is hereby declared to exist within the meaning of Section Twenty of Article Four of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Mayor.

**Approved: June 15, 1978.**

and in addition thereto, when the Commissioner of Forestry, Police Officer or Health Commissioner ascertain that noxious weeds and vegetation as set forth in violation of Section 245.010 or debris and other materials as set forth in violation of Section 245.020 are situated on any lot within the City, the Commissioner of Forestry, Police Officer or Health Commissioner may cause a notice to be directed to the owner or other person in control of such lot or land that noxious weeds are growing thereon and must be destroyed by any of the methods set forth in Section 245.010 and that such destruction must be begun within two (2) days after such notice is served and completed within five (5) days after such notice. The notice to the owner or other person in control of such lot or land shall be served in any one of the following ways:

By causing said notice to be delivered to such owner, agent occupant or other person in control either in the City or elsewhere.

By posting a copy of such notice upon the lot or land in question, said notice to be deemed served at the end of 24 hours after the posting thereof.

By mailing such notice or copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope, postage prepaid, directed to such owner or other person in control of said land, either at his place of business or residence address in this City or elsewhere, said notice to be deemed served 24 hours after the mailing of said notice in case it is directed to the business or residence address of the owner or other person in control of said land in this City. Provided that if the said owner or owners or other person in control of said land be non-residents of the City and have no business addresses or offices in the City, then the said notice shall be deemed served at the end of such period after the mailing thereof as in the ordinary course of transmission of the mail by the United States Government would be required, for the receipt of said notice by the owner or owners or other person in control of said land at their place of residence or business.

**245.060 — Abatement by the City —** If the owner or other person in control of any lot or land mentioned in Section 245.010 or Section 245.020 fails to comply with such notice, the Commissioner of Forestry shall have the right to enter upon such property on which noxious weeds are growing or debris has accumulated, for the purpose of abating the public nuisance and may use any suitable means or assistance for the purpose of destroying such weeds and removing such debris as described in Section 245.010 and Section 245.020 either by the employees of the Division of Forestry, or by letting a contract for the work to be done by private persons, firms or corporations by the Commissioner of Forestry.

**245.070 — Assessment Against Property —** The Comptroller, upon a receipt or certificate from the Commissioner of Forestry of the cost of work done by him for the destruction of such noxious weeds or vegetation and removal of debris, shall then make out bills for such work against the owner or owners or other person in control of said land, and the charge shall be a lien against the property on which said work has been done. The City Counselor is empowered to take such action as may be necessary for the collection of such bills and the enforcement of such liens attached to the property as provided above. The amounts of such bills when collected shall be credited to general revenue.

**Section Three.** This passage of this ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and welfare it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

**Approved: July 6, 1970.**

**APPROVED: March 19, 1986**