



**Agenda
Legislation & Rules Committee
Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 - 11:00 AM
Kennedy Room**

President Megan Green
Alderwoman Daniela Velazquez, Chair
Alderman Matt Devoti, Vice Chair
Committee Members:
Alderman Shane Cohn
Alderman Bret Narayan
Alderwoman Laura Keys
Alderman Alisha Sonnier

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Tuesday, July 21, 2026, committee meeting.

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)

Discussion Item Number 1

The committee will engross Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute.

Discussion Item Number 2

The committee will engross Board Bill Number 41 As Amended in Committee.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

VIII. Announcements

IX. Excused Members

X. Adjournment



**Minutes
Legislation & Rules Committee
Tuesday, July 21, 2026
2:00 PM
Webinar**

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:15pm and directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll.

II. Roll Call

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered their names: Ms. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti and Chair Velazquez. **4 members were present. A quorum was established.**

Mr. Narayan attended the meeting after it began, bringing the total amount present to 5 members.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Wednesday, July 15, 2026, committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the Wednesday, July 15, 2026, committee meeting.

Ms. Keys moved to approve the minutes from the Wednesday, July 15, 2026, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

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: Mr. Narayan, Ms. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Velazquez. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
None

The following voted Present:
None

The Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 5 votes were cast. The motion carried.

IV. Board Bills for Review

None

V. Resolutions for Review

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

The Chair announced that the Committee would proceed out of order on the agenda and begin with Discussion Item Number 1.

Resolution Number 59

Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS: The Board of Aldermen respectfully calls upon Scott Fitzpatrick, Missouri State Auditor, to promptly commence a performance audit of the City of St. Louis consistent with the intent expressed by the citizens who supported the petition effort.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to read the summary of Resolution Number 59 before she recognized Ms. Boyd for introducing Resolution Number 59 before the committee.

Ms. Boyd gave a brief description of Resolution Number 59 before introducing guest speaker Tameka Stigers to further discuss the details surrounding Resolution Number 59.

Ms. Stigers discussed Resolution Number 59. She stated that the City of St. Louis lacks transparency. She explained that she, along with other residents of the city of St. Louis, started a citizen-led petition for the City of St. Louis to have a performance audit led by the State auditor to track funding within several departments of the City of St. Louis.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair held Resolution Number 59 in committee.

Resolution Number 59 was held in committee.

VI. Committee Discussions

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

Discussion Number 1

The committee will discuss the engrossment process.

The Chair recognized Sharita Rogers, Clerk, Board of Aldermen, to explain the engrossment process before the committee.

Ms. Rogers explained the engrossment process step by step, explaining that all changes made to any Board Bill, including amendments and floor substitutes, will be uploaded to Google Drive in the form of a redlined copy and a clean copy to compare all changes were made, and that all changes will be incorporated in the clean copy signed and reviewed by the legal team and by the financial analyst before agreeing to pass the Board Bills out as engrossed.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee,

the Chair thanked Clerk Rogers and the staff for their hard work.

Clerk Rogers recognized her staff for their handwork on the engrossment process, and she thanked the members of the committee for their patience and understanding the process.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

the Chair entertained a motion to excuse Mr. Cohn for his necessary absence.

Ms Keys moved to excuse Mr. Cohn for necessary absence.

Seconded by Mr. Narayan.

Mr. Devoti requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair stated that Mr. Cohn was excused for necessary absence.

The Associate Clerk recorded the votes from the previous roll. The following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye: Mr. Narayan, Ms. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Velazquez. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The Abstained:

None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 5 votes were cast. The motion carried.

X. Adjournment

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

Mr. Devoti moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

Ms. Velazquez requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Clerk stated that the meeting was adjourned.

The Associate Clerk recorded the votes from the previous roll. The following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye: Mr. Narayan, Ms. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Velazquez. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
None

The following voted Present:
None

The Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 5 votes were cast. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07pm.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]

**BOARD BILL NUMBER 50 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN
RASHEEN ALDRIDGE
CO SPONSORS: PRESIDENT MEGAN E. GREEN/ DANIELA VELAZQUEZ/ ALISHA
SONNIER/JAMI COX-ANTWI**

1 An ordinance (i) repealing Ordinance 71212, as codified in Chapter 8.108A of the Revised Code
2 of the City of St. Louis, and any other ordinances or portions of ordinances codified in Chapter
3 8.108A that are inconsistent with or not fully repealed, and (ii) establishing updated regulations
4 for the licensing and operation of mobile food vendors, providing for designated commercial
5 vending markets, predetermined vending locations, permit display requirements, and
6 administration by the Streets Department.

7 **WHEREAS**, mobile food vending within the City of St. Louis has historically been limited in
8 scope and availability, resulting in underutilization of economic opportunities for small and local
9 entrepreneurs; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the City seeks to expand designated commercial vending markets to promote
11 equitable access to business opportunities and to activate underutilized commercial corridors;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, increasing permissible hours of operation for mobile food vendors to later evening
14 hours will support nightlife, enhance public safety through increased activity, and contribute to
15 the overall economic vibrancy of the City; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the importance of balancing economic development with the
17 interests of residents and brick-and-mortar businesses through clear and enforceable regulations;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, strengthening oversight, enforcement mechanisms, and complaint investigation
20 procedures will improve accountability and ensure compliance with applicable laws and
21 regulations; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the City desires to modernize its regulatory framework governing mobile food
2 vendors and sidewalk vendors to better reflect current economic conditions and community
3 needs.

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

5 **SECTION ONE. Ordinance 71212 as codified in Chapter 8.108A of the Revised Code of**
6 **the City of St. Louis, and any other ordinances or portions of ordinances codified in**
7 **Chapter 8.108A that are inconsistent with this ordinance, and hereby repealed in their**
8 **entirety, and in lieu, the following text is inserted:**

9 **8.108A.010 - Definitions**

10 "City Park" means any area maintained by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
11 including any sidewalk immediately adjacent to such an area but not extending past the curb line
12 of such sidewalk.

13 "Coupon" means any ticket, certificate, note, voucher, or other instrument issued by a
14 manufacturer or merchant that may be redeemed for a financial discount, additional goods or
15 services, or rebate when purchasing specific goods or services.

16 "Festival vendor" means any person who sells or offers for sale any goods, wares, merchandise,
17 flowers, horticultural products, services, food or beverages from a booth, stall, stand, table,
18 wagon, pushcart, handcart or other vehicle, or from a pack, basket or similar container, or hand-
19 held display at a parade, fair or festival for which the City has issued a permit.

20 "LRA owned property" means any property owed in fee simple by the Land Reutilization
21 Authority of the City of St. Louis.

1 "Popup" vendor" means any person who engages in a temporary or transient business in the City,
2 selling goods, wares, merchandise, flowers, horticultural products, services, food or beverages,
3 and who for the purpose of carrying on such business, hires, leases or occupies any lot, or any
4 portion thereof, for the exhibition or sale of goods, wares or merchandise.

5 "Roadway" means that portion of the street or alley, including the median if any, between the
6 regularly established curbs, or that portion ordinarily used for vehicular traffic. Specifically
7 including in the definitions, the Kingshighway Memorial Boulevard Median located from Dr.
8 Martin Luther King Drive to West Florissant Boulevard

9 "Sampling" means to knowingly distribute or furnish without charge, or cause to be furnished or
10 distributed without charge any goods, wares, phones, merchandise, flowers, horticultural
11 products, food or beverages from a table, wagon, pushcart, handcart or other non-motorized
12 vehicle, or from a pack, basket or similar container, or hand-held display.

13 "Sidewalk" means that portion of a street, intended for the use of pedestrians, between the curb
14 line or lateral boundary of a roadway and the adjacent property line.

15 "Sidewalk Vendor" means any person who sells or offers for sale on any public sidewalk or
16 public right of way, other than a roadway or roadway median, within the downtown area only,
17 with downtown being defined as the general boundaries of Cole St. on the North, to Interstate
18 Highway 70 (I-70) Northward to Carr St. southward to Leonor K. Sullivan Blvd on the East,
19 westward to Chouteau Ave. on the South, northward to Tucker Blvd on the West to Cole St. any
20 goods, wares, merchandise, flowers, horticultural products, services, food or beverages from a
21 booth, stall, stand, table, wagon, pushcart, handcart or other non-motorized vehicle, or from a
22 pack, basket or similar container, or hand-held display.

1 "Soulard market area" means the area bounded by Lafayette Street on the south, Seventh Street
2 on the east, Marion Street on the north and Interstate highway 55 on the west

3 "Mobile Food Vendor" or "Vehicle Vendor" means any person who sells or offers for sale any
4 goods, wares, merchandise, services, food, or beverages from a self-contained, motorized vehicle
5 designed and equipped for such sales, operating on a public roadway.

6 "Vend or vending" means to sell or offer for sale any goods, wares, merchandise, flowers,
7 horticultural products, services, food or beverages, or offer for free or permit the offering for free
8 of any goods, wares, merchandise, flowers, horticulture products, services, food or beverage,
9 regardless of value, or any coupon, regardless of value, as an inducement to purchase other
10 goods or services, or to draw customers to a store, business, website or other online platform in
11 order to stimulate sales of goods or services.

12 **8.108A.020 - Vending prohibited—Exceptions.**

13 A. No person shall sell or offer for sale or permit the offering or selling of any goods, wares,
14 merchandise, flowers, horticultural products, services, food or beverages upon any public
15 sidewalk, street, roadway, or roadway median within the City of St. Louis except in those areas
16 designated by ordinance as Vending Markets or offer for free or permit the offering for free of
17 any goods, wares, merchandise, flowers, horticulture products, services, food or beverage,
18 regardless of value, or any coupon, regardless of value, as an inducement to purchase other
19 goods or services, or to draw customers to a store, business, website or other online platform in
20 order to stimulate sales of goods or services upon any public sidewalk, street, roadway, or
21 roadway median within the City of St. Louis except in those areas designated by ordinance as
22 Vending Markets.

1 B. No person shall sample, sell or offer for sale or permit the offering or selling of any goods,
2 wares, merchandise, flowers, horticultural products, services, food or beverages upon any LRA
3 owned property within the Kingsway East, Kingsway West, Penrose, and Mark Twain
4 Neighborhoods.

5 C. No person shall sell or offer for sale or permit the offering or selling of any goods, wares,
6 merchandise, flowers, horticultural products, services, food or beverages upon any privately
7 owned lot, within the Kingsway East, Kingsway West, Penrose, and Mark Twain
8 Neighborhoods, in those areas prohibiting vending except for festival vendors.

9 D. Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance or Chapter 8 of the Revised Code of
10 the City of St. Louis, no person shall be permitted to vend on any public sidewalk or within any
11 public right-of-way within the following area known as the South Downtown Redevelopment
12 Project Area, unless such person is a designated redeveloper for the South Downtown
13 Redevelopment Project Area or has entered into a valid vending agreement with a designated
14 redeveloper for the South Downtown Redevelopment Project Area and such person has
15 otherwise complied with all requirements of Chapter 8 of the Revised Code of the City of St.
16 Louis, as amended by this ordinance:

17 1. A tract of land being located in all of Blocks 6465, 6466, 6467, 106, 6509, 1409,
18 160, 161, 162, 147, and 148 and part of Blocks 188, 425, 417, 418, 419, and 422 of
19 the City of St. Louis, Missouri being more particularly described as follows:

20 2. Beginning at the intersection of the Easterly line of former 9th Street vacated by
21 Ordinance No. 9191 and the Southerly line of Walnut Street, thence along the easterly
22 line of former 9th Street and its direct prolongation Southerly to the Northern Line of

1 Gratiot Street, thence along last said Northerly line to the Westerly line of 4th Street,
2 thence along last said Westerly Line to the Southerly line of Walnut Street, thence
3 along last said Southerly line to the Easterly line of former 9th Street, and the Point of
4 Beginning.

5 E. No vending shall be permitted within the Wharf Vending District as regulated by the
6 provisions of Ordinance 61362.

7 F. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no person shall be permitted to vend on any
8 public sidewalk or within any public right-of-way unless such person has entered into valid
9 vending agreements with the Convention and Visitors Commission:

10 The area bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the line created 100 feet West of
11 Ninth Street and 100 feet North of Cole Street, thence East along such 100-foot North line of
12 Cole Street to its intersection with the West right-of-way line of I-70, thence South along such
13 West right-of-way line of I-70 to its intersection with the line created 100 feet South of
14 Washington Avenue, thence West along such 100-foot South line of Washington Avenue, to its
15 intersection with the 100-foot West line of 9th Street, thence North along such 100-foot West
16 line of 9th Street to its point of beginning.

17 **8.108A.030 - Vending Commercial Markets Established.**

18 The following areas are designated as Vending Commercial Markets within the City of St. Louis.
19 These designated markets shall be the only allowed locations for vending. Every vending
20 business operated within a Vending Commercial Market shall comply with the rules and
21 regulations adopted in the ordinance codified in this chapter.

1 A. *Cherokee Commercial Vending Market* means streets intersecting Cherokee Street
2 between Jefferson Avenue and Louisiana Avenue only between the curb line of Cherokee
3 Street and the first alley located north or south on the same block face.

4 B. *City Park Vending Market* shall mean any area maintained by the Director of Parks,
5 Recreation and Forestry.

6 C. ***Downtown Commercial Vending Market* means the public right-of-way along Market**
7 **Street between the intersections of South 8th Street and South 16th Street and the**
8 **public right-of-way along Chestnut Street between the intersections of Market**
9 **Street and N 15th Street and the public right-of-way along Chestnut Street between**
10 **the intersections of N 14th Street and N 15th Street.**

11 D. *Downtown West Commercial Vending Market* means the public right-of-way along Olive
12 Boulevard between the intersections of North 23rd Street and Jefferson Avenue; and the
13 public right-of-way along Pine Street between the intersections of North Beaumont Street
14 and N Leffingwell Ave.

15 E. *Grand Center Commercial Vending Market* means the public right-of-way along
16 McPherson Avenue between the intersections of Lindell and Vandeventer Avenue; and
17 the public right-of-way along Washington Avenue between the intersections of North
18 Leonard Avenue and North Theresa Avenue.

19 **8.108A.040 - Applicability.**

20 This chapter shall not be construed to forbid merchants occupying with their goods, wares,
21 merchandise, flowers, food or beverages, a limited portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the
22 property occupied by them in conformity with the conditions of a permit obtained from the

Department of Streets or the Board of Public Service, or prevent or prohibit the sale or offering for sale any goods, wares, merchandise, flowers, food or beverages:

A. By merchants pursuant to Ordinance 60950, approved on July 18, 1988; or

B. The delivery of any goods, wares, merchandise, flowers, food or beverages to any residence or business within the aforementioned geographical areas; or

C. During any period of time for which a festival, fair or parade permit has been issued by the Street Department or the Board of Public Service for a festival, fair or parade to be conducted within any of the aforementioned areas.

PART I. - VENDORS LICENSE

8.108A.050 - Vending business—Permitted—License required.

No person shall operate a business as a sidewalk vendor, vehicle vendor, itinerant vendor, or festival vendor within Vending District without first having obtained a license according to the provisions of this chapter. No person shall act as an agent or an employee for any person licensed under the provisions of this chapter unless such person has first obtained an identification certificate from the License Collector. No licensee shall permit any other person to act as agent or employee for such licensee unless such person has first obtained an identification certificate from the License Collector.

8.108A.060 - Vendor's license—Application—Contents.

Application for a license shall be made in writing on a form provided by the License Collector, and signed by the applicant. If the applicant is a corporation, a duly authorized agent shall sign the application. The application shall contain the following information:

- 1 A.The full name, residence address and business address of the applicant and any employee of
2 the applicant
- 3 B.The business telephone number of the applicant;
- 4 C.The type of license sought by the applicant;
- 5 D.A general description of the item or items to be sold;
- 6 E.A full face photograph of the applicant and a full face photograph of the applicant's employees,
7 if applicable;
- 8 F.A written statement of clearance certifying that no current or past earnings and /or property
9 taxes are due and payable to the City;
- 10 G.A statement from the Director of Revenue of the State of Missouri certifying that the applicant
11 is not delinquent in the payment of any sales tax if the list of delinquent taxpayers provided to
12 the City by the Director of Revenue indicates a delinquency on the part of such person.
- 13 Any such other information as may be required by the License Collector.
- 14 Subsequent to the issuance of a license, the licensee shall be required to notify the License
15 Collector within 10 days of any changes in the information made part of the application.
- 16 **8.108A.070 - Issuance of license—Contents—Exhibition.**
- 17 Upon the filing of the completed application, the payment of the proper license fee as prescribed
18 in this chapter, the License Collector shall deliver to the licensee a license.
- 19 Every license shall be numbered consecutively, and shall show the name, occupation and place
20 of residence of the licensee and the period for which the license is issued.
- 21 Every license shall be color-coded in a manner to be determined by the License Collector.

Every license shall state the Vending District(s) in which the license shall be valid for the licensee to legally operate their vending business and every license shall instruct the licensee that the license is not legal in any other Vending District or Non Vending District.

Each licensee shall carry the license with him and shall exhibit it whenever required by any police officer or other officer authorized under the laws or ordinances to make arrests.

8.108A.080 - Identification certificate—Application—Contents.

Application for an employee identification Certificate shall be made in writing on a form provided by the License Collector, and signed by the applicant. The application shall contain the following information:

A. The full name, residence address and business address of the applicant;

B. The name of the applicant's employer;

C. A full face photograph of the applicant;

D. Any such other information as may be required by the License Collector.

The License Collector is authorized to charge a non-refundable application processing fee of \$20.00 to be collected at the time of application. Subsequent to the issuance of an identification certificate, the certificate holder shall be required to notify the License Collector within 10 days of any changes in the information made part of the application. Each certificate holder shall carry the certificate with him and shall exhibit it whenever required by any police officer or other officer authorized under the laws or ordinances to make arrests.

8.108A.090 - Corporate applicant qualifications.

Each corporate applicant for a vending license shall be qualified to do business under the laws of the State of Missouri.

1 8.108A.100 - Applicability of Health Code—Inspection.

2 All licensees and their employees shall be subject to and comply with all applicable requirements
3 and standards for dispensing and purveying food contained in Title Eleven of the Revised Code,
4 as amended, and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the Health Commissioner. All
5 food held, offered for sale, sold or given away by licensees shall be subject to and comply with
6 all applicable requirements for such food of the Revised Code and the rules and regulations
7 promulgated thereunder by the Health Commissioner.

8 8.108A.110 - Health inspections and analysis.

9 It shall be the duty of every licensee to permit inspections to be made and, when required, to
10 furnish samples of any foods kept, offered for sale or given away by the licensee as often as may
11 be deemed necessary to determine that the foods are free from adulteration, are not misbranded,
12 and do not contain an excessive number of microorganisms or their toxins. The licensee shall
13 answer all reasonable and proper questions and furnish records of the sampled product. Samples
14 shall be examined or analyzed by or under the direction of the City's Department of Health, and a
15 record of each such examination or analysis shall be made and kept in its office.

16 **PART II. - SIDEWALK AND VEHICLE VENDORS**

17 **8.108A.120 - Sidewalk and vehicle vendor's license—Application.**

18 Every individual who desires a license as a sidewalk or vehicle vendor shall make application
19 therefore in conformity with the provisions of this chapter relating to applications for licenses.

20 The fee for a sidewalk or vehicle vendor's license shall be \$200.00 per year. A non-refundable
21 application processing fee of \$25.00 shall be collected at the time of application; provided,

1 however, that upon the granting of a license, the amount of the application fee shall be credited
2 to the fee for said license.

3 A. Licensed sidewalk vendors shall operate only in locations approved by permit and
4 administered by the Streets Department. The Street Department approves and administers
5 the locations where licensed sidewalk vendors may operate. The Street Department does
6 not permit "roaming" vending. The Street Department shall maintain twenty (20)
7 predetermined and approved sidewalk vending locations in the downtown area where
8 sidewalk vendors may operate according to the specified conditions of their permit.

9 Licensed sidewalk vendors permit shall be approved prior to issuance by the Board of
10 Public Service. No such permit shall be approved unless it has been recommended by the
11 Director of Streets.

12 **8.108A.130 - Sidewalk or vehicle vendor's license—Term.**

13 Any sidewalk or vehicle vendor's license issued according to the provisions of this chapter shall
14 be valid until December 31 of the year in which this chapter is enacted. Thereafter all licenses
15 shall be valid for one (1) year beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31. Renewal of
16 licenses shall be permitted beginning on December 1.

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18 No license shall be issued under this chapter except for the full license period and the full license
19 fee.

20 **8.108A.140 - Additional permit requirements.**

21 The license collector shall issue the license to the applicant upon his meeting the following
22 conditions:

1 A. Present proof of compliance with all requirements deemed necessary by the Department
2 of Health, the Department of Streets, the Department of Public Safety or the Department
3 of Parks, Recreation and Forestry; and

4 B. Present proof of insurance in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars/fifty thousand
5 dollars bodily injury coverage and property damage in the amount often thousand dollars
6 with an insurance company of good standing on each vehicle used in the operation of the
7 vending business.

8 C. Present proof of insurance of a liability policy for one million dollars (\$1,000,000), and
9 the City of St. Louis must be listed as an additional insured.

10 **8.108A.150 - Rules and regulations.**

11 A. The business of sidewalk vending shall only be permitted between the hours of 6:00 a.m.
12 and 11:00 p.m.

13 B. The business of mobile food vending shall only be permitted between the hours of 6:00
14 a.m. and 1:00 a.m.

15 C. No pushcart or other vehicle related to the operation of a vending business shall be
16 located on any City sidewalk or other public way during non-vending hours, nor shall any
17 such pushcart or other item be parked, stored or left overnight.

18 D. A licensed vendor may not block the passage of the public through a public area or
19 interfere with access to ramps, curb cuts or other conveniences for individuals with
20 disabilities. If a sufficient crowd gathers to transact business with a licensed vendor such
21 that the passage of the public through a public area is blocked or that access to ramps,

1 curb cuts or other conveniences for individuals with disabilities is blocked a police
2 officer may disperse that portion of the crowd that is blocking the passage of the public.

3 E. A licensed vendor may not conduct a vending business in a public area so as to obstruct
4 access to private property, except with the prior written consent of the owner or manager
5 of the property.

6 F. The conduct and behavior of all licensed vendors shall comply in all respects with
7 existing noise ordinances.

8 G. No licensed vendor shall conduct a vending business within 150 feet from an existing
9 business which sells or offers for sale comparable goods or merchandise, except when
10 operating within a designated vending market that is not located on a principal arterial
11 street and is located within a Local Commercial and Office District as defined in Chapter
12 26 of the City Code.

13 H. No licensed vendor shall conduct a vending business within 300 feet of a fair or festival
14 unless such vendor has first obtained the written permission of the permit holder of the
15 fair or festival and has been issued a festival vendor's license under the provisions of this
16 chapter.

17 I. Licensed vendors shall keep the sidewalks, street and other spaces adjacent to their
18 vending sites or locations clean and free of paper, peelings and refuse of any kind. All
19 trash or debris accumulating within fifteen (15) feet of any vending stand shall be
20 collected and disposed of by the vendor each day of operation.

21 J. Persons engaged in food or beverage vending shall affix to their pushcart a receptacle for
22 litter that shall be maintained and emptied regularly and marked as being for litter.

1 K. Licensed vendors may not put refuse from the operation of their pushcart in or beside any
2 public trash container or in any drain along or in the streets or sidewalks.

3 L. Licensed vendors may not leave their pushcart unattended at any time.

4 M. A pushcart shall not be motor powered. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the
5 transportation of a licensed vendor's pushcart to and from the licensed vendor's
6 authorized location by a motor-powered vehicle.

7 N. The Director of Streets shall formulate any additional rules and regulations necessary for
8 the proper administration of this chapter. Rules and regulations shall be maintained in the
9 office of the Director of Streets and shall be available for public inspection during
10 ordinary business hours.

11 O. The Director of Streets shall maintain all applications and records for licensed vendors
12 and shall publicly post on the Department's website a current list of all approved vendors
13 operating within the City, including permit numbers and authorized locations. The
14 Director shall update such list as necessary and shall distribute monthly notification
15 reports summarizing approved vendor permits and locations to any person or entity that
16 requests to receive such reports.

17 **8.108A.155- Mobile Food Vendor Permit Display.**

18 Every licensed mobile food vendor shall display a permit decal issued by the Streets Department.
19 The permit decal shall contain a unique permit number assigned by the City and shall be affixed
20 to the exterior of the vending vehicle in a conspicuous location visible from the public right-of-
21 way.

22 The permit decal shall meet the following requirements:

- 1 A. The decal shall be no less than six (6) inches in diameter if circular, or no less than six (6)
2 inches by six (6) inches if square.
- 3 B. The assigned permit number shall be displayed in contrasting characters not less than two
4 (2) inches in height.
- 5 C. The decal shall be affixed to the upper passenger-side front windshield or the exterior
6 service side of the vehicle, unobstructed and clearly visible from the street.
- 7 D. The decal shall be tamper-resistant and issued exclusively by the Streets Department.
- 8 E. No vendor shall operate a mobile food vending vehicle without the required permit decal
9 properly displayed.
- 10 F. The permit decal may include a scannable code linking to the City's public database of
11 licensed mobile food vendors.

12 **8.108A.160 - License transfer prohibited.**

13 No transfer of ownership shall be allowed on any license issued hereunder.

14 **8.108A.170 - Licensed vendor's vehicles.**

- 15 A. Every wagon, cart or other vehicle used by a licensed vendor in or about his business
16 shall have the name of the owner and his address plainly, distinctly, and legibly painted
17 in letters and figures at least two inches in height in a conspicuous place on the outside of
18 each side of every such wagon, cart or other vehicle, and such name and address shall be
19 kept so painted plainly and distinctly at all times while such wagon, cart or other vehicle
20 is in use during the continuance of the license covering the use of such wagon, cart or
21 other vehicle.

1 B. No vehicle used for vending, selling or peddling within the City shall interfere with or
2 impede the flow of traffic on any City street. No vending vehicle shall violate any traffic
3 or parking laws, including the prohibition of double parking of the City.

4 C. Whenever the vehicle is stopped for the purpose of making a sale, it shall be stopped at
5 the right hand curb of the street at the extreme right hand edge of the pavement and shall
6 be legally parked. No sale shall be made from any such vehicle from other than the curb
7 side when said vehicle is legally parked or to any person who is standing in the normally
8 traveled portion of a City street or alley. At such stops the vehicle's motor shall be turned
9 off unless its operation is essential to producing the product sold.

10 D. No vehicle may be parked or stored in a restricted parking area.

11 E. Each vending vehicle subject to the provisions of this chapter shall be equipped with:

12 a. mechanical and electrical signaling device which while the vehicle is stopped to
13 make sales, will display flashing signals plainly visible from the front and rear,
14 during the day or night, indicating that sales therefrom are being made;

15 b. A receptacle for the disposal of wrappers, papers, containers and other trash.

16 F. All vehicles used in the sale of the products described in this chapter must be kept in a
17 clean and sanitary condition at all times, and when containing loads or parts of loads of
18 such products, they must be kept only in sanitary places that meet with the rules and
19 regulations of the City Health Department.

20 G. All Vehicle Vendors must comply with the display requirements of Section 8.108A.155.

21 **PART III. - FESTIVAL VENDORS**

22 **8.108A.180 - Festival vendor license—Application.**

Every individual who desires to operate a vending business at a festival, fair or parade shall make application for a festival vendor license in conformity with the provisions of this chapter relating to applications for licenses. The fee for a festival vendor's license shall be \$75.00. A non-refundable application processing fee of \$25.00 shall be collected at the time of application; provided, however, that upon the granting of a license, the amount of the application fee shall be credited to the fee for said license. The sponsor of the fair, festival or parade and the vendor shall be jointly and severally liable for obtaining a festival vendor's license from the License Collector.

8.108A.190 - Exemptions.

Any vendor at a fair or festival which is three (3) calendar days or less in duration or any vending business which is operated at any fair, festival or parade solely for the benefit of a not-for-profit organization as defined by Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be exempt from the payment of a festival vendor license fee. Festival vendors shall not be required to obtain employee identification certificates for individuals who assist the licensee in the operation of a festival vending business. Exempted festival vendors shall be required to comply with all other provisions of this chapter.

8.108A.200 - Festival vendor's license—Term.

A festival vendor's license shall only be valid for the period of time during which the fair, festival or parade is held.

8.108A.210 - Festival vendor's license—Contents.

In addition to any other requirement contained in this chapter, the festival vendor's license shall include name and address of sponsor of fair, festival or parade, name and address, social security

number and federal identification number of organization or vendor, type of article to be sold, days of vending, and other information deemed necessary by the License Collector.

8.108A.220 - Registration in advance.

All festival vendors shall be registered at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the fair, festival or parade at which they intend to sell goods or merchandise. The License Collector may waive this provision for good cause shown.

8.108A.230 - Additional license and permit requirements.

No festival vendor offering any goods, wares, merchandise, food or beverage exclusively at a fair, festival or parade pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, is required to have any additional business or merchants license except for a license or permit required by the excise laws of the City.

8.108A.235 - Sampling prohibited within festival areas.

No person shall knowingly distribute or furnish without charge, or cause to be furnished or distributed without charge any goods, wares, merchandise, flowers, horticultural products, food or beverages from a table, wagon, pushcart, handcart or other non-motorized vehicle, or from a pack, basket or similar container, or hand held display upon any public sidewalk, street, park, roadway, or roadway median within any area designated by valid City of St. Louis permit as a festival area.

8.108A.310 - Rules and regulations for City Parks Vending Districts.

A. Except as provided in Chapter 22.20 of the Revised Code, as amended, pertaining to awarding concession contracts in City parks, no person shall vend or operate a vending business in any City park without first having obtained a license in accordance with the

provisions of this chapter and a permit from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry.

B. The Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry is authorized to establish rules, regulations and fee schedules not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter necessary for the proper administration of operating a vending business within City Park Vending Districts; Such rules, regulations and fee schedules shall be maintained in the office of the Director and shall be available for public inspection during ordinary business hours.

8.108A.315 - Reserved.

PART V. - GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.108A.320 - Applicability—Soulard Market vendors—Contracted to concessionaires.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any person operating a business within the Soulard Market Area under an agreement with the Director of Public Utilities or any person who has entered into a concession contract with the City of St. Louis.

8.108A.340 - Applicability—Sellers of farm produce or products or seller's employees.

The provisions of Section 8.108A.050 of this chapter requiring vendors within the City of St. Louis to obtain a license shall not apply to the sale of any farm produce or farm products including but not limited to any horticultural products, fruits, vegetables, garden products, butter, eggs, or poultry by any farmer or producer, or any employee of any farmer or producer, who shall grow or process such farm produce or farm products.

8.108A.350 - Complaints and Violation of chapter—Confiscation and release of goods.

1 A. Any formal complaint regarding a mobile food vendor's hour of operation or location of
2 operation shall be submitted to the Citizen's Service Bureau.

3 B. The Streets Department shall investigate each complaint to determine whether a violation
4 of this ordinance has occurred. If three (3) violations are substantiated, the mobile food
5 vendor permit shall be suspended for a period of two (2) weeks. If five (5) violations are
6 substantiated, the mobile food vendor permit shall be revoked for a period of one (1)
7 calendar year.

8 Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Streets Department determines that a violation of this
9 ordinance poses an immediate threat to public health or safety, the Streets Department may
10 immediately suspend or revoke the mobile food vendor permit.

11 Any goods, wares, merchandise, flowers, horticultural products, food or beverages sold or
12 offered for sale by a vendor who is charged with a violation of this chapter shall be confiscated
13 by the police department and held pending the prosecution of such violation.

14 A. Any goods, wares, merchandise, flowers, horticultural products, services, food or
15 beverages being held pursuant to this section shall only be released upon notification by
16 the warrant officer for municipal violations that such goods, wares, merchandise, flowers,
17 horticultural products, services, food or beverages are no longer necessary for
18 prosecution.

19 B. If such goods, wares, merchandise, flowers, horticultural products, services, food or
20 beverages are not redeemed by the vendor or the vendor's agent within a reasonable time
21 after the disposition of any summons issued for a violation of this chapter, they may be
22 disposed of in any manner deemed in the best interest of public health and safety.

8.108A.355 - Review Period

The Streets Department shall conduct a review of the implementation and effectiveness of this ordinance within one (1) year of its effective date and shall provide a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Board of Aldermen.

8.108A.360 - Penalty.

Any person who is found guilty or enters a plea of guilty to a violation of any provision of this chapter, or who knowingly furnishes false information on any license or permit application required by this chapter, shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days or both a fine and imprisonment.

8.108A.370 - Revocation of license.

The License Collector shall revoke any vendor's license issued herein if the licensee is found guilty or enters a plea of guilty to a violation of any provision of this chapter or violates any license regulation promulgation under the authority of this chapter. A licensee shall not be entitled to a refund of the fees paid for any license which is subsequently revoked as provided herein.

FISCAL NOTE

BOARD BILL NUMBER 50 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

Preparer's Name Cheryl Campbell

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Bill Sponsor Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

Bill Synopsis:	<i>Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute repeals Ordinance 71212, as codified in Chapter 8.108A of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, and any other ordinances or portions of ordinances codified in Chapter 8.108A that are inconsistent with or not fully repealed, and establishes updated regulations for the licensing and operation of mobile food vendors, including designated commercial vending markets, predetermined vending locations, permit display requirements, and administration by the Streets Department.</i>
Type of Impact:	<i>Indeterminate Fiscal Impact</i>
Agencies Affected:	<i>Streets Department; License Collector; Department of Health; St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; Board of Public Service; Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry; Citizen's Service Bureau; Convention and Visitors Commission.</i>

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
- An undertaking of a new service for which no funding is provided in the current adopted city budget? X Yes No

- A commitment of city funding in the future under certain specified conditions? ☐ Yes ☒ 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 ☒ No
- An execution or initiation of an activity as a result of federal or state mandates or requirements? ☐ Yes ☒ 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:

- 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:

The Floor Substitute assigns additional administrative and enforcement responsibilities to multiple governmental entities, including administering predetermined vending locations; issuing permit decals; maintaining and publicly posting vendor records; distributing monthly notification reports; conducting inspections and food analyses; receiving and investigating complaints; enforcing permit requirements; confiscating and holding goods associated with violations; and conducting a review of the ordinance's implementation and effectiveness within one year and providing a report of findings and recommendations to the Board of Aldermen. The Floor Substitute does not provide sufficient information to determine staffing requirements, workload increases, equipment needs, administrative costs, enforcement costs, technology requirements, implementation expenses, or anticipated revenues generated through licensing and other fees. Accordingly, the fiscal impact cannot be determined from the legislative record and is indeterminate.

- 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:

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

Implementation of Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute may result in additional operating and administrative costs associated with administering predetermined vending locations; issuing permit decals; maintaining and publicly posting vendor records; updating the Department's website; distributing monthly notification reports; conducting inspections and food analyses; receiving and investigating complaints; enforcing permit requirements; confiscating and holding goods associated with violations; and completing the required one-year implementation and effectiveness review. Although the Floor Substitute establishes licensing and other fee revenues, it does not provide sufficient information to estimate anticipated expenditures or revenues. Accordingly, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

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.

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

- Describe any assumptions used in preparing this fiscal note:

This fiscal note was prepared based on review of Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute. No assumptions beyond the legislative record were necessary to prepare this fiscal note.

- List any sources of information (including any City officials, agencies, or departments) used in preparing this fiscal note:

Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute (introduced June 18, 2026).

- Have the financial estimates of this bill been verified by the City Budget Division?
_____Yes X No
 - If yes, by whom? _____.

Summary
Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute
Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge
June 18, 2026

An ordinance repealing Ordinance 71212, as codified in Chapter 8.108A of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, and any other ordinances or portions of ordinances codified Chapter 8.108A that are inconsistent with this ordinance, and establishing updated regulations for the licensing and operation of mobile food vendors, including designated commercial vending markets, predetermined vending locations, permit display requirements, and administrative oversight by the Streets Department.

Summary
Board Bill Number 41AAIC
Introduced by Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier
June 12, 2026

This ordinance establishes a definition of Community Development Corporations for purposes of eligibility for priority consideration in City administered funding. The ordinance aligns City practice with Missouri state law by incorporating the statutory definition of community development corporations, while setting additional local criteria related to nonprofit status, place-based service areas, governance, and demonstrated community revitalization activities. The ordinance requires eligible organizations to engage in multiple core areas of community development, including community organizing, and authorizes the City to apply consistent standards when awarding grants, loans, contracts, or other financial assistance to community development corporations. The ordinance establishes a certification framework and process; and contains a severance clause and emergency clause.

**BOARD BILL NUMBER 41 AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE INTRODUCED BY
ALDERWOMAN ALISHA SONNIER
COSPONSORS: ALDERWOMAN DANIELA VELAZQUEZ/ALDERWOMAN JAMI COX
ANTWI/PRESIDENT MEGAN GREEN**

1 An Ordinance establishing the definition of Community Development Corporation (CDC) and
2 CDC certification framework; and containing a severance clause and emergency clause.

3 **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis expends public funds to support community development,
4 neighborhood stabilization, affordable housing, and economic opportunity, and such expenditures
5 must be administered in a manner that is transparent, accountable, and aligned with clearly defined
6 public purposes; and

7 **WHEREAS**, community development corporations have historically served as locally rooted,
8 nonprofit partners in advancing place based revitalization efforts, particularly in neighborhoods
9 experiencing disinvestment, displacement pressures, or long term structural inequities; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri General Assembly has recognized community development
11 corporations as eligible entities for community and economic development activities under state
12 law, including Section 135.400 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the effectiveness of public investment in community development is strengthened
14 when recipient organizations demonstrate a sustained presence within the communities they serve,
15 maintain governance structures that reflect community connection, and engage residents as
16 partners in shaping neighborhood outcomes; and

17 **WHEREAS**, establishing clear and uniform criteria for the recognition of community
18 development corporations for purposes of City funding promotes consistency across departments,
19 protects the integrity of public expenditures, and ensures that City resources are directed to
20 organizations engaged in measurable, place based community revitalization activities; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the City seeks to support community development corporations that undertake a
22 comprehensive approach to revitalization, including housing stability, economic opportunity,

community organizing, and neighborhood quality of life, recognizing that durable neighborhood change requires coordinated and community driven strategies; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to define community development corporations for purposes of eligibility for priority consideration in City administered funding, to align City practice with state law, and to establish reasonable standards that ensure public funds advance equitable, accountable, and long term community development outcomes within the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Aldermen for the City to identify dedicated funding sources, and that such City administered funding streams designated for community development purposes be reserved for or prioritized towards Community Development Corporations under this Ordinance, in recognition of their place-based accountability, governance standards, and community connection.

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

SECTION ONE. Community Development Corporations - Definition and Eligibility.

A. Definition. For purposes of eligibility for City administered grants, loans, contracts, or other financial assistance, a “Community Development Corporation” or “CDC” shall mean an organization that:

1. Meets the definition of a community development corporation under Section 135.400, RSMo, as amended, and
2. Is a place-based nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri and recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and

3. Has as its primary mission the promotion and support of community revitalization efforts, including but not limited to affordable housing development, economic development, community organizing, neighborhood stabilization, and improvement of quality of life, and
4. Operates within clearly defined geographic boundaries within the City of St. Louis, which may include a neighborhood, ward, or cluster of census tracts, designated as the organization's core service area.

B. Core Service Area Requirements.

1. A CDC shall designate a core service area and demonstrate ongoing, place based community development outcomes within that geography.
2. The core service area may evolve over time provided that the CDC continues to demonstrate a sustained and meaningful connection to the community served.
3. Activities conducted outside the designated core service area shall remain place based and shall be carried out in formal partnership with organizations, stakeholders, or residents rooted in the affected community.
4. A CDC may design and operate programs or services with broader citywide or regional reach when such activities advance the organization's mission and support community development outcomes, including but not limited to technical assistance, housing services, data tools, policy engagement, or capacity building initiatives.

C. Governance and Staffing.

1. A CDC shall be governed by a board of directors that includes residents of the core service area and individuals with a demonstrated connection to the community served.
2. At least twenty-five percent (25%) of a CDC's board of directors shall consist of residents of the core service area.
3. A CDC shall be staffed by at least one full-time, paid employee and may additionally be supported by paid professionals, volunteers, or a combination thereof.

D. Community Revitalization Activities. CDCs shall demonstrate active work in at least three of the four Community Revitalization categories set forth below, with Community Organizing required.

1. Housing and Real Estate Development. Activities may include affordable housing development, stewardship or preservation; homeownership programs; housing counseling or stabilization services; property acquisition, rehabilitation, or land banking; anti-displacement strategies including landlord-tenant support and rental assistance; and home repair programs.

2. Economic Development. Activities may include small business support or technical assistance; commercial corridor revitalization; workforce development or job readiness programs; entrepreneurship support; and financial capability programs.

1 **3. Community Organizing, Planning, Engagement, and Advocacy.**

2 Activities shall include collaboration with neighborhood associations or
3 block units and facilitating community meetings or forums, and one or more
4 of the following: neighborhood planning or visioning efforts; community-
5 driven development planning; policy advocacy related to housing,
6 development, or equity; data collection or community based research;
7 resident leadership development; organizing around neighborhood issues;
8 and civic engagement initiatives.

9 **4. Neighborhood Stabilization and Quality of Life.** Activities may include
10 beautification, greening, or public space activation; public safety initiatives;
11 blight reduction efforts; disaster response or recovery; and youth, education,
12 or cultural programming.

13 **E. Good Standing.** A CDC shall be in good standing with the City of St. Louis and
14 shall not have unresolved audit findings, contract defaults, or compliance violations
15 related to prior City funding.

16 **F. Construction.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of
17 the City to establish additional eligibility criteria, reporting requirements, or
18 performance standards for specific funding programs.

19 **G. Funding Priority.** For funding programs specifically designated or appropriated
20 for community development, neighborhood revitalization, or place-based
21 community investment purposes, the City shall give
22 preference to organizations certified as Community Development Corporations

1 under this Ordinance. The City may designate specific funding streams as
2 exclusively available to certified CDCs.

3 **SECTION TWO. CDC Certification.**

4 **A. Administering Authority.** The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the St. Louis
5 Development Corporation (SLDC), or the CEO's designee, shall serve as the
6 Certifying Authority responsible for implementing and administering the CDC
7 certification process established by this section.

8 **B. Certification Required.** An organization seeking to qualify as a Community
9 Development Corporation for purposes of eligibility for priority consideration
10 in City administered grants, loans, contracts, or other financial assistance under
11 Section One of this Ordinance shall obtain certification from the Certifying
12 Authority prior to applying for such funds. An organization may apply for
13 program-specific funding concurrently with submitting a certification application,
14 provided that no award shall be finalized until certification is granted.

15 **C. Application for Certification.** An organization seeking certification shall submit
16 a completed application to the Certifying Authority on a form established by the
17 Certifying Authority. The application shall include, at minimum, the following:

- 18 a. Articles of incorporation and current bylaws;
- 19 b. Evidence of tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
20 Revenue Code;
- 21 c. Evidence of registration and good standing as a nonprofit corporation
22 under the laws of the State of Missouri;

1 d. Evidence of compliance with Section 135.400, RSMo, as amended;
2 e. A description, of the organization's designated
3 core service area within the City of St. Louis;
4 f. Documentation demonstrating active work in at least three of the four
5 Community Revitalization categories set forth in Section One, Subsection
6 D, including documentation specifically demonstrating active work in the
7 Community Organizing, Planning, Engagement, and Advocacy category;
8 g. A current list of board members, including identification of members
9 who are residents of and/or have a demonstrated connection to the core
10 service area;
11 h. Evidence of at least one full-time, paid employee;
12 i. The organization's two most recent fiscal year financial statements,
13 and most recent audited financial statement or account review; and
14 j. A certification by an authorized officer of the organization that the
15 information submitted is true and accurate, and that the organization is not
16 delinquent on any tax obligation to the City of St. Louis and has no
17 unresolved audit findings, contract defaults, or compliance violations
18 related to prior City funding. The Certifying Authority may require
19 additional documentation as necessary to evaluate compliance with the
20 criteria set forth in Section One.

21 **D. Determination.** The Certifying Authority shall issue a written determination
22 granting or denying certification within sixty (60) days of receipt of a complete

1 application. The Certifying Authority shall notify the applicant in writing if the
2 application is incomplete and the sixty-day period shall not commence until a
3 complete application is received. A certification shall be granted upon a finding
4 that the applicant meets all criteria set forth in Section One of this Ordinance.
5 A denial shall state with specificity the grounds for denial and identify which
6 criteria the applicant has failed to satisfy.

7 **E. Term and Renewal.** A certification granted under this section shall be valid for a
8 period of three (3) years from the date of issuance. A certified organization shall
9 submit a renewal application to the Certifying Authority no later than ninety (90)
10 days prior to the expiration of its current certification. The renewal application
11 shall include updated versions of the documentation required under Subsection C
12 and shall demonstrate continued compliance with all criteria set forth in Section
13 One. A certified organization whose renewal application is pending at the time of
14 expiration shall be deemed provisionally certified and shall remain eligible for
15 priority consideration in City administered funding until the Certifying
16 Authority issues a written determination on the renewal application, provided that
17 the renewal application was timely submitted.

18 **F. Annual Good Standing Certification.** In each year of the certification
19 term that does not require a full renewal application, a certified organization shall
20 submit to the Certifying Authority an annual good standing certification, on a
21 form established by the Certifying Authority, confirming that the organization
22 remains in compliance with the criteria set forth in Section One, that no material

1 changes have occurred with respect to the organization's nonprofit status,
2 service area, board composition, or staffing, and that the organization has no
3 unresolved audit findings, contract defaults, or compliance violations related to
4 City funding. The annual good standing certification shall be submitted no later
5 than ninety (90) days after the close of the organization's fiscal year.

6 **G. Failure to Timely Renew; Decertification Upon Lapse.** A certified organization

7 that fails to submit a renewal application within the time required under
8 Subsection E shall be deemed decertified upon the expiration of its current
9 certification. Upon lapse, the Certifying Authority shall provide written notice to
10 the organization's last known address of record stating that its certification has
11 lapsed, the effective date of decertification, and the steps required to seek
12 reinstatement. A decertified organization shall be ineligible for priority
13 consideration in City administered funding from the date of lapse until the
14 Certifying Authority issues a written determination approving a renewal
15 application. Submission of a renewal application following a lapse shall not
16 restore provisional certification status under Subsection E, and the organization
17 shall remain ineligible for priority consideration in City administered funding
18 during the pendency of the Certifying Authority's review. Upon approval of a
19 renewal application submitted after a lapse, the following shall apply:

- 20 (i) If the renewal application was submitted within sixty (60) days of the
21 expiration of the lapsed certification, the reinstated certification shall

1 retain the original expiration date, and the remaining term of
2 the original certification period shall be restored; or

3 (ii) If the renewal application was submitted more than sixty (60) days
4 after the expiration of the lapsed certification, a new three (3) year
5 certification period shall commence as of the date of the Certifying
6 Authority's written determination of approval.

7 In no event shall reinstatement under this Subsection render an organization
8 eligible for priority consideration in City administered funding for any period
9 during which its certification was lapsed.

10 **H. Revocation and Suspension.** The Certifying Authority may suspend or revoke a
11 certification upon a finding that a certified organization no longer meets the
12 criteria set forth in Section One, has submitted materially false or misleading
13 information in its certification or renewal application or annual good standing
14 certification, or has failed to timely submit a required annual good standing
15 certification.

16 Prior to suspension or revocation, the Certifying Authority shall provide the
17 certified organization with written notice of the proposed action and the grounds
18 therefore, and shall afford the organization not less than thirty (30) days to
19 respond in writing and to cure any identified deficiency.

20 A revocation or suspension shall be effective upon written notice to the
21 organization following completion of the notice and response period. A
22 suspended organization shall not be eligible for priority consideration in City

1 funding awards during the period of suspension. A revoked organization shall not
2 be eligible for priority consideration in City funding awards until certification is
3 restored.

4 **I. Appeals.** An organization that has been denied certification, denied renewal,
5 suspended, or revoked may appeal the determination to the Certifying Authority,
6 or to such other appellate bodies as the SLDC shall designate, within thirty (30)
7 days of receiving written notice of the adverse determination.

8 The Certifying Authority shall issue a written decision within sixty (60) days of
9 receipt of a complete appeal. The decision of the appellate body shall be final for
10 purposes of administrative review.

11 Filing an appeal shall not stay the effect of a denial, suspension, or revocation
12 pending the appellate body's decision unless the appellate body grants a stay upon
13 a showing of good cause.

14 **J. Public Registry.** The Certifying Authority shall maintain a public registry of all
15 organizations holding current CDC certification under this Ordinance. The
16 registry shall be published on the City's official website and updated within fifteen
17 (15) business days of any certification, renewal, suspension, revocation, or
18 restoration.

19 The registry shall include, at minimum, the certified organization's name,
20 designated core service area, certification date, and certification expiration date.

21 The registry shall also identify organizations whose certification has been
22 suspended or revoked, including the effective date of such action.

1 **K. Transition.** Organizations that are receiving City administered funding as of the
2 effective date of this Ordinance and that would qualify as Community
3 Development Corporations under Section One shall have one hundred eighty
4 (180) days from the effective date to submit an application for certification under
5 this section. Such organizations shall remain eligible for priority consideration
6 in City administered funding during the transition period, provided they submit a
7 certification application within the time period specified herein.

8 **L. Relationship to Program-Specific Requirements.** Certification under this
9 section establishes threshold eligibility only. Nothing in this section limits the
10 authority of the City or any administering department or agency to establish
11 additional eligibility criteria, reporting requirements, performance standards, or
12 capacity thresholds for specific funding programs consistent with Section One,
13 Subsection F of this Ordinance. Certification does not guarantee the award of any
14 grant, loan, contract, or other financial assistance. Departments or agencies
15 administering funding programs designated for community development
16 purposes shall condition eligibility on CDC certification under this section unless
17 otherwise authorized by ordinance.

18 **M. Annual Implementation Report.** The Certifying Authority shall prepare an
19 annual report on the progress of implementing this Ordinance and shall present such
20 report to the Housing, Urban Development, and Zoning Committee of the Board of
21 Aldermen at a regular meeting of the Committee. The report shall be submitted in

1 writing no later than ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year and shall
2 include, at minimum:

- 3 1. A description of the status and progress of the certification process established under this
4 Section, including the number of certification applications received, granted, denied,
5 renewed, suspended, revoked, and pending during the reporting period;
- 6 2. A current list of organizations holding CDC certification and their designated core
7 service areas;
- 8 3. A description of any administrative challenges, barriers, or delays encountered in
9 implementing this Ordinance and the certification framework;
- 10 4. Any recommendations for legislative or administrative changes to improve the
11 effectiveness, efficiency, or equity of the certification process or the broader
12 implementation of this Ordinance; and
- 13 5. Such other information as the Committee may reasonably request.

14 The CEO of SLDC, or the CEO's designee, shall appear before the Committee annually to
15 present the report and respond to questions regarding the implementation of this Ordinance.

16 **SECTION THREE. Severability Clause.** The sections of this Ordinance shall be severable. In
17 the event that any section of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be
18 invalid, the remaining sections of this Ordinance are valid, unless the court finds the valid sections
19 of the Ordinance are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void
20 section that it cannot be presumed that this Board would have enacted the valid sections without

1 the void ones, or unless the court finds that the valid sections standing alone are incomplete and
2 are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

3 **SECTION FOUR. Emergency Clause.** This being an ordinance for the preservation of public
4 peace, health, and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of
5 Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter, and, therefore, this Ordinance shall become
6 effective immediately upon its passage and approval of the Mayor of the City.

FISCAL NOTE

BOARD BILL NUMBER 41 AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE

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Bill Sponsor Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier

Bill Synopsis:	<i>Establishes a definition of Community Development Corporations (CDCs) for purposes of eligibility for priority consideration in City-administered grants, loans, contracts, and other financial assistance. The Board Bill establishes eligibility criteria, governance and staffing requirements, community revitalization activity requirements, funding priority provisions, and a certification framework administered by the St. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC), including application, renewal, compliance, appeals, and public registry requirements.</i>
Type of Impact:	<i>Indeterminate Fiscal Impact</i>
Agencies Affected:	<i>St. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC); City departments administering community development funding programs.</i>

SECTION A

Does this bill authorize:

- An expansion of services which entails additional costs beyond that approved in the current adopted city budget? ___ Yes ___ X No
- An undertaking of a new service for which no funding is provided in the current adopted city budget? ___ X ___ Yes ___ 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 _____ X 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 _____ X 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 _____ X No
 - If yes, describe the facilities and provide the estimated cost:

- Is the bill estimated to have a direct fiscal impact on any city department or office? _____ X Yes _____ No
 - If yes, explain the impact and the estimated cost:

The Board Bill assigns administrative responsibilities to the St. Louis Development Corporation, including certification review, renewals, annual compliance certifications, appeals, maintenance of a public registry, and related program administration. Because the Board Bill does not provide sufficient information to estimate workload, staffing requirements, implementation costs, or resource needs, the estimated cost cannot be determined and is therefore indeterminate.

- Does the bill create a program or administrative subdivision? _____ X Yes _____ No
 - If yes, then is there a similar existing program or administrative subdivision? _____ X Yes _____ No
 - If yes, explain the how the proposed programs or administrative subdivisions may overlap:

SLDC currently administers certification and compliance processes for other programs. The proposed Community Development Corporation certification framework may utilize similar administrative functions, including application review, eligibility determinations, recordkeeping, compliance monitoring, public reporting, and renewal processes. However, the Board Bill does not provide sufficient information to determine the extent to which existing personnel, systems, or resources can be used to administer the proposed certification program.

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

The Board Bill may result in administrative, personnel, technology, records management, website maintenance, and compliance-related costs associated with implementing and administering the CDC certification framework. The amount of such costs cannot be determined from the Board Bill language and is therefore indeterminate. No funding source is identified in the Board Bill.

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.

Financial Estimate of Impact on General Fund			
Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1 (current)</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Additional Expenditures	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>
Additional Revenue	<i>None Identified</i>	<i>None Identified</i>	<i>None Identified</i>
Net	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>
Financial Estimate of Impact on Special Funds			
Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1 (current)</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Additional Expenditures	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>
Additional Revenue	<i>None Identified</i>	<i>None Identified</i>	<i>None Identified</i>
Net	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>

- Describe any assumptions used in preparing this fiscal note:

The Board Bill establishes a Community Development Corporation certification framework to be administered by the St. Louis Development Corporation, including application review, certification determinations, renewals, annual compliance certifications, appeals, maintenance of a public registry, and related administrative activities.

The Board Bill does not identify anticipated application volume, staffing requirements, implementation costs, technology needs, or whether existing personnel and appropriations are sufficient to administer the program. As a result, the fiscal impact cannot be reasonably quantified from the Board Bill language.

- List any sources of information (including any City officials, agencies, or departments) used in preparing this fiscal note:

Board Bill 41.

- Have the financial estimates of this bill been verified by the City Budget Division?
_____ Yes X No
- If yes, by whom? _____.