



Agenda
Legislation & Rules Committee
Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Tuesday, June 24, 2025 - 2:00 PM
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

None

IV. Board Bills for Review

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

Board Bill Number 5

Introduced by Michael Browning, Rasheen Aldridge

An ordinance changing the filing fee of citywide elected offices, including mayor, comptroller, and President of the Board of Aldermen, to two hundred and fifty dollars and changing the filing fee for Aldermen to one hundred dollars.

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

None

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

VIII. Announcements

IX. Excused Members

X. Adjournment

Summary
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Introduced by Alderman Michael Browning
April 25, 2025

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BOARD BILL NUMBER 5 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MICHAEL BROWNING

1 An ordinance pertaining to the filing fee of city elected offices including mayor, comptroller,
2 President of the Board of Aldermen, and Aldermen. Containing definitions and a severability
3 clause.

4 **WHEREAS**, since the city moved to non-partisan approval voting, the filing fee for those who
5 run for office goes to general revenue instead of the political party; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the current elected filing fee is 1% of the office’s salary, and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 2023, the Board of Aldermen reduced from 28 seats down to 14, and an
8 Alderman’s salary doubled, making the filing fee over seven hundred dollars; and

9 **WHEREAS**, those running for city elected offices pay a higher filing fee than those running for
10 statewide office and Missouri Senators; and

11 **WHEREAS**, filing fees for state positions in the St. Louis City government are \$100, which is
12 far lower than filing fees for Aldermen, Comptroller, and Mayor; and

13 **WHEREAS**, cost should not be a limiting factor in a person’s ability to file to run for an elected
14 office; and

15 **WHEREAS**, there are a number of other requirements to file to run for office, including the
16 collection of signatures.

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

18 **SECTION ONE. Definitions**

19 The following terms shall have the meaning herein prescribed unless otherwise expressly stated
20 in this ordinance:

- 21 a. “City” shall mean the City of St. Louis.

1 b. “Citywide Elected Office” shall mean the citywide positions outlined in the city charter,
2 currently including the Mayor, Comptroller, and President of the Board of Aldermen.

3 **SECTION TWO. Amended Code**

4 Chapter 2.08 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis is hereby amended by repealing
5 Sections 2.08.060 and 2.08.070 of said Chapter and enacting in lieu thereof a new section to be
6 known as Section 2.08.060 of Chapter 2.08 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis. Which
7 the new section shall be read as follows:

8 2.08.060. Candidate Payment.

9 Each candidate previous to filing declaration papers as prescribed by Section 2.08.050
10 shall pay to the treasurer of the city, for citywide elected office’s two hundred and fifty dollars
11 (\$250) and for aldermen one hundred dollars (\$100), take a receipt therefor, and file such receipt
12 with and at the same time he/she files his/her declaration papers. The sum of money, so paid,
13 shall go into the general revenue fund of the City.

14 **SECTION SIX. Severability**

15 If any term, condition, or provision of this Ordinance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or
16 unenforceable, the remainder hereof shall be valid in all other respects and continue to be
17 effective and each and every remaining provision hereof shall be valid and shall be enforced to
18 the fullest extent permitted by law, it being the intent of the Board of Aldermen that it would
19 have enacted this Ordinance without the invalid or unenforceable provisions. In the event of a
20 further subsequent change in applicable law that renders valid a provision of the Ordinance that
21 was previously held to be invalid or unenforceable, said provision shall thereupon be restored to

- 1 its full effect, be capable of enforcement without further action by the City, and shall thereafter
- 2 again be binding.

BOARD BILL NUMBER 5

FISCAL NOTE

Preparer’s Name: Ryan Coleman

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Bill Sponsor: Alderman Michael Browning

Bill Synopsis:	An ordinance pertaining to the filing fee of city elected offices including mayor, comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Aldermen. Reduces fee from 1% of the elected position salary to a flat \$100 for candidates of Aldermanic elections and to a flat \$250 for candidates of citywide Mayoral, Board of Aldermen President, and Comptroller elections.
Type of Impact:	The proposal will reduce the amount of funds currently going to the General Revenue Fund during municipal election years. The reduction is projected to be well under \$15,000 in FY2027 (FY2026 is not a municipal election year), but perhaps up to \$16,000-\$17,000 in FY2029, when the two highest-paid offices—mayor and comptroller — will be up for reelection again.
Agencies Affected:	Board of Election Commissioners

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? ___ 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

Table 1

No.	Candidate	2025	2026	No.	Candidate	2027	2028
1	Mayor	\$139,854	NA	1	Pres BOA	\$96,304	NA
2	Mayor Challenger 1	139,854	NA	2	PBOA Challenger 1	96,304	NA
3	Mayor Challenger 2	139,854	NA	3	PBOA Challenger 2	96,304	NA
4	Mayor Challenger 3	139,854	NA	4	PBOA Challenger 3	96,304	NA
5	Comptroller	119,002	NA	5	Ward 2	72,000	NA
6	Comptroller Challenger 1	119,002	NA	6	Ward 2 Challenger	72,000	NA
7	Comptroller Challenger 2	119,002	NA	7	Ward 4	72,000	NA
8	Ward 1	72,000	NA	8	Ward 4 Challenger 1	72,000	NA
9	Ward 1 Challenger	72,000	NA	9	Ward 4 Challenger 2	72,000	NA
10	Ward 3	72,000	NA	10	Ward 6	72,000	NA
11	Ward 3 Challenger 1	72,000	NA	11	Ward 8	72,000	NA
12	Ward 3 Challenger 2	72,000	NA	12	Ward 8 Challenger	72,000	NA
13	Ward 5	72,000	NA	13	Ward 10	72,000	NA
14	Ward 7	72,000	NA	14	Ward 12	72,000	NA
15	Ward 7 Challenger	72,000	NA	15	Ward 12 Challenger 1	72,000	NA
16	Ward 9	72,000	NA	16	Ward 12 Challenger 2	72,000	NA
17	Ward 11	72,000	NA	17	Ward 14	72,000	NA
18	Ward 11 Challenger 1	72,000			Total	\$1,321,216	
19	Ward 11 Challenger 2	72,000					
20	Ward 13	72,000					
	Total	\$1,852,422					
	Filing Fees @1%	\$18,524			Filing Fees @1%	\$13,212	
	Filing Fees @ \$250/\$100 each	\$3,050			Filing Fees @ \$250/\$100 each	\$2,300	
	Difference (If In Effect in FY25)	\$15,474			Difference in FY2027 (est.)	\$10,912	

Please see Table 1.

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

Civil Service Compensation Plan and Pay Bill (Ordinance #71687, 2023).

The 2025 Candidate Filing list was obtained from the Board of Election (BOE) Commissioners website on the final day of filing (1/2/2025).

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