Agenda
Budget & Public Employees Committee Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Wednesday, December 10, 2025 - 10:00 AM
Kennedy Room

President Megan Green
Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, Chair
Alderman Michael Browning, Vice Chair
Committee Members:
Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier
Alderwoman Daniela Velazquez
Alderman Matt Devoti

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Wednesday, December 3, 2025, committee meeting.

IV. Board Bills for Review

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

Board Bill Number 106
Introduced by President Megan E. Green, Rasheen Aldridge
An ordinance calling and providing for the holding of an election in the City of St. Louis on April 7, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposal to reauthorize a one half of one percent sales tax on all retail sales made in the City of St. Louis which are subject to taxation under Chapter 144 RSMo. in order to approve the use of said tax for bus rapid transit; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

Board Bill Number 112
Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge
An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making a supplemental appropriation to the Annual Budget Ordinance 71995 for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, amounting to the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($350,000.00), and containing an Emergency Clause.

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

None

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

<u>Discussion Item Number 1</u>
Kwame Building Group

The Kwame Building group will have a presentation for the committee.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

VIII. Announcements

IX. Excused Members

X. Adjournment

Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Regular Committee
Wednesday, December 3, 2025
6:00 PM
Kennedy Room
Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:13p.m.

II. Roll Call

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered their names: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Chair Aldridge and President Green. **5 members were present. A quorum was established.**

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Wednesday, November 19, 2025, committee meeting.

The Chair stated they would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, November 19, 2025, committee meeting.

Ms. Sonnier moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, November 19, 2025, committee meeting.

Seconded by President Green.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to approve the Wednesday, November 19, 2025, committee meeting minutes.

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

The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Chair

Aldridge and President Green. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
None

The following 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

None

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

Budget and Public Employee Committee Meetings:
Chair Aldridge has scheduled the regular committee meeting for Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kennedy Room.
Additionally, please be aware of the 6:00pm meetings concerning the RAMS Settlement Interest Funds, also to be held in the Kennedy Room. The specific dates for these evening meetings will be held in the Kennedy Room at 6:00pm on Thursday, January 8, 2026, Wednesday, January 28, 2026, Wednesday, February 25, 2026, and Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

The Utility Assistance Fair:
Ms. Sonnier announced a Utility Assistance Fair to take place on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, from 10:00am until 3:00pm. The fair will be held at the Child and Family Empowerment Center, located at 4145 Kennerly Ave. St. Louis, MO 63113.

IX. Excused Members

Chair Aldridge excused Mr. Devoti for necessary absence.

X. Adjournment

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

Ms. Sonnier moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Velazquez.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Summary
Board Bill Number 106
Introduced by President Megan E. Green
November 21, 2025

An ordinance calling and providing for the holding of an election in the City of St. Louis on April 7, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposal to reauthorize a one half of one percent sales tax on all retail sales made in the City of St. Louis which are subject to taxation under Chapter 144 RSMo. in order to approve the use of said tax for bus rapid transit; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

BOARD BILL NUMBER 106 INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT MEGAN GREEN

An ordinance calling and providing for the holding of an election in the City of St. Louis on April 7, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposal to reauthorize a one half of one percent sales tax on all retail sales made in the City of St. Louis which are subject to taxation under Chapter 144 RSMo. in order to approve the use of said tax for bus rapid transit; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, in April 2017, more than sixty percent of City voters approved Proposition 1, a one-half cent economic development sales tax dedicated to the following purposes and allocations: (1) North–South MetroLink expansion (60%); (2) neighborhood revitalization (10%); (3) workforce development (10%); (4) public safety initiatives (10%); and (5) infrastructure improvements (10%); and

WHEREAS, the ballot language authorizing Proposition 1 was intentionally drafted with greater specificity than the general language guidance provided under the enabling statute, RSMo 67.1305 which authorizes a sales taxes "for economic development purposes," in order to ensure that voters clearly understood the City's commitment to invest the resulting revenues in the economic development activities described in the board bill, its exhibits, and the ballot language itself. The intent was that these initiatives would help grow existing momentum in the central corridor to neighborhoods north and south; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent and voter will was to accumulate the 60% portion of revenues dedicated to the North-South MetroLink over multiple years to serve as a local match anticipated to be required for securing federal and other external funding necessary for project implementation; and

WHEREAS, in September 2025, continued and rapidly escalating cost projections for the North-South MetroLink expansion, coupled with shifts in the Federal Transit Administration's funding priorities, prompted the Bi-State Development Board of Commissioners to cancel the North-South MetroLink project and authorize a contract to evaluate the feasibility of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) within the same corridor; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of Proposition 1 in 2017, numerous high quality BRT systems have been implemented across the United States, with many more underway, demonstrating that modern BRT is one way to provide reliable, station-based service; and

WHEREAS, to uphold the City's commitment to the voters who approved Proposition 1, it is imperative they be given the opportunity to determine, through a new ballot measure, whether the fund, both the approximately $96 million dollars already collected for North-South MetroLink and future revenues dedicated for that purpose, may be reallocated to also support BRT.

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

SECTION ONE. An election shall be held and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of St. Louis, Missouri on the 7th day of April, 2026, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said City, pursuant to Section 67.1305 RSMo., the proposition as hereinafter set forth. The proposition shall read substantially in words and figures as follows:

Shall the City of St. Louis reauthorize a sales tax at a rate of one half of one percent for economic development purposes including (1) North-South Metrolink or Bus Rapid Transit, (2) neighborhood revitalization, (3) workforce development; (4) public safety, and (5) to upgrade the city's infrastructure, with annual public audits and allow for previously generated tax revenue for transit be used for Bus Rapid Transit or North-South Metrolink?

YES☐

NO ☐

SECTION TWO. The foregoing proposition shall be submitted to qualified voters in the City at an election in said City to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. If the proposition shall receive in its favor the votes of a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon, the tax as set forth within said proposition shall be reauthorized and adopted and become part of the laws of the City of St. Louis on the first day of the second calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the election was held, as provided in Section 67.1305 RSMo. The qualified voters may, at such election, vote a ballot substantially in the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Instructions to voters:

To vote in favor of the proposition submitted upon this ballot, place a cross (X) mark in the square opposite the word "YES"; and, to vote against the said proposition, place a cross (X) mark in the square opposite the word "NO".

PROPOSITION ___

Shall the City of St. Louis reauthorize a sales tax at a rate of one half of one percent for economic development purposes including (1) North-South Metrolink or Bus Rapid Transit, (2) neighborhood revitalization, (3) workforce development; (4) public safety, and (5) to upgrade the city's infrastructure, with annual public audits, and allow for previously generated tax revenue for transit be used for Bus Rapid Transit or North-South Metrolink?

YES☐

NO ☐

SECTION THREE. Notice of the election on such proposition shall be published and said election shall be conducted in the manner provided by law.

SECTION FOUR. The Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis, Missouri shall provide notice of such election, shall provide the ballots or voting machines, or both, shall conduct the election, and shall certify the results of said election, according to the laws regulating such elections.

SECTION FIVE. Immediately upon the passage and approval of this ordinance, the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen shall certify a copy thereof to the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis, Missouri for action and proceedings by said Board in accordance herewith and as required by law.

SECTION SIX. Upon the reauthorization of the tax by the qualified voters of the City, the Economic Development Sales Tax Board established by Ordinance 70435 shall make recommendations to the governing body of the City of St. Louis on uses and expenditures of any funds received from the tax.

SECTION SEVEN. The portion of revenue derived from the tax reauthorized by this Ordinance which is returned to the City of St. Louis pursuant to Section 67.1305 RSMo. shall be deposited in a special trust fund created pursuant to Ordinance No. 70435, known as the Economic Development Tax Trust Fund. All revenue and all interest on such revenue shall be allocated and shall only be expended as allowed in Section 67.1305 RSMo and for the uses set forth herein in **Exhibits I, II, III, IV, V, and VI** pursuant to Section 67.1305 RSMo.

SECTION EIGHT. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Aldermen that each and every part, section and subsection of this Ordinance shall be separate and severable from each and every other part, section and subsection hereof and that the Board of Aldermen intends to adopt each said part, section and subsection separately and independently of any other part, section and subsection. In the event that any part, section or subsection of this Ordinance shall be determined to be or to have been unlawful or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections and subsections shall be and remain in full force and effect, unless the court making such finding shall determine that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accord with the legislative intent.

SECTION NINE. The Board of Aldermen hereby finds and determines that this Ordinance constitutes an "emergency measure" pursuant to Article IV, Section 20 of the City Charter, because this Ordinance calls and provides for an election and vote by the people, and as such, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Mayor as provided in Article IV, Section 20 of the City Charter.

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Exhibit I: Use Summary

The proceeds of the ½ Cent Economic Development Sales Tax are intended for the uses outlined in Table I, in the proportions outlined in Table I. Together, these proposed uses represent a comprehensive approach to economic development which will harness the full catalytic potential of North-South Metrolink or Bus Rapid Transit by pairing it with a strategy that includes innovative approaches to neighborhood and workforce development as well as investments into public safety and infrastructure. Together, these initiatives will help grow existing momentum in the central corridor to neighborhoods north and south.

Table I

Category	% of Proceeds	Additional Detail
Transit	60	Exhibit II
Neighborhood Revitalization	10	Exhibit III
Workforce Development	10	Exhibit IV
Public Safety	10	Exhibit V
Infrastructure	10	Exhibit VI

Board Bill Number 106
Exhibit II: Transit

60% of the proceeds of the ½ Cent Economic Development Sales Tax are intended for transit. These revenues will serve as a dedicated funding stream for the planning, engineering, design, and construction of the North South Metrolink alignment or Bus Rapid Transit.

North-South Metrolink

In 2017, City of St. Louis voters approved a local sales tax increase for a variety of purposes, including the expansion of transit within the City. The North-South Metrolink expansion project proposal was refined in 2018 and in 2021 after various research studies with partners such as East-West Gateway and Metro Transit. The St. Louis MetroLink Green Line was proposed to be a 5.6 mile, 10-station line, which would run along Jefferson Avenue from Cherokee Street to Natural Bridge Road and then west to Grand Avenue in St. Louis City.

Building the North-South Metrolink will be expensive and as of September 2025 was estimated to cost about $1.1 billion dollars to construct.

Bus Rapid Transit

Bus Rapid Transit can provide many of the same benefits of Light Rail at a fraction of the cost. It is expected that a new Locally Preferred Alignment (LPA) specific to BRT will be established in the next 12-15 months, based on public engagement and conceptual design. However, a Bus Rapid Transit system along the proposed Green Line route would cost $400 million to $450 million.

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Exhibit III: ***This exhibit is unchanged from Ordinance 70435 passed in 2017.***

Neighborhood Revitalization

10% of the proceeds of the ½ Cent Economic Development Sales Tax are dedicated to neighborhood revitalization. These revenues are intended to serve as a dedicated funding stream to establish and implement a CDA program substantially in the form described below. The program is inspired by HUD's Choice Neighborhood program, and draws heavily from HUD endorsed best practices in community development.

Program Description

The program is founded on three key principles which underpin HUD's approach to community development:

1. **Targeted, Place Based Investment:** Instead of dividing the revenues up into 2, 3, or 28 separate grants, CDA will award the full award to one neighborhood (or group of contiguous neighborhoods) each year. This approach concentrates the program's impact and ensures that the funds serve to catalyze real change. This is a national best practice.[1] That means, however, that the City must be extremely careful about how neighborhoods are selected - that is why the selection process will be data driven, and ultimately decided by a panel of community development professionals.
2. **Community Engagement:** Outcomes are measurably better when the community drives the planning process – when residents identify the challenges they face, and propose solutions custom built for their neighborhood. That is why CDA will require that the selected area have a prior or existing community engagement process underway. To ensure this does not exclude communities without access to planning funds, CDA will award at least one $50,000 planning grant each year to a community that has demonstrated need, and is committed to engaging in a robust community planning effort. CDA will also require that proposals include a significant analysis of needs, as identified by local residents and stakeholders.
3. **Leverage**: Like many HUD initiatives, the City's program will require that applicants demonstrate the capacity to leverage the city's investment with strong partnerships and additional funding sources. Because of this, CDA will require that applications affecting the built environment result in a 3:1 match, and that all other proposals have a 1:1 match. Funds, if put in the hands of passionate, dedicated people, can leverage extraordinary transformation.

In addition to the above, the following details are essential to the program:

- **Neighborhood/Area Selection:** During the first quarter of each year, CDA will accept proposals from representatives of areas interested in participating in the Targeted Investment Program. CDA will require that the selected area have a prior or existing

[1] See "Targeting Strategies for Neighborhood Development", HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research, as well as HUD's September 21, 2016 CPD notice on Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas.

community engagement process underway. Proposals should be data driven and must include a significant analysis of needs, as identified by local residents and stakeholders. Proposals must also identify priorities that are in line with the City's most recent HUD Consolidated Plan. The selection of the neighborhood will be decided by a panel of community development practitioners/professionals (that are void of conflicts of interest).

- **Bonus Points During Selection Process:** Certain neighborhoods/areas will receive bonus points during the selection process. CDA proposes to provide bonus points for the following: (1) proposals that include neighborhoods within 1/2 a mile of the North/South Metrolink alignment; (2) proposals that include PIER neighborhoods; (3) proposals that include areas located within the Promise Zone; and (4) proposals that include neighborhoods located in HUD approved Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas.
- **Competitive Funding Cycle:** CDA will utilize the established HUD citizen participation and funding process to notify the public and solicit proposals from organizations/entities based on the needs identified during the neighborhood selection process. Proposals will be solicited from non-profit organizations and developers in conjunction with the annual CDBG funding cycle and will be analyzed for eligibility, rated, and then ranked. All proposal raters for the Targeted Investment Program will live or work in the affected service area.
- **Planning Grant:** In order to ensure that communities without ready access to planning funds are not excluded from the program, CDA will award at least one $50,000 planning grant each year to an area that has demonstrated need, and is committed to engaging in a robust community planning effort. Funds will be awarded in conjunction with the CDBG funding cycle to ensure that areas can compete during the next neighborhood selection process.
- **Sustainability:** During the proposal submission process, CDA will require that applicants demonstrate the sustainability of the project. Although CDA will consider funding programs for up to two years, it is expected that programs be sustained for a period of five years.
- **Coordinated City Services**: CDA will work with other City departments to coordinate services within the targeted area. Once a month (for the first two years), CDA will host a coordination meeting with the Neighborhood Improvement Specialists, Building Inspectors, Police and community members to address nuisance code enforcement issues, etc in the target area. In addition, CDA will coordinate with the St. Louis Development Corporation to prioritize the target area for CDBG-funded economic development grant and loan programs.
- **Ongoing Community Engagement:** On a quarterly basis (for the first two years), CDA will hold/attend a community meeting to update residents on the status of programs and activities.
- **Additional CDA Support**: In addition to the enhanced community engagement efforts and coordinated city services, CDA will provide capacity-building workshops for nonprofits serving the targeted area, hold a Resource Fair, and coordinate a community service project in the area during its Community Development Week. Together with the planning funds, this support is intended to create a pipeline that allows neighborhoods to build capacity, undertake robust planning efforts, and realize their vision with grant funds.

- **Compliance and Success Metrics:** All entities funded by the program will be required to report project status and accomplishments on a monthly and annual basis. We expect this program to both encourage communities across the city to embark on long-term, inclusive, planning efforts, and ultimately help turn resident's vision for their neighborhood into a reality.

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Exhibit IV: ***This exhibit is unchanged from Ordinance 70435 passed in 2017.***

Workforce Development

10% of the proceeds of the ½ Cent Economic Development Sales Tax are intended for workforce development. These revenues will allow SLATE to serve more individuals and establish and implement a youth empowerment initiative administered by the Department of Human Services substantially in the form described below.

SLATE Illustrative Budget

The St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment is not currently funded out of the general fund, instead, it relies wholly on federal grant funds. These funds are severely encumbered, and require that SLATE prove that it only serves job ready individuals. As a result, everyone who comes through SLATE's doors must take a 30-minute test to establish their baseline job readiness. The 30% to 40% of individuals who pass must then take a 4-hour ACT Work Key, which grades them on a variety of work skills. Their score determines their eligibility for a variety of SLATE training programs.

While prioritizing scarce resources on those most able to take advantage of them makes sense, the reality is that a broad swath of individuals – those who either can not pass the 30 minute test, or are put off by the prospect of taking a 4 hour test – are currently underserved.

Using 5% of the proceeds of the economic development sales tax - $1 M in year one – to establish a general revenue funding stream will help us address this, and other gaps in SLATE's budget.

- $60,000 – Data Manager
    - The State collects and stores all of SLATE's data about the individuals they serve and their outcomes. Pulling and analyzing this data is a significant challenge for SLATE, and will become more cumbersome as the number of stored variables is set to increase five fold in the next year. A data manager would organize SLATE's data, keep records, and ensure we have the base data off of which to measure progress.
- $140,000 – Outreach centers
    - This line item allows SLATE to hire two additional outreach coordinators. Embedded in communities without ready access to job training, these individuals would be tasked with going out to communities across the city and conducting orientations and intake sessions.
- $50,000 – Training and Certification
    - There is a high, unmet need among individuals who want to level up their work skills. They may have a job, but they could get a better one with a small

investment in additional training and certification - this line item would help meet that need.

- $50,000 – Computers, office machines, and furniture
  - Much of SLATE's job training equipment is in need of updates or replacement.
- 200,000 – Local Match Funds
  - We may currently be missing out on grants which require that applicants provide local match funds – this would allow us to go after these opportunities and bring more public and philanthropic dollars to St. Louis
- $500,000 – Program Expansion
  - The exhaustive and heavily documented process to enter job training programs deters a lot of potentially successful participants. This is especially true of the 4-hour test. Funding program expansion out of unrestricted general revenue funds would allow us to open the programs up to more individuals. SLATE will prioritize expanding programs that have demonstrated success, and which may be able to leverage an expanded city commitment with private or non-profit dollars.

Youth Empowerment

The current pipeline for creating a diverse and qualified workforce in St. Louis is narrow and under-resourced, particularly for younger students and workers (aged 16-24). These youth will benefit significantly from improved soft skills, educational attainment, and training and employment. 5% of the proceeds of the economic development sales tax - $1 M in year one – are intended to be used to create The Youth Empowerment portfolio. These revenues, constrained by the eligible uses of economic development sales tax revenues, will be used to fund the administration of the program by the Department of Human Services, and the evaluation of applications by non-profit partners with experience and expertise evaluating similar programs.

This program will award funds on a competitive basis for summer youth employment, recreation programs, scholarship programs and other educational supports for City youth pursuing vocational, technical, and secondary education.

- Summer job programs provide resume building skills, knowledge of workplaces, financial literacy and income to bring more young people into the workforce.
- Summer programming – like programs held at City Recreation Centers – can help keep young people connected to adults, learn soft skills and conflict management, and steer clear of potential criminal involvement which may impact their ability to secure gainful employment in the future.
- Scholarship programs, and other educational supports, provide young people with a more secure educational experience by reducing the burden of debt and making additional education a more attractive and attainable option for our poorest young people.

The final selection of award recipients will be conducted by a committee made up of:

- One Representative of the Board of Aldermen
- One Representative of the St. Louis Public School District
- Director of SLATE
- Director of Community Development Administration
- Director of Human Services

Board Bill Number 106
Exhibit V: ***This exhibit is unchanged from Ordinance 70435 passed in 2017.***

Public Safety

10% of the proceeds of the ½ Cent Economic Development Sales Tax are intended for public safety. These revenues will serve as a dedicated funding stream that allows the city to invest further in public safety infrastructure.

Board Bill Number 106
Exhibit VI: ***This exhibit is unchanged from Ordinance 70435 passed in 2017.***

Infrastructure

10% of the proceeds of the ½ Cent Economic Development Sales Tax are intended for infrastructure. These revenues will serve as a funding stream that allows the city to purchase and repair operational equipment and address the needs of city facilities. These priorities will be determined by the city's capital committee.

Our city's infrastructure was built to sustain 850,000 residents. Unfortunately, our current tax base cannot keep up with the maintenance cost. We have significant needs, ranging from our roads and bridges, to city buildings, vehicles, and equipment. While not nearly enough to meet all of the city's needs, these revenues represent an important resource that will help us address some of the city's most critical challenges.

Though it would be possible to bond out the revenue stream for a $30-40 Million lump sum, it is not clear that this is the optimal course of action – particularly given current high interest rates. Instead, it makes sense to dedicate this revenue to augmenting our annual capital budget. The ultimate allocation of these infrastructure funds will be determined through the budgeting process, which includes the input of the capital committee, and will be constrained by the eligible uses of economic development sales tax revenues."

Summary
Board Bill Number 112
Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge
December 5, 2025

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making a supplemental appropriation to the Annual Budget Ordinance 71995 for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, amounting to the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($350,000.00), and containing an Emergency Clause.

BOARD BILL NUMBER 112 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN RASHEEN ALDRIDGE

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making a supplemental appropriation to the Annual Budget Ordinance 71995 for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, amounting to the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($350,000.00), and containing an Emergency Clause.

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget Ordinance 71995 was approved on June 13, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of St. Louis, Article XVI, Section 6, authorizes supp le mental appropriations when any accruing, unappropriated City revenue is available and when the Board of Estimate and Apportionment recommends the same; and

WHEREAS, funds have accumulated in the Equitable Relief from Utility Tax Fund.

Therefore;

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

SECTION ONE. There is hereby appropriated and set apart the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($350,000.00) from the Equitable Relief from Utility Tax Fund to provide assistance to low-income residents of the City of St. Louis in the payment of their electric and gas utility bills for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION TWO. Funds appropriated by this ordinance may be expended up to the amount of appropriation subject only to the availability of revenues accruing to the Equitable Relief from Utility Tax Fund.

SECTION THREE. Emergency Clause.

This being an Ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and

20 or Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.