

BOARD BILL NUMBER ____ INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN MEGAN GREEN

1 An ordinance calling for the submission to the
2 qualified voters of the City of St. Louis of a proposal to
3 authorize the City to enter into an agreement with the Regional
4 Convention and Sports Complex Authority for the purpose of
5 providing financial assistance in connection with the
6 construction and operation of a new sports and entertainment
7 facility to be located within the City of St. Louis; providing
8 that upon approval by the voters of such proposition, the City
9 Comptroller shall thereafter be authorized to execute such
10 agreement on behalf of the City of St. Louis; and containing an
11 emergency clause.

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

13 **SECTION ONE. DEFINITIONS**

14 A. "City" means the City of St. Louis and every department,
15 agency, commission, entity or corporation of, belonging to,
16 created by, authorized by, or affiliated with the City of
17 St. Louis. For example, "City" includes the Treasurer, the
18 Comptroller, the Community Development Agency, the Planned
19 Industrial Expansion Authority, and the Convention and
20 Tourism Bureau.

21 B. "Development" means any aspect of development,
22 including without limitation design, construction,

1 operation, maintenance, financing, and site preparation.

2 C. "Financial assistance" means any City assistance of
3 value, direct or indirect, whether or not channeled through
4 an intermediary entity, including, but not limited to, tax
5 reduction, exemption, credit, or guarantee against or
6 deferral of increase; dedication of tax or other revenues;
7 tax increment financing; issuance, authorization,
8 reissuance, extension or guarantee of bonds; purchase or
9 procurement of land or site preparation; loans or loan
10 guarantees; sale or donation or loan of any City resource
11 or service; deferral, payment, assumption or guarantee of
12 obligations, and all other forms of assistance of value.

13 D. "Governing body" means the entity which, or official
14 who, proposes to take action to provide financial
15 assistance to the development of a professional sports
16 facility. For example, "governing body" includes the Board
17 of Aldermen, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the
18 Treasurer, the Comptroller, the Director of the Community
19 Development Agency, and the Board of Commissioners of the
20 Planned Industrial Expansion Authority.

21 E. "Professional sports facility" means any construction,
22 building or improvement to real estate intended to
23 accommodate regularly scheduled games of a professional

1 sports team, provided that the term shall not include any
2 such facility which is in existence and accommodating such
3 games on the date of enactment of the ordinance codified in
4 this chapter.

5 F. "Site preparation" means any work of any kind at or
6 related to the site of a professional sports facility,
7 including without limitation infrastructure such as roads,
8 streets, parking, sewer lines, water lines and electric and
9 gas facilities.

10 The following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified
11 voters of the City of St. Louis:

12 Shall the City of St. Louis be authorized to enter
13 into an agreement with the Regional Convention and Sports
14 Complex Authority for the purpose of providing financial
15 assistance in connection with the construction and/or operation
16 of a new sports and entertainment facility to be located within
17 the City of St. Louis?

18 **SECTION TWO.** Said proposition shall be submitted to
19 the voters of the City of St. Louis at the March 15, 2016
20 election. The Board of Aldermen shall submit the ballot measure
21 to the St. Louis Board of Elections to submit to the qualified
22 voters of the City of St. Louis no later than January 5, 2016.
23 Prior to such public vote, the Comptroller shall prepare a

1 fiscal note to be provided to the Board of Aldermen and the
2 public which states the total estimated cost of any new sports
3 and entertainment facility, and the estimated cost of any
4 proposed financial assistance from the City, no later than
5 January 1, 2016. The Board of Aldermen shall submit said fiscal
6 note to the St. Louis Board of Elections to be included with the
7 ballot measure language no later than January 5, 2016. A public
8 hearing on such financial assistance shall be held no later than
9 February 29, 2016.

10 **SECTION THREE.** Upon the approval of such proposition
11 by the qualified voters of the City, the Comptroller shall be
12 authorized to execute such agreement with the Regional
13 Convention and Sports Complex Authority on behalf of the City.
14 The City shall not provide any type of financial assistance in
15 connection with the construction and/or operation of a new
16 sports and entertainment facility to be located within the City
17 unless and until the Comptroller has executed an agreement with
18 the Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority as
19 authorized in this Section.

20 **SECTION FOUR.** Emergency Clause. This being an
21 ordinance calling or providing for an election or vote by or
22 submission to the people, it is therefor an emergency measure
23 within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the

1 Charter of the City of St. Louis and shall become effective
2 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

3 **SECTION FIVE.** Severability Provision.

4 The provisions of this ordinance are severable. In the event any
5 provision of this ordinance is determined to be invalid, the
6 remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

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