

BILL NO. 265, 2016

ORDINANCE NO. 26,578, 2016

Introduced by Councilmember O'Mara

**AN ORDINANCE**

CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS ON THE FOURTH DAY OF APRIL, 2017, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY A PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE A COUNTY-WIDE SALES TAX OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER SALES TAXES PRESENTLY LEVIED; AND IMPOSING SAID SALES TAX CONDITIONAL UPON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. In addition to all other sales taxes presently levied, and conditional upon approval of the proposition set out in Section 3 at the election called pursuant to Section 2, a sales tax is hereby imposed pursuant to Section 67.547 R.S.Mo. upon all sales in St. Louis County that are subject to taxation under Sections 144.010 to 144.525 R.S.Mo., for the purpose of providing funds to improve police and public safety. This tax is in addition to any and all other sales tax allowed by law. Revenues from this sales tax shall be used as follows: an amount equal to three-eighths of the proceeds of the tax shall be distributed to the County and the remaining five-eighths shall be distributed to the cities, towns and villages and the unincorporated area of the County according to the percentage of their population relative to the entire County.

SECTION 2. An election shall be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the County of St. Louis on the fourth day of April, 2017, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of St. Louis County for adoption or rejection a proposal to allow St. Louis County to impose a county-wide tax of one-half of one percent as set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. The following question is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of St. Louis County and shall be voted upon at an election to be held as hereinbefore provided. The question shall be in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION P

Shall St. Louis County impose a one-half of one percent sales tax for the purpose of providing funds to improve police and public safety in St. Louis County and each of the municipalities within St. Louis County?

YES

NO

SECTION 4. The Administrative Director shall, within ten days of the adoption of this ordinance, forward a certified copy thereof to the Missouri Director of Revenue by United States registered or certified mail. The Administrative Director shall further certify the enactment of this ordinance to the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County, and shall give notice of the election in the manner provided by Section 115.125 R.S.Mo.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be effective on the date it is approved by the County Executive.

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ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 29, 2016 MICHAEL E. O'MARA  
CHAIRMAN, COUNTY COUNCIL

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 30, 2016 STEVEN V. STENGER  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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