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### **FLORISSANT VOTERS PASS ALL THREE PROPOSITIONS ON APRIL 5 BALLOT**

Voters in Florissant overwhelmingly passed Propositions B. A. R. on the Tuesday, April 5 ballot, with at 62-70 percent voting in favor of each issue.

**Proposition B** allows Florissant to continue collecting a sales tax on motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outdoor motors bought from sources other than licensed Missouri dealers. The passage puts Missouri Automobile Dealers on a level playing field with out of state dealers and benefits all Missouri Municipalities. Propositions B and the equivalent were passed by every municipality in St. Louis and St. Louis County with help from the Auto Dealer Association and dealers like John Londoff who used some of his live air time on KTRS Radio to promote passage. Mayor Schneider was very involved in encouraging most Municipalities to use a common letter for mutual visibility and in coordinating efforts with the Auto Dealers.

**Proposition A** was an ordinance calling for an annual registration fee of \$200 to be paid by the owner of any residential structure in Florissant which has been vacant for at least six months. There are five (5) exceptions to this, including owners who are selling a house, are away on military duty, are 'snow birds' who live elsewhere at least six months a year, are victims of fire or weather-related damage or are actively rehabbing a structure.

**Proposition R** passing allows the City of Florissant to increase the fee for a Residential Rental License of \$50 per unit. Florissant had not raised this fee since 1997. Passage of Prop R brings the City's fee more in line with such fees charged in many other municipalities. This will help the City to keep track of rental property owners so as to contact them to ensure that their properties are maintained and any problems are addressed.

"We are delighted that the voters of Florissant passed all three of these ballot measures with overwhelming majorities," said Florissant Mayor Thomas P. Schneider. "Our City Council unanimously recommended passage of all of these propositions in order to increase needed funding for the City's rigorous code enforcement of vacant residential rental units as well as to continue to provide a level playing field for licensed automotive dealers in Missouri." Kudos to Council VP Jackie Pagano and Councilman Tim Jones for the many hours they put in to B.A.R.