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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS CITY SERVICES IN REGARD TO COMPOSTING AND THE NEED FOR COMPOSTING CAPACITY IN NEW CONSTRUCTION AND LARGE BUILDINGS IN BOSTON

WHEREAS, The City of Boston launched a curbside composting program last year with service to 10,000 households, which is expected to scale to 30,000 households by FY25; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council supported investment of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funds in permanent municipal composting infrastructure in order to increase the scale of citywide compost that can be effectively processed; *and*

WHEREAS, The City's current collection program is only able to service buildings with fewer than seven units, which excludes a large number of residential addresses; *and*

WHEREAS, Trash related to large buildings, and especially trash that includes food waste, is a significant factor affecting rodent populations, waste management costs, and overall sanitation challenges in the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, There are currently no consistent requirements for new buildings to provide composting facilities alongside trash and recycling services, yet doing so will be critical to meeting Boston's Zero Waste goals; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's large buildings need to be a partner in the effort to build out composting capacity for the entire City of Boston; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the city's composting efforts in relation to large buildings and possible regulations for new construction, and that representatives from the Public Works Department, the Boston Planning & Development Agency, and the public be invited to testify.

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