

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR FITZGERALD



**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE**  
**HOME RULE PETITION**

**WHEREAS,** Luisa Fernandes is 44 years old, and has been living in Dorchester for over twenty years; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Luisa Fernandes took the civil service exam on March 15th, 2025 and is scheduled to begin orientation Saturday September 20th; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Luisa Fernandes is also fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and Cape Verdean Creole, which will help our police department better serve all residents of our city; *and*

**WHEREAS,** With her ambition for law enforcement and demonstrated skills Luisa has the ability to help our city through her work; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**ORDERED:** That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT RELATIVE TO WAIVE THE  
MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS FOR LUISA  
FERNANDES**

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2007, the City of Boston Police Department shall waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers for Luisa Fernandes. If Luisa Fernandes meets all other requirements set forth by the Boston Police Department, she shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of police officer.

SECTION 2.

The provisions of this act are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full

force and effect.

SECTION 3.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: September 24, 2025