

Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the March 23, 2022 Session

Sixty Day Orders

The following ordinances, appropriations and/or orders recommended by the Mayor for passage by the City Council become effective after the date specified unless previously acted $upon^1$

¹Section 17E of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The mayor from time to time may make to the city council in the form of an ordinance or loan order filed with the city clerk such recommendations as he may deem to be for the welfare of the city. The City Council shall consider each ordinance or loan order so presented and shall either adopt or reject the same within sixty days after the date when it is filed as aforesaid. If such ordinance or loan order is not rejected within sixty days, it shall be in force as if adopted by the city council unless previously withdrawn by the mayor.

In effect after May 2, 2022

Message and order for your approval an Ordinance regarding targeted residential picketing, to protect the quality of residential life in our city. (Docket #0312)

On the Table

Order requesting certain information under section 17F: relative to the COVID-19 vaccination mandate for City of Boston employees. (Docket #0156)

Order requesting certain information under section 17F: relative to to the Best Western Roundhouse Hotel. (Docket #0157)

2 - Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The city council may at any time request from the mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction, and may request his presence to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt of said questions, in which case the mayor shall personally, or through a head of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions. The person so attending shall not be obliged to answer questions relating to any other matter.

³Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:

Every order of the city council approving a petition to the general court pursuant to Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall be presented to the mayor who shall forthwith consider the same, and, within fifteen days of presentation, either approve it, or file with the city council a statement in detail of his reasons for not approving the same, including any objection based on form, on content, or both; provided, that no such order shall be deemed approved or in force unless the mayor affixes his signature thereto.

Matters in Committee

The following matters were previously filed with the City Council and have been referred to a committee. Matters in committee can be brought back before the City Council pursuant to City Council Rule 24. The following *definitions* describe different types of matters in committee:

Ordinances:	Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.
Loan Orders:	Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.
Orders:	Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.
Home Rule Petitions:	Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.
Order for a Hearing:	A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative action of placing it on file.

Legislative Resolution: A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as a whole.

2022 MATTERS IN COMMITTEE

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture, & Special Events	0347	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$266,500.00) in the form of a grant for the FY22 Local Cultural Council Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture. The grant will fund innovation arts, humanities and interpretive sciences programming that enhance the quality of life in our city.	3 /9 /2022		
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0194	Bok	Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding a review of COVID-19 recovery funds.	1 /26/2022	3/4/22	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0265	Baker		An order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant funded through the coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery fund (CLFRF) in the Treasury of the United States established by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury.	2 /9 /2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0196	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding municipal broadband for the City of Boston.	1 /26/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0202	Breadon		Order for a hearing regarding the BCYF Jackson Mann Community Center and services in Allston-Brighton.	1 /26/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0223	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY22 Municipal ADA Improvement Grant Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Office on Disability to be administered by the Commission for Person with Disabilities. The grant will fund the installation of a vertical lift to the third floor mezzanine.	2 /2 /2022	2/10/22	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0241	Bok	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding a supplemental sidewalk clearance program during snowstorms in Boston.	2 /2 /2022		

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City Services & Innovation Technology	0242	Bok	Breadon, Flaherty	Order for a hearing regarding recycling, compost, and waste services in the City of Boston.	2 /2 /2022	3/28/22	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0246	Murphy		Order for a hearing to address the changes to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that the Vaccine Mandate Created.	2 /2 /2022	2/11/22	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0290	Flynn	Mejia, Bok	Order for a hearing to discuss ways for the city to increase communications access for people with disabilities to public-facing televisions.	2 /23/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0292	Breadon		Order for a hearing regarding access to low-cost veterinary care.	2 /23/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0293	Breadon	Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding transparency and publication of the Organization of City Government, the City Charter, and City Ordinances.	2 /23/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0311	Flaherty	Breadon, Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the safety of construction sites in the City of Boston.	2 /23/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0382	Breadon		Order for a hearing on the importance of census and demographic data and the consequences of an undercount.	3 /16/2022		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0197	Mejia		Order for a hearing addressing civil rights in the creation of sanctuary safe spaces in Boston.	1 /26/2022		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0323	Lara		Order for a hearing to discuss restoring municipal voting rights to immigrants with legal status.	3 /2 /2022		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0324	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	3 /2 /2022		

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Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0351	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$36,250.00) in the form of a grant, for the Dialogue to Action, awarded by the Boston Redevelopment Authority to be administered by the Office of Resiliency & Racial Equity. The grant will fund programmatic activities to deepen participants' understanding of racism, in historical and present day forms and foster a sense of agency to change the system through actions at individual, interpersonal or systemic levels.	3 /9 /2022		
Community Preservation Act	0313	Mayor		Message and order for an appropriation order in the amount of Twenty Seven Million Two Hundred and Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Four Dollars (\$27,205,854.00) from Fiscal Year 2022 community preservation fund revenues for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee.	3 /2 /2022		
Education	0198	Mejia		Order for a hearing addressing sexual assault and harassment in Boston Public Schools.	1 /26/2022		
Education	0199	Mejia		Order for a hearing on state receivership for Boston Public Schools.	1 /26/2022		
Education	0201	Breadon		Order for a hearing regarding the Jackson/Mann and Horace Mann BPS school communities.	1 /26/2022		
Education	0261	Flaherty	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss declining enrollment at Boston Public Schools.	2 /9 /2022		
Education	0294	Worrell	Murphy, Flaherty	Order for a hearing regarding a cradle to career tracking system.	2 /23/2022	3/21/22	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency, & Parks	0195	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding a city-level Conservation Corps for Boston.	1 /26/2022	3/29/22	

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Environmental Justice, Resiliency, & Parks	0243	Bok	Breadon, Flaherty	Order for a hearing regarding gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment.	2 /2 /2022		
Government Accountability, Transparency, & Access	0200	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment	1 /26/2022	3/22/22	
Government Operations	0185	Mejia	Bok	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Granting the City of Boston the Authority to Provide Legal Voting Rights in Municipal Elections for City of Boston Residents Aged 16 and 17 Years Old.	1 /26/2022	3/15/22	3/16/22 Remains in committee
Government Operations	0187	Arroyo	Мејіа	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1 /26/2022	4/11/22	3/7/22 Hearing postponed
Government Operations	0188	Arroyo	Mejia	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1 /26/2022	3/31/22	4/8/22 Working Session
Government Operations	0189	Arroyo	Breadon	Ordinance establishing protections for the City of Boston Tree Canopy.	1 /26/2022		
Government Operations	0239	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson, Worrell	An Ordinance Creating a Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans.	2 /2 /2022	3/28/22	
Government Operations	0247	Mejia		Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code to establish formula retail uses.	2 /2 /2022		
Government Operations	0259	Mejia	Arroyo	An ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XV, Section X and establishing the Boston Fair Chance Act.	2 /9 /2022	3/8/22	3/9/22 Remains in committee
Government Operations	0312	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an ordinance regarding targeted residential picketing, to protect the quality of residential life in our city.	3 /2 /2022	3/14/22	3/16/22 Remains in committee, 3/25/22 Working Session

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Government Operations	0321	Edwards		Petition for a Special Law re: Securing environmental justice in the City of Boston.	3 /2 /2022		
Government Operations	0322	Murphy		Home rule petition to address Public Health Reform.	3 /2 /2022		
Housing & Community Development	0190	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding increasing public housing in the City of Boston.	1 /26/2022		
Housing & Community Development	0193	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding reducing barriers to securing rental housing in Boston.	1 /26/2022		
Housing & Community Development	0204	Bok	Breadon, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding homeownership assistance including for first-generation homebuyers.	1 /26/2022		
Housing & Community Development	0244	Breadon	Bok, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to review affirmative marketing practices for re-leasing existing affordable rental units generated by the Inclusionary Development Policy.	2 /2 /2022		
Housing & Community Development	0357	Fernandes Anderson		An Ordinance Amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XV, Section X and Establishing the Boston Fair Chance Act.	3 /9 /2022		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0291	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts.	2 /23/2022	3/15/22	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0296	Louijeune		Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and Boston Residents Jobs Policy.	2 /23/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0191	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding zoning relief for affordable projects.	1 /26/2022		

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Planning, Development & Transportation	0192	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding using planning and land-use tools for public good.	1 /26/2022	3/22/22	3/3/22 Hearing postponed
Planning, Development & Transportation	0314	Mayor		Message and order for you approval an order for a short term extension of nine (9) of the fourteen (14) remaining urban renewal plans in Boston.	3 /2 /2000	3/22/22	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0376	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$492,286.00) in the form of a grant, Accelerating Clean Transportation For All, awarded by Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund the launch of an e-cargo bike delivery pilot, which will include supporting local businesses to join the program.	3 /16/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0381	Edwards		Order for a hearing to discuss the regulation and siting of cannabis establishments in the City of Boston and the Zoning Board of Appeals.	3 /16/2022		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0245	Murphy		Order for a hearing to address the youth mental health crisis in our city.	2 /2 /2022		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0263	Baker	Murphy	Order for a hearing to address the public health declaration of 2020.	2 /9 /2022	2/24/22	2/17/22 Hearing rescheduled
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0353	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Guale Valdez, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 15, 2025.	3 /9 /2022		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0354	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Philomin Laptiste, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 15, 2025.	3 /9 /2022		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0274	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Forty- Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and Ten Cents (\$1,642,723.10) in the form of a grant for, the FY22 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund regional and multi- disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution and reintegration programs.	2 /23/2022		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0348	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$237,500.00) in the form of a grant for the FY22 HazMat Earmark, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund decontamination equipment, vehicle and maintenance expenses for the Hazard Response Team at Boston Fire Department.	3 /9 /2022		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0349	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of grant, for the FY22 COVID-19 SA/DV Trust Fund, awarded by the Department of Public Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two full-time Domestic Violence advocates who will work with social service agency partners at the BPHC Family Justice Center.	3 /9 /2022		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0352	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$28,000.13) in the form of a grant, for the FY21 Violence Against Women Act STOP grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provides services for victims in Jamaica Plain, East Boston and Charlestown.	3 /9 /2022		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0375	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Fifty Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty Six Dollars and Forty Cents (\$555,166.40) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY20 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund safety training and fitness equipment to support officer health and wellness.	3 /16/2022		
Ways & Means	0262	Flaherty		Order for a hearing to discuss offering property tax abatements to property owners in the Newmarket area.	2 /9 /2022		
Ways & Means	0295	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to explore municipal bonds and other fiscal options to increase affordable housing and community investments.	2 /23/2022		
Ways & Means	0400	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss how the City budget is addressing equity.	3 /16/2022		
Whole	0325	Breadon	Flynn	Order for a Committee Meeting to discuss the organization of quasi-public and semi-independent entities related to the City of Boston.	3 /2 /2022		