



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Ways and Means was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #1222, Message received from the Mayor returning the Annual Appropriation and Tax Order for FY2027, (Docket #0733), passed by the City Council on June 10, 2026. I am filing a modified Annual Appropriation and Tax Order.

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and was referred to the Committee on June 17, 2026.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #1222 is a modified annual appropriation and tax order that the Mayor has returned to the Council pursuant to the requirements of the 2021 Charter Amendment regarding the City of Boston budget process. On June 10, 2026, the Council passed an amended tax order that included \$10,365,000 in inter-departmental amendments, \$550,000 in intra-departmental amendments that the Administration has already agreed to implement, and \$605,000 in other recommendation amendments. These amendments included investments towards community grant programs, youth jobs, housing access and vouchers, and general support for City Departments.

This modified annual appropriation and tax order reflects all the increases and decreases passed by the Council at its June 10, 2026 meeting with one modification. The modification restores the \$1.4M reduction in Boston Transportation Department (BTD) Personnel and balances said restoration with a \$1.4M reduction in BTD Contractual. In effect, the reduction was switched from BTD Personnel to BTD Contractual, but all increases associated with the BTD Personnel reduction were kept in the returned modified tax order.

The Mayor stated to absorb this cut, the department will seek to amend contract payment schedules, extend timelines, and adjust service levels.

Pursuant to the Charter, following a Mayor's return and modification of the Council's amended budget, the Council may choose to override the modification or not. If an override does not occur or is unsuccessful, the modified annual appropriation and tax order will go into effect.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, I am not recommending any further action.

Benjamin J. Weber, Chair
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