

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BRIAN WORRELL, MINIARD CULPEPPER, BREADON, DURKAN, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, LOUIJEUNE, MEJIA, MURPHY, AND WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXAMINE FY26
SNOW AND WINTER MANAGEMENT COSTS**

WHEREAS, The city spent more than \$28 million through Jan. 31, 2026, for snow and winter management despite only one of the year's two major snowstorms hitting by then; *and*

WHEREAS, During the past decade, \$28.5 million was the most the city spent on snow and winter management for an entire season, including \$28.1 million in 2017-18 when 59.9 inches of snow fell, and \$28.5 million in 2021-22 when 51.1 inches of snow fell; *and*

WHEREAS, The snow removal budget in February in March have yet to be released, and will include one more major snowstorm; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's snow removal costs are out of line with other similar years for snow total and fueled an expected deficit in FY26; *and*

WHEREAS, The costs, strategies, and efficiency of snow and winter management in Boston must be examined in order to optimize savings and effectiveness beyond the status quo; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing about FY26 snow and winter management, and that the Public Works and Finance Department and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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