

**OFFERED BY COUNCILORS MINIARD CULPEPPER, EDWARD M. FLYNN,
AND ERIN J. MURPHY**



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO
SUSPEND THE GAS TAX**

WHEREAS, As of March 30, 2026, the average price of a gallon of gas in Boston is \$3.93; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts imposes a state gas tax of 24 cents per gallon, in addition to the federal gas tax of 18 cents per gallon, increasing the total cost burden on residents; *and*

WHEREAS, Rising gas prices, driven in part by global conflicts and market instability, have significantly increased the cost of living for residents across Massachusetts; *and*

WHEREAS, Working-class families, who disproportionately rely on personal vehicles for commuting to work, childcare, and essential services, are particularly impacted by rising fuel costs; *and*

WHEREAS, Communities of color and economically disadvantaged communities often face longer commutes and fewer public transportation options, further exacerbating the financial strain caused by high gas prices; *and*

WHEREAS, Other states, including Connecticut and Georgia, have temporarily suspended their gas tax to provide immediate relief to residents during periods of high fuel costs; *and*

WHEREAS, Suspending the gas tax, even on a temporary basis, would provide meaningful and immediate financial relief to Massachusetts residents struggling with the rising costs of gas, groceries, and other essential goods; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council urges Governor Maura Healey to immediately suspend the state gas tax on a temporary basis to provide direct economic relief to residents of the Commonwealth, particularly working-class families and communities of color most impacted by rising fuel costs and directs that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of Governor Maura Healey, the Massachusetts State Legislature, and all members of the Boston delegation to the General Court.

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