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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS CONTRACTOR PARKING REGULATIONS, PERMITTING, AND ENFORCEMENT IN BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is experiencing ongoing challenges related to contractor parking, including unauthorized use of residential spaces, expired permits, and improper use of temporary 24-hour parking signs; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Current regulations under the Boston Municipal Code require contractors to obtain permits for occupying public spaces, including street parking and sidewalk access, yet enforcement remains inconsistent across neighborhoods; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Many contractors use temporary “No Parking” signage to reserve spaces for dumpsters or vehicles, but these signs are often misused or not renewed properly, leading to confusion and frustration among residents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Neighboring municipalities have implemented structured contractor parking policies, including designated contractor zones, time-limited permits, and fee-based structures that ensure fair usage of public spaces; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The lack of clear and enforceable contractor parking regulations disproportionately impacts residents, small businesses, and other stakeholders who rely on limited parking availability; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A thorough review of contractor parking policies—including potential reforms such as stricter enforcement, increased fines for misuse, clearer regulations on temporary signage, and potential revenue-generating mechanisms—would enhance the efficiency and fairness of Boston’s parking system; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED,** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine contractor parking regulations, permitting processes, and enforcement measures, with testimony from representatives of the Boston Transportation Department, Public Works Department, Code Enforcement, neighborhood leaders, and other relevant stakeholders to explore solutions that ensure fair access to public parking and improve accountability.

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