



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER OF COUNCILORS ERIN MURPHY & ED FLYNN

ORDERED: That under the provisions of Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, Her Honor, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, the following information:

Information regarding the City of Boston's efforts to address drink spiking and drug-facilitated sexual assault in nightlife establishments, including safety training programs, prevention initiatives, communications with licensed venues, and the status of records maintained by the City regarding these efforts.

This request follows testimony provided at a Boston City Council hearing on drink spiking and nightlife safety, as well as concerns raised by Boston residents and advocates seeking transparency regarding the City's prevention efforts, training programs, and public safety initiatives related to these incidents.

Specifically, the Council requests:

The current status of the public records request submitted to the City of Boston on August 21, 2025 regarding the City's efforts to address drink spiking and improve safety in nightlife establishments, including the anticipated timeline for completion and the departments responsible for responding to that request.

A description of all actions, initiatives, or meetings undertaken by the Office of Nightlife Economy, the Boston Licensing Board, the Boston Police Department, the Boston Public Health Commission, or any other City department since August 2022 related to drink spiking prevention or drug-facilitated sexual assault in nightlife establishments.

Copies of any meeting agendas, notes, presentations, memoranda, or recommendations produced by the Office of Nightlife Economy since its creation in 2023 related to drink spiking prevention or nightlife safety.

Copies of communications between the City of Boston and bars, nightclubs, restaurants, or other licensed venues regarding drink spiking prevention, drink safety covers, or other measures intended to prevent drink spiking.

Copies of communications among City employees or departments regarding drink safety covers or other drink-spiking prevention tools.

Information regarding any drink safety cover programs implemented by the City of Boston, including:

- the number of drink covers purchased, ordered, or received,

- the number currently in the custody or control of the City,
- the number distributed to venues,
- the venues receiving them,
- and the dates of distribution.

Information regarding any communications between the City of Boston and manufacturers or distributors of drink safety covers or related prevention tools.

Information regarding requests from bars, nightclubs, or restaurants seeking drink safety covers or similar safety tools from the City.

A description of all safety training programs provided by the City of Boston to bars, restaurants, nightclubs, or other licensed establishments related to drink spiking prevention, nightlife safety, or drug-facilitated sexual assault.

Information regarding any additional safety trainings offered to nightlife establishments on related topics including naloxone administration, de-escalation training, CPR training, “Stop the Bleed” training, or identifying fake identification.

The number of training sessions conducted by the City since August 2022 related to these topics.

The dates, locations, trainers, and number of attendees for each training session conducted.

Copies of training materials, presentations, advisories, or guidance documents provided to nightlife establishments related to drink spiking prevention or nightlife safety.

Records sufficient to show when the City’s drink spiking advisory document was first published online and whether any revisions have been made since its publication.

Copies of the most recent version of the City’s “Best Practices in Public Safety for Nightclubs and Licensed Premises,” including any updates, revisions, or draft versions created since the 2019 version was published.

Information regarding inquiries received by the City regarding the “Wake Up the Night” grant program between January 1, 2024 and May 28, 2024.

Information regarding all grants awarded by the Office of Nightlife Economy, including recipients and grant amounts.

Requesting that the Mayor’s Office of Nightlife Economy, the Boston Licensing Board, the Boston Police Department, the Boston Public Health Commission, and the City of Boston Public Records Department provide any and all information available regarding this matter, including summary tables and electronically usable data where possible.

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