

**OFFERED BY COUNCILORS EDWARD M. FLYNN, BRIAN WORRELL, MINIARD CULPEPPER, BREADON, FITZGERALD, LOUIJEUNE, AND MURPHY**



## **CITY OF BOSTON**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX**

### **ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2025 BOSTON FIREARM TRAFFICKING REPORT**

**WHEREAS,** Gun violence is a leading cause of death and injuries in this country, causing harm to not only the individual, but also to communities that experience gun violence in their neighborhoods; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In October of 2022, the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution declaring gun violence as a public health emergency. In November of 2023, the Boston City Council approved an ordinance requiring the Boston Police Department to study the trafficking of illegal firearms and publish a report every year on their findings; *and*

**WHEREAS,** According to Boston Police Crime Stats, from January 1, 2025 to December 28, 2025, there were 122 shooting victims; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Gun trafficking and illegal flow of firearms is a major contributor to gun violence, with the Boston Police recovering 819 total illegal firearms in 2025, down from 901 in 2024. There were 470 arrests for firearm related charges in 2025. 73 of the arrests were juveniles, an increase of 13% compared to 2024; *and*

**WHEREAS,** With growing concerns relating to “ghost guns,” an illegal firearm that is either not registered, or made from a 3D printer, it is critical that the Boston Police Department continue to collect data to help law enforcement and policymakers better understand the impact of illegal gun trafficking. According to the report, 54 crime guns recovered were privately manufactured, or “ghost guns”; *and*

**WHEREAS,** With ongoing concerns relating to gun violence in the Boston area, including a shooting at a hotel near TD Garden, a shooting on Memorial Drive in Cambridge involving a rifle, and a shooting leaving one person dead on Bowdoin Street, it is critical that the Boston City Council closely evaluates last year’s illegal firearm trafficking report to reduce gun violence in Boston; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the 2025 Boston Firearm Report. Representatives from the Boston Police Department shall be invited to testify.

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