

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BENJAMIN J. WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

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HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS, Constantinos “Charlie” Papadopoulos is a 42-year-old resident of West Roxbury who has lived in the community with his wife and children since 2008; *and*

WHEREAS, Papadopoulos was raised nearby in the neighborhood of Riverdale in Dedham that borders West Roxbury; *and*

WHEREAS, Papadopoulos has always wanted to be an active member of his community through service as a police officer but pursued other opportunities in life; *and*

WHEREAS, Papadopoulos currently serves his community in West Roxbury through employment with the United States Postal Service; *and*

WHEREAS, Papadopoulos has also worked in the community by operating his family’s restaurant business, Ideal Cafe & Pizza in Jamaica Plain; *and*

WHEREAS, Papadopoulos holds a Bachelors Degree from Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island and is fluent in Greek and conversational in Spanish; *and*

WHEREAS, Papadopoulos has communicated with Boston Police Department seeking to take the civil service exam in the fall of 2025 or spring of 2026, but requires an age-waiver; *and*

WHEREAS, Papadopoulos is a qualified candidate who is capable of serving his community by working in law enforcement; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston has an age limit of 40 years old for new officers, but the force is currently below minimum staffing requirements and in need of officers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:
AN ACT DIRECTING THE CITY OF BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE
THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS FOR
CONSTANTINOS PAPADOPOULOS**

Section 1.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2007, the City of Boston Police Department shall waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers for Constantinos Papadopoulos. If Constantinos Papadopoulos meets all other requirements set forth by the Boston Police Department, he shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of police officer.

Section 2.

The provisions of this act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Filed on: June 4, 2025