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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS ENFORCEMENT OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL VIOLATIONS IN BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is responsible for enforcing the registration and other requirements for short-term rental properties; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The management of short-term rental properties affects the conditions of the neighborhoods and residents' quality of life; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston has to oversee over 1000 short-term rental properties, and data from AnalyzeBoston reveals that many of these properties are repeat offenders for code violations including improper trash storage; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Code violations often go unpaid and rarely impact a property's ability to renew the license; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Improper disposal of trash and refuse increases the rodent population, pollutes our neighborhoods and local waterways, and negatively affects the neighborhood economy; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Short-term rentals add to the options available to tourists and those visiting the City, but non-compliant rentals disadvantage rule-following, licensed hotels and those that carry out the functions of hotel services at their properties; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Current rules allow for short-term commercial and hospital contracts to operate without registering as a short-term rental, exemptions which complicate the regulation of short-term stays given the lack of clarity around the verification of commercial/hospital bookings; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss options for the improvement and enforcement of Short-Term Rental Property rules and regulations, and that representatives from the Public Works Department, Inspectional Services Department, Office of Neighborhood Services, and the public be invited to testify.