



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

1819 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$816,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Electric Blue Bikes Adoption grant, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation, passed through the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, to be administered by the Policy and Planning Division in the Boston Transportation Department (BTD). The grant will fund the introduction of electric-assist bikes (e-bikes) into the City of Boston's publicly owned and managed Blue Bike share system.

1820 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in the form of a grant for the BHCCI Connect, Learn & Explore Grant, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund the Boston Healthy Child Care Initiative and the Office of Early Childhood's Connect, Learn and Explore Initiative.

[1821](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Mayor's Civic Summit, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Office of Civic Organizing. The grant will fund the support costs of the Mayor's Inaugural Civic Summit.

[1822](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend an in-kind donation of food and event space, valued at Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), donated by Boston University. The purpose of this donation is to support the inaugural Mayor's Civic Summit, which will occur on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at Boston University. The Mayor's Civic Summit will train and connect 200 Boston residents across neighborhoods in skill-based workshops, panels, and networking activities focused on leadership, fundraising, and communication, among other topics.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

[1823](#) Communication was received from Maureen Joyce, City Auditor; transmitting reports listing transfers made solely for the purpose of closing accounts for Fiscal Year 2023.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

[0137](#) The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on January 11, 2023, Docket #0137, Ordinance Establishing Protections for the City of Boston Tree Canopy, submits a report recommending that the Ordinance ought to pass in a new draft.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

[1701](#) Message and order authorization the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,358,100.00) in the form of a grant for the FY22 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Operation and Safety, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment / bailout systems and the training required to use this PPE safely, as well as fund cancer and cardiac screening programs to provide early clinical detection of members.

- 1704** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 COPS Accreditation Project, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund accreditation process through the purchase of PowerDMS to document objective evidence of CALEA and MPAC requirements.
- 1705** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$47,890.47) in the form of a grant, for the FY22 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (FP&S), awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the purchase of an evidence management system and necessary supporting items and provide one-time training to personnel of the Fire Investigation Unit on the use of system.
- 1749** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) in the form of grant for the FY23 COPS CD Micro-Grant-Community Policing Development, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund Building Trust and Legitimacy with Community Building. With COPS Community Development Micro funding, the Boston Police Department will hire two full time BRIC Data Analysts to work with the Bureau of Field Services, and the 11 District Captains and Community Service Offices; the Bureau of Community Engagement to help connect with an even wider range of community partners; other Bureaus that will add data and information to the Community CompStat meetings; and the Office of Research and Development's civilian HUB Program Coordinator, who operates 6 District HUB Table convening per week throughout the neighborhoods of Boston.

1796 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirteen Million Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$13,317,200.00) in the form of a grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the MA. Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management. The grant will fund planning, exercise, trainings, and operational needs, that will help prevent, respond to and recover from threats of acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents.

0160 Order for a hearing regarding the supplemental sidewalk clearance program during snowstorms in Boston.

1578 Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$145,545.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for FY24 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston Public Schools and the Boston School Department Plant Administrators Association.

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on October 16, 2023.

1579 Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston School Department for FY24 in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$145,545.00) to cover the FY24 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston Public Schools and the Boston School Department Plant Administrators Association. The terms of the contract are September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2026. The major provisions of the contract include base wage increases of 2%, 2.5%, 2.5%, 2.5%, 2% and 2% to be given in September of each fiscal year of the contract terms. The agreement also includes increases to on call pay and comp-time policies.

1812 Message and order for your approval, an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Sixteen Million Seven Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty Dollars(\$16,799,440.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY24 increase contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and Boston Police Patrolman's Association.

[1813](#) Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Police Department for FY24 in the amount of Thirty Million Seven Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$30,799,440.00) to cover the FY24 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Patrolman's Association. The terms of the contract are July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 and July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. The major provisions of the contract include base wage increases of 2%, 1.5% and 2%, 1% and 2.5%, to be given in July of each year of the contract term, as well the addition of the Transitional Career Award Program in July 2023. The contract also contains reforms relating to discipline officer return to duty, the paid detail system, and union release.

[1721](#) Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Voting For All Legal Residents in the City of Boston.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

[1824](#) **Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: BPS code of conduct violations data.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

[1825](#) Councilor Flynn for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Yuqing Sun, Priscilla Tagoes and Ewura Yankah in City Council, effective December 30, 2023.

GREEN SHEETS:

[/13/23](#) Legislative Calendar for December 13, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA:

[1826](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy.

[1827](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Eran Shapiro.

[1828](#) **Councilor Coletta offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Barbera VanDuzer Babin.

[1829](#) **Councilor Coletta offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Edward Grace.

- 1830 Councilor Arroyo offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Clarence Dilday.
- 1831 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 14 people in partnership with LULAC Evolution Boston.
- 1832 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 3 people for their dedication to the Latino community and Boston through their entrepreneurial and community endeavors.
- 1833 Councilor Baker offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Steven Tankle.
- 1834 Councilor Flaherty offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ann Marie "Sugar" Long.
- 1835 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution Recognizing Imam Faaruuq.



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

12-11-2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$816,000.00**) in the form of a grant, the Electric Blue Bikes Adoption grant, awarded by United States Department of Transportation, passed through the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, to be administered by the Policy & Planning.

The grant would fund the introduction of electric-assist bikes (e-bikes) into our publicly owned and managed Blue Bikes share system.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the Electric Blue Bikes Adoption grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Transportation AND Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation and Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Policy & Planning; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$816,000.00**) would fund the introduction of electric-assist bikes (e-bikes) into our publicly owned and managed Blue Bikes share system. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of Transportation, and Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization' the Electric Blue Bikes Adoption grant award not to exceed the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$816,000.00**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
the above form, will be in
accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND BHCCI Connect, Learn & Explore Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Boston Children's Hospital.

WHEREAS, the Boston Children's Hospital, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office of Early Childhood; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) would fund the Boston Healthy Child Care Initiative and the Office of Early Childhood's Connect, Learn and Explore initiative. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Boston Children's Hospital, BHCCI Connect, Learn & Explore Grant award not to exceed the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00).

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Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

I hereby certify that
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by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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Michelle Wu**

12-11-2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$30,000.00)** in the form of a grant, Mayor's Civic Summit, awarded by Donor Group to be administered by the Office of Civic Organizing.

The grant would fund the support costs of the Mayor's Inaugural Civic Summit

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Mayor's Civic Summit FUNDS, AWARDED BY Donor Group.

WHEREAS, the Donor Group, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office of Civic Organizing; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) would fund the support costs of the Mayor's Inaugural Civic Summit Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Donor Group, Mayor's Civic Summit award not to exceed the amount of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in the above form, will be in accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

December 11, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend an in-kind donation of food and event space, valued at Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), donated by Boston University.

The purpose of this donation is to support the inaugural Mayor's Civic Summit, which will occur on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at Boston University. The Mayor's Civic Summit will train and connect 200 Boston residents across neighborhoods in skill-based workshops, panels, and networking activities focused on leadership, fundraising, and communication, among other topics.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order as expeditiously as possible, so that the City may receive and and expend the donation for the purpose for which it was awarded.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE
DONATION OF FOOD AND EVENT SPACE FROM BOSTON UNIVERSITY IN
SUPPORT OF THE MAYOR'S CIVIC SUMMIT**

ORDERED: That the City of Boston, acting by and through the Office of Civic Organizing, be, and hereby is, authorized, in accordance with Section 53A½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend a donation from Boston University in the form of food and event space in an amount that shall not exceed Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of supporting the Mayor's Civic Summit.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY _____

**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

December 8, 2023

Mr. Ed Flynn, President
Boston City Council
Boston, MA 02201

RE: TRANSFER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING ACCOUNTS

Dear Mr. Flynn:

In accordance with Chapter 701, §3B, of the Acts of 1986, the City Auditor shall transmit to the City Council and the City Clerk a report listing transfers that were made for the purpose of closing accounts each fiscal year.

I do now hereby transmit to you reports listing transfers made solely for the purpose of closing accounts for Fiscal Year 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Joyce
City Auditor

CC: Ashley Groffenberge
Chief Financial Officer, Collector-Treasurer



Report of Transfers
Encumbrances and Expenses by Government Group
Year Ending June 30, 2023

<u>Organization Number</u>	<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Function</u>
FROM					
100003	RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	56200	Special Appropriations	209,486.00	State and District Assessments
100010	Redemption Of City Loans	56800	Bond Issue Debt Service	9,027,345.00	Debt Requirements
100011	City Debt Require-Interest Pay	56800	Bond Issue Debt Service	8,186,907.00	Debt Requirements
100013	Cost Of Issuance - RANS	56700	Cost of Issuance	342,719.00	General Government
100021	Charter School Sending Tuition	56200	Special Appropriations	12,727,166.00	State and District Assessments
110	Library Department	51000	Permanent Employees	479,740.00	Library
111	Mayor's Office	53600	Office Supplies	56,133.18	General Government
112	City Council	51000	Permanent Employees	281,708.00	General Government
112	City Council	52700	Repair/Service Equip	4,229.00	General Government
112	City Council	52900	Contracted Services	223,676.00	General Government
112	City Council	53600	Office Supplies	13,095.00	General Government
112	City Council	54300	Workers Comp Medical	10,000.00	General Government
112	City Council	54900	Current Charges	12,491.00	General Government
112	City Council	55900	Equipment	64,728.00	General Government
113	Ofc of Immigrant Advancement	51000	Permanent Employees	141,379.00	General Government
113	Ofc of Immigrant Advancement	52900	Contracted Services	12,723.00	General Government
113	Ofc of Immigrant Advancement	54900	Current Charges	1,029.00	General Government
114	Consumer Affairs & Licensing	51000	Permanent Employees	29,912.00	General Government
114	Consumer Affairs & Licensing	53600	Office Supplies	1,661.00	General Government
121	Election Department	51000	Permanent Employees	293,512.00	General Government
121	Election Department	52100	Telecommunications	26,795.00	General Government
121	Election Department	53000	Motor Vehicle Energy Supplies	5,923.00	General Government
121	Election Department	53600	Office Supplies	506,249.00	General Government
121	Election Department	53900	Misc Supplies/Materials	55,021.00	General Government
121	Election Department	54900	Current Charges	57,933.00	General Government
121	Election Department	55400	Lease Purchase Debt Service	14,617.00	General Government
121	Election Department	55900	Equipment	30,000.00	General Government
128	Listing Board	51100	Emergency Employees	76,543.00	General Government
128	Listing Board	52900	Contracted Services	38,769.00	General Government
128	Listing Board	53600	Office Supplies	10,805.00	General Government
128	Listing Board	53900	Misc Supplies/Materials	2,908.00	General Government
136	Assessing Department	51000	Permanent Employees	673,790.06	General Government
136	Assessing Department	51600	Unemployment Compensation	1,507.00	General Government
136	Assessing Department	52100	Telecommunications	2,385.00	General Government
136	Assessing Department	52700	Repair/Service Equip	3,318.40	General Government
136	Assessing Department	52800	Transportation/Travel	512.15	General Government
136	Assessing Department	52900	Contracted Services	108,270.77	General Government
136	Assessing Department	53000	Motor Vehicle Energy Supplies	561.07	General Government
136	Assessing Department	53600	Office Supplies	10,539.00	General Government
136	Assessing Department	54900	Current Charges	16,531.00	General Government
136	Assessing Department	55600	Furniture	6.00	General Government
136	Assessing Department	55900	Equipment	190.00	General Government
137	Collecting Division	51000	Permanent Employees	78,257.00	General Government
137	Collecting Division	54900	Current Charges	5,092.00	General Government
138	Treas Dept - Treasury Division	51000	Permanent Employees	62,537.00	General Government
138	Treas Dept - Treasury Division	51200	Overtime	17,901.00	General Government
138	Treas Dept - Treasury Division	52700	Repair/Service Equip	15,984.00	General Government
138	Treas Dept - Treasury Division	52900	Contracted Services	2,564.00	General Government
138	Treas Dept - Treasury Division	53600	Office Supplies	24,267.00	General Government
139	Medicare Payments	51900	Medicare	443,097.00	Other Employee Benefits
141	Budget Management	51000	Permanent Employees	232,478.00	General Government
141	Budget Management	51200	Overtime	10,616.00	General Government
141	Budget Management	52700	Repair/Service Equip	3,500.00	General Government
141	Budget Management	52900	Contracted Services	333,694.00	General Government

Report of Transfers
Encumbrances and Expenses by Government Group
Year Ending June 30, 2023

<u>Organization Number</u>	<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Function</u>
141	Budget Management	53200	Food	1,527.00	General Government
141	Budget Management	53600	Office Supplies	2,408.00	General Government
141	Budget Management	53900	Misc Supplies/Materials	615.00	General Government
141	Budget Management	54900	Current Charges	23,981.00	General Government
142	Human Resources	51000	Permanent Employees	14,407.42	Other Employee Benefits
142	Human Resources	51000	Permanent Employees	68,806.58	General Government
142	Human Resources	51100	Emergency Employees	17,516.00	General Government
142	Human Resources	51200	Overtime	1,333.00	General Government
142	Human Resources	52800	Transportation/Travel	836,112.00	General Government
142	Human Resources	52900	Contracted Services	9,840.90	Other Employee Benefits
142	Human Resources	52900	Contracted Services	143,198.10	General Government
142	Human Resources	53600	Office Supplies	5,356.00	Other Employee Benefits
142	Human Resources	53600	Office Supplies	1,372.00	General Government
142	Human Resources	54900	Current Charges	1,084.00	Other Employee Benefits
142	Human Resources	54900	Current Charges	229,602.00	General Government
143	Procurement	51000	Permanent Employees	89,210.00	General Government
144	Office of Finance	52900	Contracted Services	1,256,062.97	General Government
144	Office of Finance	55900	Equipment	1,431.42	General Government
146	Office of People Operations	51000	Permanent Employees	318,036.00	General Government
146	Office of People Operations	52800	Transportation/Travel	1,715.00	General Government
146	Office of People Operations	52900	Contracted Services	6,438.00	General Government
147	Labor Relations	51000	Permanent Employees	276,836.00	General Government
147	Labor Relations	51100	Emergency Employees	62,571.00	General Government
147	Labor Relations	52800	Transportation/Travel	539.00	General Government
147	Labor Relations	52900	Contracted Services	164,901.00	General Government
147	Labor Relations	54900	Current Charges	2,569.00	General Government
147	Labor Relations	55600	Furniture	588.00	General Government
147	Labor Relations	55900	Equipment	410.00	General Government
148	Health Insurance	54600	Health Ins Current Charges	4,376,709.00	Other Employee Benefits
150	Intergovernmental Relations	51000	Permanent Employees	252,631.00	General Government
150	Intergovernmental Relations	52100	Telecommunications	5,232.00	General Government
150	Intergovernmental Relations	52700	Repair/Service Equip	422.00	General Government
150	Intergovernmental Relations	52800	Transportation/Travel	564.00	General Government
150	Intergovernmental Relations	52900	Contracted Services	149,469.00	General Government
150	Intergovernmental Relations	53200	Food	3,610.00	General Government
150	Intergovernmental Relations	53600	Office Supplies	160.00	General Government
150	Intergovernmental Relations	54900	Current Charges	34,906.00	General Government
151	Law Department	51000	Permanent Employees	36,752.00	General Government
151	Law Department	54900	Current Charges	5,887.00	General Government
157	Labor Compliance & Worker Prot	51000	Permanent Employees	484,942.00	General Government
157	Labor Compliance & Worker Prot	51700	Workers Compensation	15,000.00	General Government
157	Labor Compliance & Worker Prot	52100	Telecommunications	4,830.00	General Government
157	Labor Compliance & Worker Prot	52700	Repair/Service Equip	1,000.00	General Government
157	Labor Compliance & Worker Prot	52800	Transportation/Travel	1,743.00	General Government
157	Labor Compliance & Worker Prot	52900	Contracted Services	1,039,298.00	General Government
157	Labor Compliance & Worker Prot	53200	Food	840.00	General Government
157	Labor Compliance & Worker Prot	53600	Office Supplies	2,913.00	General Government
157	Labor Compliance & Worker Prot	53700	Clothing Allowance	117.00	General Government
157	Labor Compliance & Worker Prot	54900	Current Charges	6,796.95	General Government
157	Labor Compliance & Worker Prot	55900	Equipment	5,872.00	General Government
159	Housing Trust Fund	56200	Special Appropriations	71,252.83	General Government
161	City Clerk	51000	Permanent Employees	171,660.00	General Government
161	City Clerk	52700	Repair/Service Equip	2,520.00	General Government
161	City Clerk	52800	Transportation/Travel	3,201.00	General Government
161	City Clerk	52900	Contracted Services	98,085.00	General Government
161	City Clerk	53600	Office Supplies	14,136.00	General Government

**Report of Transfers
Encumbrances and Expenses by Government Group
Year Ending June 30, 2023**

<u>Organization Number</u>	<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Function</u>
161	City Clerk	54900	Current Charges	5,418.00	General Government
161	City Clerk	55600	Furniture	10,505.00	General Government
161	City Clerk	55900	Equipment	20,591.00	General Government
163	Registry Division	51000	Permanent Employees	67,105.00	General Government
163	Registry Division	52700	Repair/Service Equip	1,850.00	General Government
163	Registry Division	52900	Contracted Services	194.00	General Government
163	Registry Division	53600	Office Supplies	8,777.00	General Government
181	Public Facilities Dept	51000	Permanent Employees	18,837.00	Property and Development
181	Public Facilities Dept	52900	Contracted Services	184,208.00	Property and Development
181	Public Facilities Dept	53600	Office Supplies	15,410.00	Property and Development
181	Public Facilities Dept	54900	Current Charges	12,759.00	Property and Development
182	Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion	51000	Permanent Employees	298,469.00	Property and Development
182	Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion	51100	Emergency Employees	9,592.00	Property and Development
182	Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion	52700	Repair/Service Equip	3,251.39	Property and Development
182	Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion	52800	Transportation/Travel	824.00	Property and Development
182	Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion	52900	Contracted Services	388,438.00	Property and Development
182	Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion	53200	Food	4,169.00	Property and Development
182	Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion	53600	Office Supplies	934.00	Property and Development
182	Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion	53900	Misc Supplies/Materials	4,913.00	Property and Development
182	Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion	54900	Current Charges	12,160.00	Property and Development
182	Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion	55600	Furniture	96.00	Property and Development
182	Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion	55900	Equipment	237.00	Property and Development
188	Mayor's Office of Housing	51000	Permanent Employees	515,639.00	Property and Development
188	Mayor's Office of Housing	52900	Contracted Services	409,892.00	Property and Development
193	Finance Commission	51000	Permanent Employees	4,312.00	General Government
193	Finance Commission	52100	Telecommunications	668.00	General Government
193	Finance Commission	52700	Repair/Service Equip	250.00	General Government
193	Finance Commission	52800	Transportation/Travel	163.00	General Government
193	Finance Commission	52900	Contracted Services	1,100.00	General Government
193	Finance Commission	53600	Office Supplies	330.00	General Government
193	Finance Commission	54900	Current Charges	135.00	General Government
193	Finance Commission	55900	Equipment	1,068.00	General Government
199	Unemployment Compensation	51600	Unemployment Compensation	142,597.42	Other Employee Benefits
231	Emergency Management	51000	Permanent Employees	56,934.00	Public Safety
231	Emergency Management	51200	Overtime	4,640.00	Public Safety
231	Emergency Management	52700	Repair/Service Equip	474.00	Public Safety
231	Emergency Management	52900	Contracted Services	8,283.00	Public Safety
231	Emergency Management	54900	Current Charges	3,626.00	Public Safety
231	Emergency Management	55900	Equipment	21,719.00	Public Safety
253	Parking Clerk	51000	Permanent Employees	418,690.00	Public Safety
253	Parking Clerk	51100	Emergency Employees	63,316.00	Public Safety
253	Parking Clerk	52900	Contracted Services	130,251.00	Public Safety
253	Parking Clerk	53700	Clothing Allowance	240.00	Public Safety
260	Inspectional Services Dept	51000	Permanent Employees	458,042.00	Public Safety
260	Inspectional Services Dept	52100	Telecommunications	12,422.00	Public Safety
260	Inspectional Services Dept	52600	Repairs/Maintenance	523,344.00	Public Safety
260	Inspectional Services Dept	52700	Repair/Service Equip	11,846.00	Public Safety
260	Inspectional Services Dept	52900	Contracted Services	75,549.00	Public Safety
260	Inspectional Services Dept	53200	Food	275.00	Public Safety
260	Inspectional Services Dept	53600	Office Supplies	28,031.00	Public Safety
310	Office of Streets	51000	Permanent Employees	465,114.00	Public Works
321	Central Fleet Management	52700	Repair/Service Equip	22,968.00	Public Works
331	Snow & Winter management	52600	Repairs/Maintenance	300,000.00	Public Works
331	Snow & Winter management	55400	Lease Purchase Debt Service	237,706.00	Public Works
341	Workers Compensation Fund	56100	Workers Compensation	83,843.00	Other Employee Benefits
385	Boston Center-Youth & Families	51000	Permanent Employees	3,318,633.00	Human Services

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385	Boston Center-Youth & Families	51100	Emergency Employees	132,071.00	Human Services
385	Boston Center-Youth & Families	51700	Workers Compensation	45,000.00	Human Services
385	Boston Center-Youth & Families	52100	Telecommunications	229,331.00	Human Services
385	Boston Center-Youth & Families	52800	Transportation/Travel	138,596.00	Human Services
387	Age Strong Commission	52900	Contracted Services	52,361.00	Human Services
387	Age Strong Commission	53200	Food	16,487.00	Human Services
388	Office of Human Services	51000	Permanent Employees	543,095.00	Human Services
388	Office of Human Services	51100	Emergency Employees	8,385.00	Human Services
401	Human Right Commission	51000	Permanent Employees	285,418.00	Human Services
401	Human Right Commission	52100	Telecommunications	2,000.00	Human Services
401	Human Right Commission	52800	Transportation/Travel	234.00	Human Services
401	Human Right Commission	52900	Contracted Services	61,486.00	Human Services
401	Human Right Commission	53600	Office Supplies	1,000.00	Human Services
401	Human Right Commission	54900	Current Charges	6,000.00	Human Services
402	Office of Equity	51000	Permanent Employees	477,188.00	General Government
402	Office of Equity	52900	Contracted Services	10,804.00	General Government
402	Office of Equity	54900	Current Charges	1,269.00	General Government
402	Office of Equity	55600	Furniture	627.00	General Government
403	Fair Housing & Equity	51000	Permanent Employees	32,116.00	General Government
403	Fair Housing & Equity	52900	Contracted Services	89,119.00	General Government
403	Fair Housing & Equity	53600	Office Supplies	5,642.00	General Government
403	Fair Housing & Equity	53900	Misc Supplies/Materials	1,417.00	General Government
404	Com. for Persons With Disabili	51000	Permanent Employees	55,497.00	General Government
408	Resiliency & Racial Equity	51000	Permanent Employees	231,192.00	General Government
409	Lang. & Communication Access	51000	Permanent Employees	21,641.00	General Government
409	Lang. & Communication Access	52900	Contracted Services	54,454.00	General Government
409	Lang. & Communication Access	55900	Equipment	54,423.00	General Government
410	Police Accabty. & Transparenc	51000	Permanent Employees	293,284.00	General Government
410	Police Accabty. & Transparenc	51600	Unemployment Compensation	6,001.00	General Government
410	Police Accabty. & Transparenc	52100	Telecommunications	106.00	General Government
410	Police Accabty. & Transparenc	52900	Contracted Services	51,263.00	General Government
410	Police Accabty. & Transparenc	53200	Food	517.00	General Government
410	Police Accabty. & Transparenc	53600	Office Supplies	2,326.00	General Government
410	Police Accabty. & Transparenc	53900	Misc Supplies/Materials	291.00	General Government
410	Police Accabty. & Transparenc	54300	Workers Comp Medical	43.00	General Government
410	Police Accabty. & Transparenc	54900	Current Charges	487.00	General Government
410	Police Accabty. & Transparenc	55900	Equipment	480.00	General Government
412	Neighborhood Services	51000	Permanent Employees	391,965.00	General Government
412	Neighborhood Services	52100	Telecommunications	5,904.00	General Government
414	Office of Arts & Culture	51000	Permanent Employees	87,210.00	General Government
414	Office of Arts & Culture	52900	Contracted Services	448,830.00	General Government
414	Office of Arts & Culture	54900	Current Charges	19,086.00	General Government
416	Office of Tourism	51000	Permanent Employees	80,918.00	General Government
416	Office of Tourism	51100	Emergency Employees	88,765.00	General Government
416	Office of Tourism	52900	Contracted Services	180,500.00	General Government
416	Office of Tourism	53200	Food	6,516.00	General Government
416	Office of Tourism	54900	Current Charges	29,013.00	General Government
416	Office of Tourism	56200	Special Appropriations	102,992.00	General Government
417	Women's Advancement	51000	Permanent Employees	44,553.00	General Government
417	Women's Advancement	52900	Contracted Services	74,563.00	General Government
417	Women's Advancement	53200	Food	1,981.00	General Government
419	Black Male Advancement	51000	Permanent Employees	273,527.00	General Government
419	Black Male Advancement	52100	Telecommunications	1,797.00	General Government
419	Black Male Advancement	52800	Transportation/Travel	15,261.00	General Government
419	Black Male Advancement	52900	Contracted Services	101,247.00	General Government
419	Black Male Advancement	53200	Food	534.00	General Government

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419	Black Male Advancement	53600	Office Supplies	3,000.00	General Government
419	Black Male Advancement	53900	Misc Supplies/Materials	2,941.00	General Government
419	Black Male Advancement	54900	Current Charges	2,550.00	General Government
419	Black Male Advancement	55600	Furniture	4,500.00	General Government
419	Black Male Advancement	55900	Equipment	1,330.00	General Government
420	Office of Food Justice	51000	Permanent Employees	172,301.00	General Government
420	Office of Food Justice	52100	Telecommunications	950.00	General Government
420	Office of Food Justice	52900	Contracted Services	180,396.00	General Government
420	Office of Food Justice	54900	Current Charges	1,069.00	General Government
420	Office of Food Justice	55900	Equipment	438.00	General Government
421	Office of Historic Preservation	51000	Permanent Employees	43,634.00	General Government
422	LGBTQ+ Advancement	51000	Permanent Employees	28,661.00	General Government
422	LGBTQ+ Advancement	52100	Telecommunications	1,314.00	General Government
422	LGBTQ+ Advancement	52800	Transportation/Travel	5,123.00	General Government
422	LGBTQ+ Advancement	52900	Contracted Services	21,427.00	General Government
422	LGBTQ+ Advancement	53900	Misc Supplies/Materials	500.00	General Government
422	LGBTQ+ Advancement	54900	Current Charges	2,750.00	General Government
422	LGBTQ+ Advancement	55900	Equipment	8,057.00	General Government
448	Youth Employment & Opportunity	51000	Permanent Employees	317,294.00	Public Safety
448	Youth Employment & Opportunity	51100	Emergency Employees	59,308.00	Public Safety
448	Youth Employment & Opportunity	52900	Contracted Services	166,475.00	Public Safety
448	Youth Employment & Opportunity	54900	Current Charges	6,484.00	Public Safety
741	Veterans' Services	51000	Permanent Employees	79,247.00	Human Services
741	Veterans' Services	52900	Contracted Services	57,358.00	Human Services
741	Veterans' Services	53200	Food	531.00	Human Services
741	Veterans' Services	53600	Office Supplies	707.00	Human Services
741	Veterans' Services	53700	Clothing Allowance	462.00	Human Services
741	Veterans' Services	53900	Misc Supplies/Materials	6,196.00	Human Services
741	Veterans' Services	54500	Aid To Veterans	1,520,373.00	Human Services
741	Veterans' Services	54900	Current Charges	588,503.00	Human Services
	Transfers out			61,863,344.61	
TO:					
100005	Special Education Chap 766	56200	Special Appropriations	57,420.00	State and District Assessments
100014	State Boston Retirement System	56200	Special Appropriations	28,062,725.00	Contributions to Retirement Funds
100015	Annual Audit Costs	56200	Special Appropriations	843,492.00	General Government
100017	School Choice	56200	Special Appropriations	518,589.00	State and District Assessments
111	Mayor's Office	51000	Permanent Employees	1,501,868.51	General Government
111	Mayor's Office	51600	Unemployment Compensation	894.00	General Government
131	Auditing Department	51200	Overtime	37,826.00	General Government
131	Auditing Department	52900	Contracted Services	110,476.00	General Government
131	Auditing Department	54900	Current Charges	19,611.28	General Government
131	Auditing Department	55900	Equipment	6,014.96	General Government
144	Office of Finance	51000	Permanent Employees	196,938.39	General Government
149	Dpt of Innovation & Technology	51000	Permanent Employees	965,346.00	General Government
149	Dpt of Innovation & Technology	51100	Emergency Employees	710.00	General Government
149	Dpt of Innovation & Technology	51200	Overtime	165,364.00	General Government
149	Dpt of Innovation & Technology	51600	Unemployment Compensation	27,272.00	General Government
149	Dpt of Innovation & Technology	52900	Contracted Services	3,419,148.00	General Government
158	Risk Retention Reserve	56200	Special Appropriations	1,380,912.25	General Government
180	Property Management	51200	Overtime	513,109.00	Property and Development
180	Property Management	51600	Unemployment Compensation	4,788.00	Property and Development
180	Property Management	51700	Workers Compensation	115,076.00	Property and Development
180	Property Management	52900	Contracted Services	1,107,095.00	Property and Development

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251	Transportation Department	52900	Contracted Services	1,298,391.00	Public Safety
300	Parks & Recreation Department	51200	Overtime	472,590.00	Parks and Recreation
300	Parks & Recreation Department	52200	Utilities	901,561.00	Parks and Recreation
300	Parks & Recreation Department	52700	Repair/Service Equip	114,765.00	Parks and Recreation
300	Parks & Recreation Department	52900	Contracted Services	2,740,301.00	Parks and Recreation
303	Environment Department	56200	Special Appropriations	2,834,869.95	Parks and Recreation
311	Public Works Department	52200	Utilities	272,742.00	Public Works
321	Central Fleet Management	51200	Overtime	231,761.00	Public Works
374	Pensions & Annuities - City	51500	Pension	1,672,230.10	Contributions to Retirement Funds
383	Tregor Reserve Fund	56200	Special Appropriations	2,248,516.00	General Government
387	Age Strong Commission	51000	Permanent Employees	542,586.00	Human Services
620	Public Health Commission	56200	Special Appropriations	1,397,379.17	Public Health Commission
999	Reserves Coll Bargaining	51000	Permanent Employees	8,080,977.00	General Government
	Total Transfer in			61,863,344.61	

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Encumbrances/Expenditures	New Final Budget	Year End Transfer	Final
1000 General Government	\$ 190,784,369.91	\$ 5,215,933.91	\$ 185,568,436.00
1100 Human Services	\$ 41,367,929.00	(6,550,888.00)	47,918,817.00
1200 Public Safety	\$ 755,773,641.00	(1,068,852.00)	756,842,493.00
1300 Public Works	\$ 134,889,247.00	(521,285.00)	135,410,532.00
1400 Property and Development	\$ 79,718,729.61	(139,760.39)	79,858,490.00
1500 Parks and Recreation	\$ 42,155,780.95	7,064,086.95	35,091,694.00
1600 Libraries	\$ 44,105,809.00	(479,740.00)	44,585,549.00
2000 Schools	\$ 1,379,456,890.00	-	1,379,456,890.00
3000 Public Health Commission	\$ 120,801,597.17	1,397,379.17	119,404,218.00
3200 Judgments and Claims	\$ 5,000,000.00	-	5,000,000.00
3300 Employee Benefits	\$ 268,301,577.26	(5,076,934.74)	273,378,512.00
3400 Contributions to Retirement Funds	\$ 387,490,886.10	29,734,955.10	357,755,931.00
3500 Debt Requirements	\$ 198,242,847.05	(17,214,252.00)	215,457,099.05
3600 St. & Dist. Assessments	\$ 354,899,551.00	(12,360,643.00)	367,260,194.00
Totals	\$ 4,002,988,855.05	\$ -	\$ 4,002,988,855.05

Offered by Councilors Ricardo Arroyo and Liz Breadon, Lara, Bok, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Worrell and Flynn



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROTECTIONS FOR
THE CITY OF BOSTON TREE CANOPY**

WHEREAS: In September 2020, the City of Boston released a Tree Canopy Assessment, which analyzed tree cover changes in the City from 2014-2019 and evaluated which neighborhoods have ample tree cover and which areas have the most potential for increased tree cover; *and*

WHEREAS: Twenty-seven percent of Boston's land is covered by tree canopy, with higher concentrations in the neighborhoods of Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, and West Roxbury; *and*

WHEREAS: While the report found that Boston’s tree canopy remained relatively stable overall from 2014-2019, it also found that the southern and eastern neighborhoods have suffered the highest relative tree canopy losses especially in Hyde Park, Roslindale, Mattapan, and West Roxbury; *and*

WHEREAS: The 2020 Tree Canopy Assessment found that more tree canopy was lost on residential land than any other land use type; *and*

WHEREAS: Protecting urban tree canopy is an important way to mitigate detrimental environmental effects such as heat island effect, flooding, air pollution, and more; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston experienced two heat waves in 2021, including a record high temperature of 100 degrees on June 30th, making it the hottest June in Boston’s history; *and*

WHEREAS: In the City of Boston, neighborhoods that have high concentrations of Black Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, immigrant, and low-income communities are disproportionately impacted by negative environmental effects that affect their health and quality of life; *and*

WHEREAS: Residents in the City of Boston deserve to have a public, accessible, and transparent way to learn about changes to tree canopy in their neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS: Preserving existing tree canopy and planting new trees in areas where tree canopy is low or has been removed are the most effective ways to protect future tree canopy and build climate and environmental resiliency; **NOW**

Therefore be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

That the City of Boston Code, Ordinances be amended in *Chapter VII* by adding the following after 7-14:

7-15: ESTABLISHING PROTECTIONS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON TREE CANOPY

7-15.1 PURPOSE: The preservation of existing tree canopy and replenishment of depleted tree canopy is intended to prevent adverse climate effects such as heat island effect, flooding, air pollution, and more, as well as improve the quality of living for residents in the City of Boston.

7-15.2 APPLICABILITY: The terms and provisions of this ordinance shall apply to trees within the City of Boston that are located on city-owned property, private property, or in the public right of way.

7-15.3 DEFINITIONS:

Caliper means a measurement of the tree trunk diameter used when purchasing tree plantings measured at twelve inches (12”) above the ground.

Capital Improvement Project means a major, non-recurring expenditure that generally meets all of the following criteria: M.G.L. c. 44, s. 7 and s. 8 permit the City to issue bonds to finance the expenditure, the expenditure is a facility or object or asset costing more than \$50,000, and the expenditure will have a useful life of ten years or more for infrastructure, buildings, and parks.

City Tree means a tree located on property owned by the City of Boston, including Public Shade Trees, trees in City parks, and trees on the grounds of City buildings.

Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) means the diameter of a tree trunk measured in inches at a height of four and a half (4.5) feet above the ground. For multiple trunk trees, DBH is the aggregate diameter of the trunks.

Invasive Plant means a plant that is both a non-native and able to establish on many sites, grow quickly, and spread to the point of disrupting plant communities or ecosystems, including but not limited to the trees listed on the Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List.

Park Project means a project involving the renovation and maintenance of existing parks and City-owned open spaces and the development of new parks and open spaces within the City of Boston. City-owned open spaces include parks, community gardens, playgrounds, school yards, library lawns, cemeteries, public plazas, triangles, and squares.

Private Tree means a tree located on private property.

Public Shade Tree means a tree located in the public way, as defined in the Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) c.87, section 5.

Removal means the intentional cutting down of any tree, including all other acts which cause actual or effective removal through damaging, poisoning, or other direct or indirect actions that result in the death of the tree. This includes, but is not limited to, excessive pruning.

Replacement Caliper means the replacement caliper for Significant Trees shall be at least equal to the DBH of the tree removed.

Significant Tree means any living tree that is not an Invasive Plant and is eight inches (8") or more in DBH.

7-15.4 TREE WARDEN: The Tree Warden shall be an employee of the City, appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council, for a term of three years.

1. The Tree Warden shall be qualified for the role as defined in M.G.L. c. 41 s.106, and also according to the standards established and published by the Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Foresters Association.
2. The duties and responsibilities of the Tree Warden shall conform to M.G.L. c. 87 and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Management of all trees within public rights-of-way and on City property.
 - b. Granting or denying and attaching reasonable conditions to all permits required under this ordinance.
 - c. Posting notices and holding public hearings for the Removal of Public Shade Trees and City Trees as required by this ordinance.
 - d. Enforcement of this ordinance.

7-15.5 SENIOR URBAN FORESTRY AND LANDSCAPE PLANNER: The Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner shall be an employee of the City, appointed by the Mayor.

1. The Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner shall be a Certified Arborist by the Massachusetts Arborist's Association, the International Society of Arboriculture, or any successor of either organization.
2. The duties and responsibilities of the Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Seeking grants or other assistance concerning the preservation and maintenance of the City's tree canopy.
 - b. Develop and publish policies, regulations, tree inventory, manuals, and other data and documents necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this ordinance.
 - c. Supervising the planting and care of City Trees to ensure that such planting and care meets these rules, regulations and standards.
 - d. Assisting and working closely with the Tree Warden to help the Tree Warden fulfill their responsibilities.

7-15.6 URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE: The Urban Forestry Committee will be charged with advising with respect to the management and maintenance of all existing and new trees and shrubs on all public grounds and public ways of the City of Boston.

1. Urban Forestry Committee Membership:
 - a. This Committee shall consist of the following members:
 - i. The Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner
 - ii. The Tree Warden
 - iii. Nine (9) members of the public, with at least one member demonstrating expertise in the field of urban forestry, at least one member demonstrating expertise in the field of landscape design, and two members shall be between the ages of fourteen and seventeen at the time of their appointment or re-appointment
 - b. The Committee members will each serve a term of three years
 - c. Committee members shall be selected by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the Boston City Council.
2. The duties of the Urban Forestry Committee shall be as follow:
 - a. Review planting policies for trees and shrubs on public grounds and public ways of the City of Boston, appraise the appropriateness of such plantings, their placement, and the type of maintenance necessary. The Urban Forestry Committee shall also review those planting proposals which it deems significant for trees and shrubs on public grounds and public ways of the City of Boston.
 - b. Have the ability to comment during any City of Boston permitting review process.
 - c. Elect to review issues related to the health, effective maintenance, and protection of existing trees and shrubs on public grounds and public ways of the City of Boston, recommend solutions to any problems identified with such plantings, update the tree inventory with detailed information, and support all public education and outreach by:
 - i. Promoting knowledge and awareness of the benefits of trees in the City;
 - ii. Developing and maintaining a website;

- iii. Developing and maintaining a noteworthy tree program;
 - iv. Developing educational materials regarding best management practices for tree care;
 - v. Supporting City staff in establishing a volunteer adopt-a-tree program; vi. Supporting City staff during Arbor Day Celebrations; and
 - vii. Considering and recommending incentives for tree planting and maintenance.
- d. Upon request of the applicant, this Committee shall consider and make recommendations to the Tree Warden on waivers for any required replantings or payments associated with the issuance of a Tree Permit.
 - e. Keep records of trees planted and removed within the City of Boston and may issue regular reports on the overall status of the City's urban canopy.

7-15.7 CRITERIA FOR REMOVAL OF PUBLIC SHADE TREES: A public hearing may not be initiated under M.G.L. c. 87 section 3 to remove a Public Shade Tree unless the Tree Warden finds in writing that there is a public health, safety, or welfare basis for removing the Public Shade Tree, including but not limited to hardship to a property owner, economic development, facilitating the development of affordable housing, pedestrian access enhancement, transportation improvement, or public project development. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the cutting, trimming, or removal of trees in accordance with M.G.L. c. 87 section 5.

7-15.8 NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL OF PUBLIC SHADE TREES: In addition to notice under M.G.L. c. 87 s. 3 for Removal of a Public Shade Tree, notice shall be given by the City by electronic notification where feasible and first-class mail to all property owners located within 150 feet of the Public Shade Tree proposed to be removed at least 14 days before the public hearing. To the extent feasible, the City shall notify all residents within 150 feet of the Public Shade Tree proposed to be removed by flyering at least 14 days before the public hearing. Notice shall also be given by placing notice on the City website at least 14 days before the public hearing. In the event that a public hearing is initiated under M.G.L. c. 87 s. 3 at the request of anyone other than the City, the requesting party shall pay for all costs of mailing and advertising, such costs to be determined by the City Clerk. The City Clerk may waive the costs if the requesting party demonstrated to the City Clerk that payment of the fee would cause financial hardship. Guidelines for determining financial hardship shall be established by the City Clerk. Applications for financial hardship shall be provided by the City Clerk.

7-15.9 TREE REPLACEMENT FOR PUBLIC SHADE TREES: Any healthy Public Shade Tree removed at the request of a property owner or agent thereof must be replaced within one year from the date of Removal. These replacement trees must be located at or near the location from which the tree was removed, and in no case shall trees planted in a different neighborhood qualify as replacements. The replacement trees must conform to the standards for size, species, and planting established by the Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner.

7-15.10 STREET TREE STABILIZATION FUND: There shall be established a tree fund

which shall be held in a separate identifiable account, and administered in accordance with applicable provisions of General Laws. Any payment required by this article shall be deposited in the Street Tree Fund and shall be used in accordance with this section.

1. Payment for planting replacement Public Shade Trees: Where a healthy Public Shade Tree is removed at the request of a property owner or agent thereof, solely for reasons of private financial gain or personal preference, the requesting party shall make a contribution to the Street Tree Fund in an amount sufficient to pay for replacement trees as described in Section 7-15.9. This amount will be calculated using the schedule of costs established by the Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner.
2. Maintenance of the Street Tree Fund: The Street Tree Fund shall be maintained in a separate account in accordance with state law. All sums deposited into such Fund shall be used solely for the purpose of buying, planting, and maintaining trees in the City. The Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner shall expend these funds for tree planting, transplanting, care, and other tree-related needs.

7-15.11 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW: All Public Shade Tree hearings shall comply with the applicable requirements set forth in M.G.L. c. 87 s. 3.

7-15.12 CRITERIA FOR REMOVAL OF CITY TREES: This section shall apply exclusively to City Trees, as set forth in the Section 7-15.3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to Public Shade Trees within the City of Boston, whose care, maintenance, trimming, planting, and Removal are governed by the Public Shade Tree Law, M.G.L. c. 87, and the City of Boston Code of Ordinances Chapter 7-4.7. The public notice and meeting requirements for Public Shade Trees shall remain in full force and effect and are entirely unaffected by the language of this section.

1. Cutting down or removal of trees: No person, including but not limited to City employees, the Tree Warden, and their deputies shall cut down or remove any tree on City-owned property without the Tree Warden first holding a public hearing.
 - a. The Tree Warden, or their designee, shall post notice of the time and place of the public hearing in two or more public places in the City and upon the tree in question at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing. This notice shall identify the size, type, and location of the trees to be cut down or Removed, and include a brief statement of the reason for the proposed action. Notice of this public hearing shall be sent to each City Councilor, all members of the Urban Forestry Committee, and published on the City website.
 - b. No later than 48 hours prior to the cutting down or Removal of any City Tree, a notice on brightly colored paper will be placed upon the tree stating the anticipated date on which the action is expected to occur.
 - c. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Tree Warden, or their designee, from cutting down or Removing any tree which in their opinion is dead or dying or constitutes a threat to public health or safety.
2. Exceptions to the public notice and hearing requirements:

- a. No public hearing shall be necessary prior to the Tree Warden, or their designee, cutting down or removing trees measuring less than one and one-half inches (1½”) in diameter one foot from the ground on City-owned property.
- b. Public projects that fall under Park Projects and Capital Improvement Projects shall be exempt if their public process included all of the following:
 - i. All public meetings at which cutting down or Removal of trees is discussed were duly noticed and advertised including, but not limited to, notice sent to all member of the Urban Forestry Committee
 - ii. The public was provided reasonable opportunity to provide input regarding tree(s) to be cut down or removed.
 - iii. Reasonable notice was posted on or around any trees to be cut down or removed at least two (2) weeks prior to such action taking place.

7-15.13 REMOVAL OF PRIVATE TREES: No person may remove any Significant Tree from private property without first obtaining a Tree Permit from the Tree Warden.

1. Application for a Tree Permit:

- a. Applications must be made in writing on forms specified by the Tree Warden. b. The Tree Warden, or their designee, will review applications for tree permits in accordance with the provisions of this article. The Tree Warden, or their designee, shall date stamp or otherwise record the date of filing of each application for a tree permit. The Tree Warden, or their designee, shall complete the review of each Tree Permit application no later than thirty (30) business days after the submission of a completed application. In the event that this review is not completed within the time required by this ordinance, and if the applicant did not request a waiver of fees or replanting, the permit shall be considered issued.
- c. The application shall include a plan showing the location, species, and DBH of each tree on the property, and must indicate clearly which trees are to be Removed.
- d. If replacement trees are to be planted, the plan shall indicate the planned location, species, and size of any replacement trees to be planted. In order to qualify as replacements, trees must be planted on the same or adjacent lot, and must conform to species and planting standards as defined by the Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner. Trees planted in the adjacent right-of-way or otherwise located on public property shall not be considered suitable for consideration as replacement trees.
- e. There shall be no fee or charge to submit an application for a tree permit.

2. Conditions for Granting a Tree Permit:

- a. Removal of Significant Trees: If any Significant Trees are to be Removed, the plan must show planting of new trees equal to the total Replacement Caliper of those trees.
- b. Payment instead of Replacement: Payment to the Street Tree Fund may be made in lieu of planting some or all of the Replacement Trees, according to a cost schedule established by the Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner. Such

fees shall be based on the actual costs associated with purchasing, planting, and maintaining the City's Public Shade Trees. Payment must be made prior to issuance of the permit.

- c. Request for Waiver: The application for a Tree Permit shall allow the applicant to request a waiver of the requirement for replanting or payment.
 - d. Hearing of Request for Waiver: The Tree Warden, or their designee, shall hear requests for such waivers within sixty (60) days of the date the application was received. This hearing may take place at a public meeting of the Urban Forestry Committee. The applicant shall have the opportunity to speak and to answer questions. The Committee may, at the request of the applicant, make a recommendation to approve or deny the waiver. Examples of reasons supporting a waiver include, but are not limited to: financial hardship associated with the care and upkeep of the trees; unreasonably high requirements for replacement or repayment; and ongoing or reasonably foreseen damage or risk from the trees. The Tree Warden shall consider such recommendation considering whether or not to grant the waiver. If the waiver is approved, a Tree Permit will be issued within ten (10) business days of the close of the hearing
 - e. Owner-Occupants: the owner-occupant of a lot containing a one, two, or three-family dwelling, who resides at the same property as demonstrated by issuance of, or good faith application for, a valid Residential Exemption shall at their request, be granted a waiver of the requirement for replanting or payment with no need for a hearing.
 - f. Departure of Owner-Occupant: If at any point during the 18 consecutive months following the issuance of a Tree Permit the owner no longer resides at that address, and if the requirements for replanting or payment were waived based on said owner-occupancy status as described above, then said waiver shall be revoked. In the case, the owner or, if the property has been sold, the new owner, shall be required to obtain a Tree Permit either for a replanting plan to make full payment within thirty (30) days of the fees that were waived.
3. Standards for Replacement Trees:
- a. Replacement Trees must be planted within eighteen (18) months from the date the tree permit is issued, or prior to transfer of property ownership, whichever comes first.
 - b. Replacement trees must be of the same or similar species and size as described in the application for the Tree Permit, and must be planted according to standards established by the Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner.
 - c. In the event that trees of the size and species that were described in the application for the Tree Permit cannot be obtained at the time of planting, multiple smaller replacement trees may be planted with the authorization of the Tree Warden.
 - d. If a replacement tree dies within eighteen (18) months from the date of planting, it must be replaced. The person planting the tree shall provide documentation as to the date of the planting and file the same with the Tree Warden within fifteen (15) days of the planting of said replacement tree.

4. Exceptions to the Tree Permit Requirement:
 - a. Emergencies: If any tree shall be determined to be in a hazardous condition so as to immediately endanger the public health, safety, or welfare or cause an immediate disruption of public services and require immediate Removal without delay, verbal authorization may be given by the Tree Warden to remove such tree, and the tree may be removed without obtaining a written permit as otherwise required by this ordinance. The Tree Warden shall record in writing each such verbal authorization, and shall present these written notes at the next meeting of the Urban Forestry Committee.
 - b. Waiver: The requirements of this article may be waived by the Tree Warden during the period of an emergency such as a hurricane, tornado, windstorm, flood, or similar threat to life and property.
5. Enforcement:
 - a. If a Significant Tree is Removed without a Tree Permit, the property owner must apply for a Tree Permit within 30 days of the Removal. Each business day thereafter, until an application is filed, shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.
 - b. Stop work order: Upon notice that trees are being removed without a Tree Permit, such work shall be immediately stopped by the Director of Inspectional Services or designee. The stop work order shall be in writing and shall be mailed to the owner of record of the property and posted at the front to the property in a conspicuous location, and if possible, given to the owner of the lot involved, or to the owner's agent, or to the person doing the work, and shall state the conditions under which work will be permitted to resume.
 - c. Injunctive relief: Whenever there exists reasonable cause to believe that a person is violating any applicable provision of this article, the City may institute a civil action for a mandatory or prohibiting injunction in a court of competent jurisdiction ordering the defendant to correct the unlawful condition or to cease the unlawful use of the property.
6. Penalties:
 - a. For each offense under this ordinance the person in violation shall be subject to a \$100 fine.
 - b. Failure to make payment of any fines may result in the revocation, suspension, or denial of any local license or permit, including renewals and transfers.
7. Safety of Life and Property: Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent a property owner from acting to Remove any Significant Tree, with written or oral authorization from the Tree Warden, that is an immediate and pressing health or safety hazard; that is dead or dying; or that is damaging existing structures or property; or could do so if it were to fall. In such cases, the Tree Warden may authorize immediate removal in writing or verbally, with written record to the Urban Forestry Committee as soon as practicable.

7-15.14 EFFECTIVE DATE: The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect 90 days after passage.

Filed in Council: January 9, 2023



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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

December 13, 2023

Dear Councilors:

Docket #0137, ordinance establishing protections for the City of Boston tree canopy, was referred to the Committee on January 11, 2023, and sponsored by Councilors Ricardo Arroyo, Liz Breadon, and Kendra Lara. The Committee held a hearing on March 13, 2023 where public comment was taken and a working session on April 20, 2023.

Summary of Legislation As Filed:

Docket #0137 would amend the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, by adding new sections and subsections to protect the City of Boston's tree canopy. The proposal develops standards to preserve the existing tree canopy and to replenish the depleted tree canopy in order to prevent adverse climate effects such as heat island effect, flooding, and air pollution. The provisions in the proposal are also designed to improve the quality of life for Boston's residents. The provisions of the proposal apply to all trees located in Boston on city property, private property, and in the public right of way. The docket codifies the tree warden position and outlines the tree warden's responsibilities. The docket also codifies a senior urban forestry and landscape planner and establishes an urban forestry committee. The docket provides criteria for the removal of public shade trees as well as notice requirements for such removal, tree replacement standards and establishes a street tree stabilization fund. The docket contains a provision that the ordinance be consistent with state law, criteria for removal of city trees, removal of private trees, application for a tree permit, conditions for granting a tree permit, standards for waiver requests, standards for tree replacement, enforcement provisions, and a penalty clause. the provisions of the proposal will be in effect 90 days after passage.

Information Gathered at the March 13, 2023 Hearing:

The Committee reviewed the provisions of the legislation. The following individuals participated from the Administration: Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space for the City of Boston; Ryan Woods, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the City of Boston; Todd Mistor, Director of Urban Forestry for the City of Boston; Liza Meyer, Chief Landscape Architect for the City of Boston; Max Ford-Diamond, Tree Warden for the City of Boston. The Administration reviewed the Boston Urban Forest Plan (Plan). Administration officials stated that the goals of the Plan are equity with a focus on investing and improvements in under-canopied areas; proactive care and preservation of trees; community led process to ensure that the community drives urban forest priorities, decisions, and management; and, prioritize and value trees by increasing awareness. The City has developed strategies to achieve the Plan's goals which include the following: the expansion and

reorganization of urban forest management; proactively protect and care for existing trees; equitably expand tree canopy; make space and improve conditions for trees; improve communications; improve information collection and sharing; build and support a local tree force.

The Administration discussed various language changes which include keeping the structure that the City now uses with regard to the Tree Warden, including root care protection, and consistency with the Urban Forest Plan. The Chair inquired if the City could require that developers take care of the trees. The City responded that the industry standard is two years after planting. The Chair inquired about land acquisition to create new spaces and Chief White-Hammond referred to the City's Open Space Plan. The Committee heard comments from the public that were supportive of more trees for the public health benefits and incorporating tree infrastructure into planning and zoning.

Councilors discussed the importance of maintaining and replenishing the tree canopy in Boston. Councilors inquired about the impact of gas leaks on trees, the density of trees in environmental justice neighborhoods, using a GIS system for trees, common reasons for tree removal on private land, and resources that the City has to help residents maintain trees. Councilors asked about neighborhoods that are not environmental justice neighborhoods but may not have a lot of trees. Councilors also asked about developing partnerships. Councilors asked about tracking trees and having tree maintenance included in the final design for projects. Councilors asked about public versus private trees and priority zones and the community engagement process.

Information Gathered at the April 20, 2023 Working Session:

The Chair provided opening remarks and reviewed the provisions of the ordinance and explained that the Committee will review language changes. The following individuals from the Administration participated: Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space; Ryan Woods, Commissioner, Boston Parks and Recreation Department; Todd Mistor, Director of Urban Forestry, Boston Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD); Liza Meyer, Chief Landscape Architect, BPRD; Max Ford-Diamond, Tree Warden, BPRD; Aladdine Joroff, Director of Climate Policy, Environment Department; and Kat Eshel (ee-shell), Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office of Environment, Energy and Open Space. The Chair reviewed the language of the proposal section by section to discuss the Administration's edits along with suggestions from the community. The Administration reviewed the changes made to the docket which included removing private trees from the ordinance because protection of trees on publicly owned land requires a different approach.

The Administration stated that other changes to the Ordinance include removing redundant language, clarifying applicability, definitions, roles, and responsibilities, and removal authority, as well as adding a section on enforcement and overall amending language to ensure the Ordinance aligns with all City policies and fits within MGL c. 87, state law regulating public shade trees.

Summary of Amendments:

Based upon information gathered at the hearing and working session, the following changes have been made to the docket: ~~7-15:~~ **7-4.7 ESTABLISHING PROTECTIONS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON TREE CANOPY**, amendments were made changing language under existing sections and adding language and sections to encompass sections removed.

SECTION 1

The following sections are removed from the proposal:

- **7-15.5 SENIOR URBAN FORESTRY AND LANDSCAPE PLANNER**
- **7-15.6 URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE**
- **7-15.7 CRITERIA FOR REMOVAL OF PUBLIC SHADE TREES**
- **7-15.8 NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL OF PUBLIC SHADE TREES**
- **7-15.9 TREE REPLACEMENT FOR PUBLIC SHADE TREES**
- **7-15.10 STREET TREE STABILIZATION FUND:**
- **7-15.11 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW**
- **7-15.12 CRITERIA FOR REMOVAL OF CITY TREES**
- **7-15.13 REMOVAL OF PRIVATE TREES**

Language changes have been made to **7-15.1 Subsection (A)**; **7-15.2 Subsection (B)**; **7-15.3 Subsection (C)**; and **7-15.4 Subsection (E)**

- Under **7-15.1 Subsection (A) PURPOSE**, language is added to clarify the purpose of the ordinance. The amended purpose clause appears as follows:
 - **A. PURPOSE:** *This Ordinance recognizes the importance of the preservation of the existing tree canopy and replenishment of the depleted tree canopy. Protecting and expanding Boston’s tree canopy will reduce heat island effects, help address local flooding, and mitigate other adverse impacts of climate change and extreme weather. Further, protecting and expanding Boston’s tree canopy will lessen air pollution and protect public health, provide sound buffers, preserve and expand wildlife habitat and local ecosystems, advance City goals for green infrastructure, address long-standing disparate environmental impacts across Boston’s neighborhoods, and promote the health, safety, convenience, and welfare of all inhabitants of the City of Boston.*
- Under **7-15.2 Subsection (B), APPLICABILITY**, is amended to remove trees on private property from the purview of the ordinance and to include the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, the Boston Housing Authority, Boston Public Schools, and the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning and Development;
- **7-15.3 Subsection (C) DEFINITIONS** is amended as follows:
 - *Caliper* is amended by striking the following words: “used when purchasing tree plantings measured”;
 - *Capital Improvement Project* is amended by removing language; the amended language appears as follows: Capital Improvement Project means a project funded through a non-recurring expenditure that generally meets all of the following criteria: applicability of M.G.L. c. 44, s. 7 and s. 8 whereby the City may issue bonds to finance the expenditure, the expenditure is for a facility or object or asset costing \$50,000 or more, and the-facility will have a projected useful life of ten years or more;
 - *Removal* is amended by adding the following words after “pruning”: “*and damage to a tree’s root system.*”;
 - **New definition:** *BPRD* to refer to the Boston Parks and Recreation Department;
 - **New definition:** *Certified Arborist* means an arborist certified by the Massachusetts Arborists’ Association (MAA) or the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), or any successor of either organization.
 - **New definition:** *City Property Tree* means a tree located on property owned by the City of Boston, including trees in City parks, trees on land under the ownership or jurisdiction of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, the Boston Housing Authority, Boston Public Schools, or the Boston Redevelopment

Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning and Development Agency and any of their successors, and trees on the grounds of other City buildings. City Property Trees do not include Public Shade Trees as defined by M.G.L. c. 87 sec. 1, which are governed under M.G.L. c. 87, trees that are located on City-owned properties subject to a ground lease held by a non-City entity other than the Boston Housing Authority, or trees on the grounds of buildings leased by the City.

- **New definition:** *Commission means the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Commission.*
- **New definition:** *Commissioner means the Commissioner of the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department.*
- **New definition:** *Critical Root Zone (CRZ) means an area equal to 1-foot radius from the base of the tree's trunk for each 1 inch of the tree's diameter at 4.5 feet above grade;*
- **Removed:** *Private Tree; Replacement Caliper; Significant Tree;*
- **7-15.4 Subsection (E) TREE WARDEN:** the provisions governing the Tree Warden position are amended to remove appointment and confirmation language and to add language that the Tree Warden is designated by the Parks Commissioner and is under the direction of BPRD; new language is also added about the qualifications of the Tree Warden as well as additional language that defines the Tree Warden's duties, responsibilities and authority; language is added that the Tree Warden has the authority to remove tree in certain circumstances;

The following subsections have been added to encompass sections removed:

- **Subsection (D) AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER.** This new section explains the Commissioner's authority to have care and superintendence of all trees, plants and shrubs belonging to the City and Discretion to issue regulations and policies relevant to M.G.L. c. 87. The amended language is as follows:
 - **D. AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER:** The Commissioner of Parks and Recreation shall have the care and superintendence of all trees, plants and shrubs belonging to the City; shall trim all shade trees standing in the street so that they shall not interfere with public travel; shall carry out all orders of the Commissioner of Public Works made after public notice and hearing to remove trees standing in the street; shall, upon request of the officer having charge of the public lamps, trim in such manner as said officer may require any tree which interferes with the proper lighting of a street; shall cause all statutes and ordinances for the protection of trees, shrubs and flowers in the public grounds and streets to be strictly observed. The Commissioner or their designee shall be deemed to be the official having charge of shade trees within the meaning of Chapter 87, Section 13 of the General Laws and may, at their discretion, issue regulations and policies relevant to the implementation of M.G.L. c. 87.
- **Subsection (F) PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SHADE TREES:** replaces ~~7-15.7 CRITERIA FOR REMOVAL OF PUBLIC SHADE TREES; 7-15.8 NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL OF PUBLIC SHADE TREES; 7-15.9 TREE REPLACEMENT FOR PUBLIC SHADE TREES;~~ and ~~7-15.10 STREET TREE STABILIZATION FUND.~~ This new section aligns the protection of public shade trees with MGL c.87; the amended language is as follows:

- **F. PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SHADE TREES:** *No Public Shade Tree shall be cut, trimmed or removed unless the Removal is approved in accordance with M.G.L. c. 87 and this section.*
 1. *Any person wishing to remove a Public Shade Tree shall first submit a written request in the manner prescribed by the Department and obtain written approval, from the Tree Warden in accordance with M.G.L. c. 87.*
 2. *In reviewing any written request to cut, trim, or remove a Public Shade Tree, , the Tree Warden shall consider tree health and size, current growing conditions, proposed growing conditions of replacement trees, alternative design or construction options, and viability of tree survival after any proposed construction is completed, in addition to public input pursuant to M.G.L. c. 87 and any further criteria adopted in accordance with subsection 7-XX.11. Natural ecosystem functions of trees shall generally not provide a basis for approval of a proposed Removal.*
 3. *The Tree Warden may set conditions for any approved tree Removal such as use of a Certified Arborist or other qualified contractor, measures to prevent damage to surrounding curbs, sidewalks, and parkways, or requirements for site clean-up and restoration.*
 4. *Any healthy Public Shade Tree removed at the request of a property owner or agent thereof and approved pursuant to M.G.L. c. 87 sec. 3 must be replaced as required by M.G.L. c. 87 and this section. Removed Public Shade Trees may be replaced with other trees or with the replacement value of the Public Shade Trees if replacement is not feasible. This section shall not apply to trees that require Removal, as determined by the Tree Warden, due to being dead, dying, diseased, or posing a risk to persons and/or property, determined to be an invasive tree species, or for the suppression of pests.*
 - a. *Replacement trees must be located at or near the location from which the tree was removed, and in no case shall trees planted in a different neighborhood qualify as replacements. The replacement trees must be approved by the Tree Warden in accordance with M.G.L. c. 87 sec. 7 and any other standards for size, species, and planting as may be established by the Department. Replacement trees shall be planted on a schedule as may be stipulated in a permit for Removal and must be warrantied and maintained by the applicant for two (2) years, or a longer period if the Tree Warden deems it consistent with best management practices, before the replacement trees will be accepted in the City's street tree inventory.*
 - b. *If replacement is not feasible based on the assessment of the Tree Warden, the applicant shall pay a replacement fee equal to \$550 per caliper inch (DBH). The Department shall review and revise as necessary the replacement fee every three (3) years to be commensurate with the current costs of street tree plantings. If*

replacement becomes feasible after a replacement fee has been paid, the applicant shall be reimbursed based on the diameter of the replacement tree at the time of planting. Any replacement tree shall be subject to the warranty and maintenance provisions in section 7-15.7(1). Fees shall be directed to the Fund for Parks and Recreation or any successor fund.

- **Subsection (G) PROTECTION OF CITY PROPERTY TREES:** is added and applies specifically to City Property Trees requiring public comment and a public meeting or hearing with limited exceptions. The amended language is as follows:
 - **G. PROTECTION OF CITY PROPERTY TREES:** This section shall apply exclusively to City Property Trees, as defined in Section 3 of this Ordinance. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to Public Shade Trees.
 1. Except as provided in Section G(2) of this Ordinance, no person or entity, including the Tree Warden and their deputies, shall cut, trim or remove any City Property Tree without an opportunity for public comment at a duly noticed and advertised public meeting or hearing. Eligible public meetings and hearings shall include:
 - a. For City Capital Improvement Projects and non-City projects that propose Removal of City Property Trees, any project-related noticed public meeting or hearing, provided, that:
 - i. An initial tree survey was performed, including a conditions assessment performed by a Certified Arborist, and such survey and assessment are available for public review. The tree survey shall include tree size, location and species of all trees three (3) inches or greater in DBH, and shall be submitted to the Tree Warden for review. Where available, a publicly procured tree survey shall be the survey of reference for any discussion related to a Capital Improvement Project.
 - ii. All public meetings at which Removal of City Property Trees is discussed were duly noticed and advertised. Such advertisement shall include posting a notice on or around any City Property Trees proposed to be removed at least one (1) week before the public meeting.
 - iii. The public was provided a reasonable opportunity to provide input at public meetings and/or beforehand in writing regarding tree(s) to be cut down or removed.
 - b. For any project that proposes Removal of City Property Trees three inches (3”) or greater in DBH that is not otherwise subject to a public meeting or hearing, a public hearing shall be held by the Tree Warden. Notice will be provided in the same manner as for Public Shade Trees, in accordance with M.G.L. 87 sec. 3, and include a brief statement of the reason for the proposed action.

- i. Abutters located within three hundred (300) feet of the parcel where a given City Property Tree is located may appeal decisions of the Tree Warden to the Commission within thirty (30) calendar days.
 2. No public hearing shall be necessary prior to:
 - a. The Removal by the Tree Warden, or their designee, of City Property Trees measuring less than three inches (3”) in DBH one foot from the ground.
 - b. The Removal of any City Property Tree or any part of any City Property Tree that (i) is dead, dying, diseased, (ii) poses a risk or hazard to persons and/or property, (iii) is determined to be an invasive tree species, or (iv) is necessary for the suppression of pests.
 - c. Any Removal pursuant to Section G(2) shall be based on the determination of the Tree Warden or of a Certified Arborist in the employ of the City in accordance with the ANSI A300 Standard and best management practices.
 - d. In the case of an emergency, such a determination shall not be required if the delay would endanger public safety, services, or property.
 3. Any Removal of a City Property Tree shall be reported to the Department which may, at its discretion, also request copies of assessments by Certified Arborists created pursuant to Section G(2).
 4. For projects that involve Removal of City Property Trees, a Certified Arborist shall be employed by the project contractor to review and oversee tree protection and adjacent excavation within a development area, including development of a tree protection plan. Such a plan shall be in compliance with any standards set by the Department and submitted to the Tree Warden for review. If site conditions result in the need to remove any City Property Trees in addition to any trees discussed in public meetings, the proposed removal will be brought to the Tree Warden for review and determination.
- **Subsection (H) WORK AFFECTING CRITICAL ROOT ZONES** is added, to provide standards developed by the BPRD, Public Works, and the Boston Transportation, for any work within a CRZ to safeguard CRZs; The amended language is as follows:
 - **H. WORK AFFECTING CRITICAL ROOT ZONES:** Regardless of whether a project undertaken by the City or a private party would result in Removal of Public Shade Trees or City Property Trees, any work within the CRZ, including but not limited to excavation and construction work, shall comply with standards developed jointly by the Department, the Boston Public Works Department and the Boston Transportation Department and issued by the Department and/or Tree Warden. Such standards shall be designed to safeguard CRZs so as to protect the long-term health and safety of Public Shade Trees, City Property Trees, and the

public and surrounding buildings. Except in an emergency, such standards shall apply to any City work in a CRZ and compliance with such standards shall be a condition in permits issued by the City for excavation, construction or other work in a CRZ. Such standards may consider complete or partial exemptions for limited work such as milling of roadways and sidewalk maintenance.

- **Subsection (I) OPEN SPACES MANAGED FOR BOTANICAL, ARBORETUM OR CONSERVATION PURPOSES**, is added exempting the Arnold Arboretum and the Boston Public Garden from the provisions of this ordinance because of use as a public park for the Arnold Arboretum and for the Boston Public Garden and its properties because such are maintained for natural conservation purposes such as urban wilds;
 - **I. OPEN SPACES MANAGED FOR BOTANICAL, ARBORETUM OR CONSERVATION PURPOSES:** The Arnold Arboretum shall remain exempt from all provisions of this Ordinance during such times as the December 20, 1883 Indenture remains in force between the City of Boston and the President and Fellows of Harvard College concerning the use of the Arnold Arboretum as a public park. The Boston Public Garden and properties maintained for natural conservation purposes, such as urban wilds, shall also remain exempt from all provisions of this Ordinance.
- **Subsection (J) POLICIES AND REGULATIONS**, this new section gives the Commissioner and the Tree Warden the authority to issue regulations to implement the provisions of the ordinance has been added as Section. the amended language is as follows:
 - **J. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS:** The Department may adopt policies and standards as necessary to implement this subsection and make recommendations for regulations as may be further necessary to implement this subsection to the Commission, pursuant to City of Boston Code Section 7-4.8.
- **Subsection (K) URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** Advisory Committee language is added in place of ~~7-15.6 URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE~~; the language gives the BPRD the discretionary authority to establish an Advisory Committee; the amended language is as follows:
 - **K. URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** The Commissioner shall convene an Urban Forestry Advisory Committee solely for the purpose of advising the Commissioner with regards to implementation of the Urban Forest Plan. The Advisory Committee's purview shall be limited to implementation of the Urban Forest Plan and exclude matters related to specific Removals or implementation of M.G.L. c. 87. The Advisory Committee shall have at least seven (7) members. All members of the advisory committee shall be appointed by the Commissioner. The Advisory Committee shall be staffed by the Department. The Commissioner shall prioritize participation from residents from historically marginalized or under-canopied neighborhoods and invite participation from residents between the ages of fourteen (14) and seventeen (17). The Commissioner may establish subcommittees, working groups, or any other forms of subordinate organization of the advisory committee as may be necessary and useful to carry out its advisory functions. The Advisory Committee shall be

convened within the first six (6) months following the adoption of this subsection and shall present an annual report of its activities to the Commission.

SECTION 2: this new section amended language is as follows:

- **SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision should be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: this new section amended language is as follows:

- **EFFECTIVE DATE:** The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect ninety (90) calendar days after passage. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to apply to Capital Improvement Projects that are in design or construction at the time that this ordinance takes effect.

SECTION 4: this new section amended language is as follows:

That the City of Boston Code, Ordinances be further amended in Chapter VII by adding the following statement at the end of 7-4.8:

“Upon recommendation of the Department, pursuant to the authority granted to it in Section 5 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, the Commission may adopt regulations as may be necessary to implement City of Boston Code Section 7-4.7 following a thirty (30) calendar day public comment period.”

Rationale and Recommended Action:

Passage of this ordinance in its amended draft clarifies the purpose of the ordinance and the duties and qualifications of the Tree Warden. The amended draft is consistent with the City’s policies and plans, defines standards for the replacement of public shade trees and includes language that MGL c. 87 procedures be followed. The amended draft also provides standards for the protection of city property trees. Codifying the position of tree warden and establishing standards for the protection of city property trees and replacement of public shade trees will ensure that the City’s tree canopy is maintained and enhanced. Protecting the City’s tree canopy will help reduce adverse climate impacts such as heat island effects and will help reduce local flooding.

By the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, to which the following was referred:

Docket #0137, ordinance establishing protections for the City of Boston tree canopy,

submits a report recommending that this docket **ought to pass in a new draft.**

For the Chair:



Ricardo Arroyo, Chair
Committee on Government Operations

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROTECTIONS FOR
THE CITY OF BOSTON TREE CANOPY**

WHEREAS: In September 2022, the City of Boston released the Urban Forest Plan to establish a blueprint for the preservation, cultivation, and expansion of our urban forest over the next two decades; and

WHEREAS: Trees are critical City infrastructure and protecting and expanding urban tree canopy is an important way to mitigate detrimental environmental effects and can reduce heat island effects, help address local flooding, and mitigate other adverse impacts of climate change and extreme weather; and

WHEREAS: Protecting and expanding Boston's tree canopy can support public health, preserve and expand wildlife habitat and local ecosystems, expand green infrastructure, address long-standing disparate environmental outcomes across Boston's neighborhoods, and promote the health, safety, and wellbeing of all residents; and

WHEREAS: Urban tree canopy includes individual trees, stands of multiple trees and urban woodlands, which are an essential part of the City's overall urban forest and are natural ecosystems whose benefits cannot be replaced quickly or easily if lost; and

WHEREAS: Preserving existing tree canopy and planting new trees in areas where tree canopy is low or has been removed are the most effective ways to protect future tree canopy and build climate and environmental resiliency; and

WHEREAS: The urban forest is vulnerable to threats from climate change, development, disease, pests, lack of care, limited space, and growing conditions; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston experienced two heat waves in 2021, including a record high temperature of 100 degrees on June 30th, making it the hottest June in Boston's history; and

WHEREAS: In the City of Boston, neighborhoods that have high concentrations of Black Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, immigrant, and low-income communities are disproportionately impacted by negative environmental effects that affect their health and quality of life; and

WHEREAS: Residents in the City of Boston deserve to have a public, accessible, and transparent way to learn about changes to tree canopy in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: Community input to the Urban Forest Plan characterized a successful process as one in which equity guides action, trees are proactively cared for and protected, the community is involved in decisions made about their neighborhood, and trees are prioritized and valued for their true and full role in the various benefits and values they provide to Boston and its residents; and

WHEREAS: In September 2022, the City of Boston released the Urban Forest Plan to establish a blueprint for the preservation, cultivation, and expansion of our urban forest over the next two decades; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston convened an equity council to center voices from historically excluded and marginalized communities throughout the development of the Urban Forest Plan, which recommended that a public representation body be created to provide guidance to tree efforts in Boston;

NOW, THEREFORE be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

SECTION 1

That the City of Boston Code, Ordinances be amended in Chapter VII by replacing 7-4.7 in its entirety with the following:

7-4.7: ESTABLISHING PROTECTIONS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON TREE CANOPY

A. PURPOSE: This subsection is intended to protect existing tree canopy and replace lost tree canopy in the City of Boston, especially in environmental justice communities where tree canopy is limited in the City of Boston.

B. APPLICABILITY: The terms and provisions of this subsection shall apply to Public Shade Trees and City Property Trees.

C. DEFINITIONS:

Caliper means a measurement of the tree trunk diameter at twelve inches (12”) above the ground.

Capital Improvement Project means a project funded through a non-recurring expenditure that generally meets all of the following criteria: applicability of M.G.L. c. 44, sec. 7 and sec. 8 whereby the City may issue bonds to finance the expenditure, the expenditure is for a

facility or object or asset costing \$50,000 or more, and the facility will have a projected useful life of ten years or more.

Certified Arborist means an arborist certified by the Massachusetts Arborists' Association (MAA) or the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), or any successor of either organization.

City Property Tree means a tree located on property owned by the City of Boston, including trees in City parks, trees on land under the ownership or jurisdiction of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, the Boston Housing Authority, Boston Public Schools, or the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning and Development Agency and any of their successors, and trees on the grounds of other City buildings. City Property Trees do not include Public Shade Trees as defined by M.G.L. c. 87 sec. 1, which are governed under M.G.L. c. 87, trees that are located on City-owned properties subject to a ground lease held by a non-City entity other than the Boston Housing Authority, or trees on the grounds of buildings leased by the City over which the City has authority under the terms of the lease.

Commission means the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner means the Commissioner of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Critical Root Zone (CRZ) means an area equal to 1-foot radius from the base of the tree's trunk for each 1 inch of the tree's diameter at 4.5 feet above grade.

Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) means the diameter of a tree trunk measured in inches at a height of four and a half (4.5) feet above the ground. For multiple trunk trees, DBH is the aggregate diameter of the trunks.

Department means the Parks and Recreation Department.

Invasive Plant means a plant that is both non-native and able to establish on many sites, grow quickly, and spread to the point of disrupting plant communities or ecosystems, including but not limited to the trees listed on the Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List.

Public Shade Tree means a tree located in the public way as defined in Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) c. 87, sec. 1.

Removal means the intentional cutting down of any tree, including all other acts which cause actual or effective removal through damaging, poisoning, or other direct or indirect

actions that result in the death of the tree. This includes, but is not limited to, excessive pruning and damage to a tree's root system.

Urban Forest Plan means the plan published in September 2022 by the Parks and Recreation Department for the purpose of preserving and growing Boston's urban tree canopy or any successor plan.

D. AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER: The Commissioner of Parks and Recreation shall have the care and superintendence of all trees, plants and shrubs belonging to the City; shall trim all shade trees standing in the street so that they shall not interfere with public travel; shall carry out all orders of the Commissioner of Public Works made after public notice and hearing to remove trees standing in the street; shall, upon request of the officer having charge of the public lamps, trim in such manner as said officer may require any tree which interferes with the proper lighting of a street; shall cause all statutes and ordinances for the protection of trees, shrubs and flowers in the public grounds and streets to be strictly observed. The Commissioner or their designee shall be deemed to be the official having charge of shade trees within the meaning of Chapter 87, Section 13 of the General Laws and may, at their discretion, issue regulations and policies relevant to the implementation of M.G.L. c. 87.

E. TREE WARDEN: The Tree Warden shall be an employee of the City, under the direction of the Department and designated by the Commissioner.

1. The Tree Warden shall be qualified for the role as defined in M.G.L. c. 41 sec. 106, and shall be a Certified Arborist in possession of the ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (ISA TRAQ) and a Massachusetts Pesticide License, or any successor of either certification or licensing program.
2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this subsection, the Commissioner may designate the Tree Warden as the official having charge of Public Shade Trees within the meaning of M.G.L. c.87. In addition to the powers prescribed in M.G.L. c. 87, the duties and responsibilities of the Tree Warden as designated by the Commissioner shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Posting notices and holding public hearings as needed for the Removal of City Property Trees as required by this section.
 - b. Granting, denying and/or attaching reasonable conditions to all permits and approvals required under this section.
 - c. Maintaining and publishing a quarterly record of all written requests to remove Public Shade Trees submitted to and decisions made by the Tree Warden under M.G.L. c. 87 sec. 2 and this section, and all removals carried out without a hearing being required by this section, as well as all enforcement actions. Such quarterly and annual reports shall be completed

and publicly posted not more than thirty (30) calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter and calendar year.

- d. Enforcing this section.
3. The Tree Warden shall have the authority to remove trees or any part of trees that are dead, dying, diseased or posing a risk to persons and/or property, or if determined to be an invasive tree species, or for the suppression of pests in accordance with M.G.L. c. 87 sec. 5 and as designated by the Commissioner. The Tree Warden's determination to remove such trees shall be made in accordance with the ANSI A300 Standard and best management practices.

F. PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SHADE TREES:

No Public Shade Tree shall be cut, trimmed or removed unless the Removal is approved in accordance with M.G.L. c. 87 and this section.

1. Any person wishing to remove a Public Shade Tree shall first submit a written request in the manner prescribed by the Department and obtain written approval, from the Tree Warden in accordance with M.G.L. c. 87.
2. In reviewing any written request to cut, trim, or remove a Public Shade Tree, the Tree Warden shall consider tree health and size, current growing conditions, proposed growing conditions of replacement trees, alternative design or construction options, and viability of tree survival after any proposed construction is completed, in addition to public input pursuant to M.G.L. c. 87 and any further criteria adopted in accordance with subsection 7-XX.11. Natural ecosystem functions of trees shall generally not provide a basis for approval of a proposed Removal.
3. The Tree Warden may set conditions for any approved tree Removal such as use of a Certified Arborist or other qualified contractor, measures to prevent damage to surrounding curbs, sidewalks, and parkways, or requirements for site clean-up and restoration.
4. Any healthy Public Shade Tree removed at the request of a property owner or agent thereof and approved pursuant to M.G.L. c. 87 sec. 3 must be replaced as required by M.G.L. c. 87 and this section. Removed Public Shade Trees may be replaced with other trees or with the replacement value of the Public Shade Trees if replacement is not feasible. This section shall not apply to trees that require Removal, as determined by the Tree Warden, due to being dead, dying, diseased, or posing a risk to persons and/or property, determined to be an invasive tree species, or for the suppression of pests.
 - a. Replacement trees must be located at or near the location from which the tree was removed, and in no case shall trees planted in a different neighborhood qualify as replacements. The replacement trees must be approved by the Tree Warden in accordance with M.G.L. c. 87 sec. 7 and any

other standards for size, species, and planting as may be established by the Department. Replacement trees shall be planted on a schedule as may be stipulated in a permit for Removal and must be warranted and maintained by the applicant for two (2) years, or a longer period if the Tree Warden deems it consistent with best management practices, before the replacement trees will be accepted in the City's street tree inventory.

- b. If replacement is not feasible based on the assessment of the Tree Warden, the applicant shall pay a replacement fee equal to \$550 per caliper inch (DBH). The Department shall review and revise as necessary the replacement fee every three (3) years to be commensurate with the current costs of street tree plantings. If replacement becomes feasible after a replacement fee has been paid, the applicant shall be reimbursed based on the diameter of the replacement tree at the time of planting. Any replacement tree shall be subject to the warranty and maintenance provisions in section 7-15.7(1). Fees shall be directed to the Fund for Parks and Recreation or any successor fund.

G. PROTECTION OF CITY PROPERTY TREES: This section shall apply exclusively to City Property Trees, as defined in Section 3 of this Ordinance. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to Public Shade Trees.

1. Except as provided in Section G(2) of this Ordinance, no person or entity, including the Tree Warden and their deputies, shall cut, trim or remove any City Property Tree without an opportunity for public comment at a duly noticed and advertised public meeting or hearing. Eligible public meetings and hearings shall include:
 - a. For City Capital Improvement Projects and non-City projects that propose Removal of City Property Trees, any project-related noticed public meeting or hearing, provided, that:
 - i. An initial tree survey was performed, including a conditions assessment performed by a Certified Arborist, and such survey and assessment are available for public review. The tree survey shall include tree size, location and species of all trees three (3) inches or greater in DBH, and shall be submitted to the Tree Warden for review. Where available, a publicly procured tree survey shall be the survey of reference for any discussion related to a Capital Improvement Project.
 - ii. All public meetings at which Removal of City Property Trees is discussed were duly noticed and advertised. Such advertisement shall include posting a notice on or around any City Property Trees proposed to be removed at least one (1) week before the public meeting.

- iii. The public was provided a reasonable opportunity to provide input at public meetings and/or beforehand in writing regarding tree(s) to be cut down or removed.
 - b. For any project that proposes Removal of City Property Trees three inches (3") or greater in DBH that is not otherwise subject to a public meeting or hearing, a public hearing shall be held by the Tree Warden. Notice will be provided in the same manner as for Public Shade Trees, in accordance with M.G.L. 87 sec. 3, and include a brief statement of the reason for the proposed action.
 - i. Abutters located within three hundred (300) feet of the parcel where a given City Property Tree is located may appeal decisions of the Tree Warden to the Commission within thirty (30) calendar days.
- 2. No public hearing shall be necessary prior to:
 - a. The Removal by the Tree Warden, or their designee, of City Property Trees measuring less than three inches (3") in DBH one foot from the ground.
 - b. The Removal of any City Property Tree or any part of any City Property Tree that (i) is dead, dying, diseased, (ii) poses a risk or hazard to persons and/or property, (iii) is determined to be an invasive tree species, or (iv) is necessary for the suppression of pests.
 - c. Any Removal pursuant to Section G(2) shall be based on the determination of the Tree Warden or of a Certified Arborist in the employ of the City in accordance with the ANSI A300 Standard and best management practices.
 - d. In the case of an emergency, such a determination shall not be required if the delay would endanger public safety, services, or property.
- 3. Any Removal of a City Property Tree shall be reported to the Department which may, at its discretion, also request copies of assessments by Certified Arborists created pursuant to Section G(2).
- 4. For projects that involve Removal of City Property Trees, a Certified Arborist shall be employed by the project contractor to review and oversee tree protection and adjacent excavation within a development area, including development of a tree protection plan. Such a plan shall be in compliance with any standards set by the Department and submitted to the Tree Warden for review. If site conditions result in the need to remove any City Property Trees in addition to any trees discussed in public meetings, the proposed removal will be brought to the Tree Warden for review and determination.

H. WORK AFFECTING CRITICAL ROOT ZONES: Regardless of whether a project undertaken by the City or a private party would result in Removal of Public Shade Trees or City Property Trees, any work within the CRZ, including but not limited to excavation and construction work, shall comply with standards developed jointly by the Department, the

Boston Public Works Department and the Boston Transportation Department and issued by the Department and/or Tree Warden. Such standards shall be designed to safeguard CRZs so as to protect the long-term health and safety of Public Shade Trees, City Property Trees, and the public and surrounding buildings. Except in an emergency, such standards shall apply to any City work in a CRZ and compliance with such standards shall be a condition in permits issued by the City for excavation, construction or other work in a CRZ. Such standards may consider complete or partial exemptions for limited work such as milling of roadways and sidewalk maintenance.

I. OPEN SPACES MANAGED FOR BOTANICAL, ARBORETUM OR CONSERVATION

PURPOSES: The Arnold Arboretum shall remain exempt from all provisions of this Ordinance during such times as the December 20, 1883 Indenture remains in force between the City of Boston and the President and Fellows of Harvard College concerning the use of the Arnold Arboretum as a public park. The Boston Public Garden and properties maintained for natural conservation purposes, such as urban wilds, shall also remain exempt from all provisions of this Ordinance.

J. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS: The Department may adopt policies and standards as necessary to implement this subsection and make recommendations for regulations as may be further necessary to implement this subsection to the Commission, pursuant to City of Boston Code Section 7-4.8.

K. URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The Commissioner shall convene an Urban Forestry Advisory Committee solely for the purpose of advising the Commissioner with regards to implementation of the Urban Forest Plan. The Advisory Committee's purview shall be limited to implementation of the Urban Forest Plan and exclude matters related to specific Removals or implementation of M.G.L. c. 87. The Advisory Committee shall have at least seven (7) members. All members of the advisory committee shall be appointed by the Commissioner. The Advisory Committee shall be staffed by the Department. The Commissioner shall prioritize participation from residents from historically marginalized or under-canopied neighborhoods and invite participation from residents between the ages of fourteen (14) and seventeen (17). The Commissioner may establish subcommittees, working groups, or any other forms of subordinate organization of the advisory committee as may be necessary and useful to carry out its advisory functions. The Advisory Committee shall be convened within the first six (6) months following the adoption of this subsection and shall present an annual report of its activities to the Commission.

SECTION 2

SEVERABILITY: If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision should be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3

EFFECTIVE DATE: The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect ninety (90) calendar days after passage. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to apply to Capital Improvement Projects that are in design or construction at the time that this ordinance takes effect.

SECTION 4

That the City of Boston Code, Ordinances be further amended in Chapter VII by adding the following statement at the end of 7-4.8:

“Upon recommendation of the Department, pursuant to the authority granted to it in Section 5 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, the Commission may adopt regulations as may be necessary to implement City of Boston Code Section 7-4.7 following a thirty (30) calendar day public comment period.”



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

11-13-2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$1,358,100.00**) in the form of a grant, FY22 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Operations and Safety, awarded by Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department.

The grant would fund the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment/ bailout systems and the training required to use this PPE safely, as well as fund cancer and cardiac screening programs to provide early clinical detection of members.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY22 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Operations and Safety FUNDS, AWARDED BY Federal Emergency Management Agency.

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$1,358,100.00**) would fund the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment/ bailout systems and the training required to use this PPE safely, as well as fund cancer and cardiac screening programs to provide early clinical detection of members. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY22 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Operations and Safety award not to exceed the amount of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$1,358,100.00**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in the above form, will be in accordance with law.

by *Adam Cederbaum*

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

11-13-2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$250,000.00**) in the form of a grant, FY23 COPS Accreditation Project, awarded by United States Department Of Justice to be administered by the Police Department.

The grant would fund accreditation process through the purchase of PowerDMS to document objective evidence of CALEA and MPAC requirements.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY23 COPS Accreditation Project FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department Of Justice.

WHEREAS, the United States Department Of Justice, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$250,000.00**) would fund accreditation process through the purchase of PowerDMS to document objective evidence of CALEA and MPAC requirements. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department Of Justice, FY23 COPS Accreditation Project award not to exceed the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$250,000.00**).

Docket # _____

In City Council Passed _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in the above form, will be in accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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Michelle Wu**

11-13-2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND FORTY-SEVEN CENTS (**\$47,890.47**) in the form of a grant, FY22 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (FP&S), awarded by Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department.

The grant would fund the purchase of an evidence management system and necessary supporting items and provide one-time training to personnel of the Fire Investigation Unit on the use of the system.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY22 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (FP&S) FUNDS, AWARDED BY Federal Emergency Management Agency.

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND FORTY-SEVEN CENTS (**\$47,890.47**) would fund the purchase of an evidence management system and necessary supporting items and provide one-time training to personnel of the Fire Investigation Unit on the use of the system. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY22 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (FP&S) award not to exceed the amount of FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND FORTY-SEVEN CENTS (**\$47,890.47**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
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by *Adam Cederbaum*

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

11-17-2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$175,000.00**) in the form of a grant, FY23 COPS CD Micro-Grant - Community Policing Development, awarded by United States Department Of Justice to be administered by the Police Department.

The grant would fund Building Trust and Legitimacy with Community Building. With COPS Community Development Micro funding, The Boston Police Department will hire two full time BRIC Data Analysts to work with the Bureau of Field Services, and the 11 District Captains and Community Service Offices; the Bureau of Community Engagement to help connect with an even wider range of community partners; other Bureaus that will add data and information to the Community CompStat meetings; and the Office of Research and Development's civilian HUB Program Coordinator, who operates 6 District HUB Table convenings per week throughout the neighborhoods of Boston.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY23 COPS CD Micro-Grant - Community Policing Development FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department Of Justice.

WHEREAS, the United States Department Of Justice, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$175,000.00) would fund Building Trust and Legitimacy with Community Building. With COPS Community Development Micro funding, The Boston Police Department will hire two full time BRIC Data Analysts to work with the Bureau of Field Services, and the 11 District Captains and Community Service Offices; the Bureau of Community Engagement to help connect with an even wider range of community partners; other Bureaus that will add data and information to the Community CompStat meetings; and the Office of Research and Development's civilian HUB Program Coordinator, who operates 6 District HUB Table convenings per week throughout the neighborhoods of Boston. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department Of Justice, FY23 COPS CD Micro-Grant - Community Policing Development award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$175,000.00).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in the above form, will be in accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
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Michelle Wu**

12-04-2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$13,317,200.00**) in the form of a grant, FY2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative, awarded by United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Emergency Management.

The grant would fund planning, exercises, trainings, and operational needs, that will help prevent, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Homeland Security AND MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$13,317,200.00**) would fund planning, exercises, trainings, and operational needs, that will help prevent, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of Homeland Security, and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security' FY2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative award not to exceed the amount of THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$13,317,200.00**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in the above form, will be in accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel

Offered by Councilors Kenzie Bok and Brian Worrell, Coletta, Arroyo, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Lara, Mejia, Murphy, Louijeune and Flynn



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE SUPPLEMENTAL SIDEWALK CLEARANCE PROGRAM DURING SNOWSTORMS IN BOSTON

WHEREAS: During snowstorms, the City of Boston is responsible for clearing the roadway while property owners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks, but often sections of sidewalk and crosswalks, including at busy intersections, go uncleared; *and*

WHEREAS: During each snowfall, City Councilors, the Mayor's Office, and 311 receive countless calls, emails, and messages from concerned constituents detailing where lack of snow removal has made their ability to get back to their home, to work, or to the grocery store, dangerous, difficult, or impossible; *and*

WHEREAS: Lack of proper snow clearance by property owners has a disproportionate impact on the disabled community, individuals with mobility challenges, elders, parents and guardians with children and strollers, and residents without a vehicle, even to the point of making it untenable for certain people to leave their homes in the days after a heavy storm; *and*

WHEREAS: The prioritization of road access over pedestrian access in the wake of a snow storm does not reflect the needs of the many Bostonians who do not own vehicles or routinely travel by car; *and*

WHEREAS: In the City of Rochester, New York, while property owners are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalk in front of their property, the City provides the low-cost supplemental service of plowing sidewalks when there are new snow accumulations of four inches or more; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Rochester clears 878 miles of sidewalk when four inches of snow has fallen, with the sidewalk divided into 15 mile "plow runs" that take approximately five hours to clear, in the morning and evening where there is minimal pedestrian traffic; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Syracuse, New York also has a Supplemental Sidewalk Snow Removal Program covering roughly 100 miles of city sidewalks, conducted in partnership with Syracuse University; *and*

WHEREAS: Following a 2021 Boston City Council hearing focused on sidewalk snow removal, Councilor Kenzie Bok and leadership at the Public Works Department worked together to find solutions for clearing essential sidewalks, crosswalks, and intersections during snowstorms; *and*

WHEREAS: On a trial basis for the winter of 2021-22, the City of Boston took the important step of adding roughly 40 additional skid-steer loaders to clear crosswalks and ramps in areas with heavy pedestrian traffic, testing how much area each piece of such equipment can reasonably clear in the period immediately after a storm; *and*

WHEREAS: This pilot proved so successful that the Public Works Department has now made the deployment of the skid-steer loaders to address ramps in major pedestrian areas a permanent part of their post-snowstorm operation, and expects to double the number of such equipment to roughly 80 pieces for the winter of 2022-23; *and*

WHEREAS: The Public Works Department has also identified and continues to tackle various challenges of the program, including intense competition for the limited number of available drivers with Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and the need to ensure a break, in case of prolonged storms, to refresh the same drivers between operating plows and then operating skid-steer loaders; *and*

WHEREAS: The City Council and the Wu Administration collaborated to appropriate American Rescue Plan funding to launch a further pilot for the winter of 2023-24, which will work to clear ramps and sidewalks in local Main Streets districts across the city; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston should use the information gathered from the exciting work over the past winter of 2021-22 and the current winter of 2022-23 to continue to make progress towards providing a supplemental snow removal service on City sidewalks during winter snow storms above a certain level of severity and snow accumulation, which could also provide additional local workforce development opportunities; *NOW THEREFORE BE IT*

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss progress towards a supplemental sidewalk clearance program in the City of Boston, and that representatives from the Public Works Department, 311, the Office of Workforce Development, the Office of Budget Management, and the public be invited to testify.

Filed on: January 9, 2023



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

October 16, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by one hundred forty-five thousand, five hundred forty-five dollars (\$145,545) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for the FY24 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston Public Schools and the Boston School Department Plant Administrators Association.

I respectfully request your favorable action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

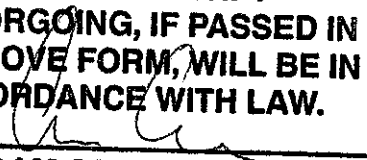


CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER REDUCING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESERVE TO COVER THE FY24 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOSTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AND THE BOSTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PLANT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION.

ORDERED: That the appropriation heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, be reduced by the following amount:

100-999000-51000 Reserve for Collective Bargaining \$145,545

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**
BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

October 16, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston School Department for FY24 in the amount of one hundred forty-five thousand, five hundred forty-five dollars (\$145,545) to cover the FY24 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston Public Schools and the Boston School Department Plant Administrators Association. The terms of the contract are September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2026. The major provisions of the contract include base wage increases of 2%, 2.5%, 2.5%, 2.5%, 2%, and 2% to be given in September of each fiscal year of the contract term. The agreement also includes increases to on call pay and comp time policies.

As originally presented to you, the FY24 budget request included a Reserve for Collective Bargaining - a separate appropriation to fund projected collective bargaining increases. A separate order has been filed to reduce that appropriation to support this supplemental request.

I respectfully request your support of this supplemental appropriation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$145,545) TO COVER THE FY24 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOSTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AND THE BOSTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PLANT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION.

ORDERED: That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$145,545) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws: -

Boston School Department

\$145,545

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BY



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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

December 6, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by sixteen million, seven hundred ninety-nine thousand, four hundred forty dollars (\$16,799,440) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY24 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association.

I respectfully request your favorable action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER REDUCING THE FY24 APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY SIXTEEN MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$16,799,440).

ORDERED: That the appropriation heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, be reduced by the following amount:

100-999000-51000 Reserve for Collective Bargaining \$16,799,440

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY


**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

December 6, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Police Department for FY24 in the amount of thirty million, seven hundred ninety-nine thousand, four hundred forty dollars (\$30,799,440) to cover the FY24 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association. The terms of the contracts are July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 and July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. The major provisions of the contract include base wage increases of 2%, 1.5%, 2%, 1%, and 2.5% to be given in July of each fiscal year of the contract term, as well as the addition of the Transitional Career Award Program in July 2023. The contract also contains reforms relating to discipline, officer return to duty, the paid detail system, and union release.

As originally presented to you, the FY24 budget request included a Reserve for Collective Bargaining - a separate appropriation to fund projected collective bargaining increases. A separate order has been filed to reduce that appropriation to support sixteen million, seven hundred ninety-nine thousand, four hundred forty dollars (\$16,799,440) of this supplemental request. The remaining fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000) will be supported with other general fund revenues.

I respectfully request your support of this supplemental appropriation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING THIRTY MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$30,799,440) TO COVER THE FY24 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE BOSTON POLICE PATROLMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

ORDERED: That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, the sum of THIRTY MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$30,799,440) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds and taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws: -

211000	Boston Police Department	Personnel Services	\$30,799,440
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**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
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ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY _____

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CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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OFFERED BY COUNCILORS KENDRA LARA, ARROYO, FURKAN, LOUIJEUNE, BREADON, COLETTA AND WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE
HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS, The narrative that immigrants built this country is often used as a calling card for diversity, yet continuous roadblocks and red tape are used to further strip down the rights of those who have built a life in this city; *and*

WHEREAS, Immigrants with “legal status” constitute over 28% of the city population, pay on average 2.3 billion dollars in taxes annually, hold roughly 6 billion dollars in collective spending power; *and*

WHEREAS, The disenfranchisement of any tax-payer from the electoral process is inconsistent with the fundamental American principle of “No taxation without representation” and undermines our City’s ideological foundation; *and*

WHEREAS, The process to obtain full citizenship carries many financial and time-related barriers, and while this process moves slowly, new Bostonians are unable to vote for the municipal representatives who are making policy decisions that affect their everyday lives; *and*

WHEREAS, As of January 2022, fifteen municipalities across the country have restored municipal voting rights to non-citizens, including eleven in Maryland, two in Vermont, San Francisco, California, and New York City; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council believes that all legal residents, regardless of citizenship status, deserve the ability to decide who represents them on issues that affect them; *and*

WHEREAS, Excluding such a significant portion of our City’s population from full political participation threatens the health of our democracy and prevents us from building a sustainable and prosperous government; **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 (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), 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 RELATIVE TO VOTING FOR ALL LEGAL RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

SECTION 1. Right to Vote in City of Boston Elections.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section one of chapter fifty-one of the general laws, or any other general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, every legal resident that is eighteen (18) years of age or older who resides in the city of Boston may, upon application have their names entered on a list of voters established by the board of election commissioners for the City of Boston. Such individuals on the list of voters may vote in any election for local offices and local ballot questions in accordance with this Act. For the purposes of this Act, "*local voters*" are anyone eligible to vote pursuant to this Act in a local election or upon a local ballot question in the City of Boston.

SECTION 2. Regulatory Authority

Said board of election commissioners shall promulgate all necessary regulations, guidelines, and registration forms to implement the purposes of this act. The voter registration forms shall include a declaration to be signed under pains and penalties of perjury by the applying non-citizen voter that: (1) the individual is a legal resident of the city of Boston and the United States; (2) the individual, in good faith, intends to become a U. S. citizen and intends to begin that process, if eligible. Every non-citizen voter who signed this declaration shall remain eligible to vote in any municipal election as long as they remain a legal resident in the city of Boston.

SECTION 3. State and Federal Elections.

Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon non-citizens the right to vote regarding any candidate for state office, federal office, or federal ballot questions. If a local ballot question appears on a state election ballot, the board shall print a separate ballot for the local ballot question at the expense of the City of Boston.

SECTION 4. Severability.

The provisions of this act are severable, and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5.

The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pass ordinances to implement the purpose of this act subject to all the provisions of the Boston City Charter.

SECTION 6.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: November 13th, 2023



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE

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:

A recent public records request to the Boston Public Schools indicated that there were 1,633 substantiated cases of sexual misconduct, bullying and biased incidents over the past two years. A report in Commonwealth Beacon stated that this data was only released after a “six-month public records battle.” School officials admitted that some violations are not included in this report. As many as 32% of the incidents in 2021-22 and the 25% in 2022-23 were omitted.

A report from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) last year found that the Boston Public Schools does not support the physical, social, and emotional well-being of all students and does not ensure a safe environment for all students. And that the District’s system for managing, responding to, and resolving complaints is not responsive to parent and guardian concerns.

We are requesting a specific breakdown of the data already collected through the BPS Office of Equity, which investigated the 1,633 substantiated cases of sexual misconduct, bullying and biased incidents over the past two years. We are also requesting data of the 32% of the incidents in 2021-22 and the 25% in 2022-23 that were omitted from the report.

Requesting that Boston Public School’s, through the Mayor, provide any and all information that is available regarding this matter.

Filed in Council: December 13, 2023

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

December 11, 2023

Councilor Flynn
(Councilor Fernandes Anderson)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, December 30, 2023 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Yuqing Sun	Secretary	\$1,730.78	part time
Priscilla Tagoes	Secretary	\$1,730.78	part time
Ewura Yankah	Administrative Asst.	\$2,423.08	full time

In City Council December 13, 2023 Passed.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the Dec. 13, 2023 Session

Sixty Day Orders

The following ordinances, appropriations and/or orders recommended by the Mayor for passage by the City Council become effective after the date specified unless previously acted upon¹

¹Section 17E of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The mayor from time to time may make to the city council in the form of an ordinance or loan order filed with the city clerk such recommendations as he may deem to be for the welfare of the city. The City Council shall consider each ordinance or loan order so presented and shall either adopt or reject the same within sixty days after the date when it is filed as aforesaid. If such ordinance or loan order is not rejected within sixty days, it shall be in force as if adopted by the city council unless previously withdrawn by the mayor.

Assigned for Further Action

Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Seventeen Million One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$17,165,000.00) for the purpose of paying the costs associated with the boiler, roof, windows and doors replacement projects as the following schools: The Jeremiah E. Burke High School, The English High School, Dennis C. Haley Pilot School and the Dr. William W. Henderson Inclusion Upper School. The City of Boston has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). (Docket #1574)

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: Moakley Bridge light poles and infrastructure. (Docket #0793)

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F: re: the incident that occurred at the South Bay Center's AMC Theater on August 27th. (Docket #1508)

Order requesting certain information under section 17F RE: BPS Summer School Incidents. (Docket #1689)

Order requesting certain information under section 17F re: ADA Compliance at English High School. (Docket #1690)

Order requesting certain information under section 17F re: Constitution Inn in the Charlestown Navy Yard. (Docket #1773)

2 - Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The city council may at any time request from the mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction, and may request his presence to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt of said questions, in which case the mayor shall personally, or through a head of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions. The person so attending shall not be obliged to answer questions relating to any other matter.

Home Rule Petitions Not Responded to by the Mayor³

³Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:

Every order of the city council approving a petition to the general court pursuant to Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall be presented to the mayor who shall forthwith consider the same, and, within fifteen days of presentation, either approve it, or file with the city council a statement in detail of his reasons for not approving the same, including any objection based on form, on content, or both; provided, that no such order shall be deemed approved or in force unless the mayor affixes his signature thereto.

Matters in Committee

The following matters were previously filed with the City Council and have been referred to a committee. Matters in committee can be brought back before the City Council pursuant to City Council Rule 24. The following *definitions* describe different types of matters in committee:

- Ordinances:*** Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Loan Orders:*** Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.
- Orders:*** Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Home Rule Petitions:*** Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.
- Order for a Hearing:*** A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative action of placing it on file.
- Legislative Resolution:*** A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as a whole.

2023 MATTERS IN COMMITTEE

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture & Special Events	0335	Worrell	Flynn, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring the 2026 NBA All-Star Weekend to Boston.	2 /1 /2023		
Arts, Culture & Special Events	0334	Lara		Order for a hearing regarding winter placemaking and Boston as a 'Winter City'.	2 /1 /2023	3/21/23	3/22/23 Remains in Committee
Arts, Culture & Special Events	0675	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Six Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$4,601,589.00) in the form of a grant for the Government Center Garage/Hub on Causeway Arts and Placemaking Fund, awarded by the Boston Planning Development Agency to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund public art and placemaking, including seed funding for City Hall Plaza programming.	3 /29/2023		8/23/23 Hearing (Canceled)
Arts, Culture, & Special Events	0260	Coletta	Breadon, Fernandes	Order for a hearing to address the loss of rehearsal spaces for musicians in the City of Boston.	1 /25/2023	3/7/23	3/8/23 remains in committee
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0159	Bok	Breadon, Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding a review of COVID-19 recovery funds.	1 /11/2023	3/6/23	3/8/23 remains in committee
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0162	Bok	Worrell, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding enhancing Boston's COVID recovery via competitive federal grants provided by the B.I.L. and I.R.A.	1 /11/2023	4/14/23	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	1449	Durkan		Order for a hearing to review the mental health and wellness resources available to City of Boston employees during the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond	9 /13/2023	10/24/23	10/25/2023- remains in Committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0144	Flynn	Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss pest control in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/11/23	4/12/23 Remains in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services & Innovation Technology	0145	Flynn	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to discuss the safety of light poles, bridges, and other public infrastructure in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/4/23	4/5/23 Remains in Committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0146	Coletta	Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding the coordination of construction and utility permits.	1 /11/2023	4/19/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0154	Louijeune	Flaherty, Breadon	Order for a hearing on fire and emergency disaster relief services in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/3/23	4/5/23 Remains in Committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0160	Bok	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding the supplemental sidewalk clearance program during snowstorms in Boston.	1 /11/2023	12/11/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0258	Fernandes Anderson	Arroyo, Worrell	Order for a hearing to explore a digital marketplace pilot program.	1 /25/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0259	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss renaming the Roxbury branch of the Boston Public Library to the Nubian Library.	1 /25/2023	4/19/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0340	Lara		Order for a hearing to discuss the rise in public consumer energy costs.	2 /1 /2023		3/28/23 Hearing (canceled) 3/29/23 remains in committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0378	Fernandes Anderson	Flaherty, Flynn	Order for a hearing to increase the pay for Municipal Officers.	2 /8 /2023	6/6/23	6/7/23 Remains in Committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0416	Bok	Breadon, Lara	Order for a hearing to discuss city services in regard to composting and the need of composting capacity in new construction and large buildings in Boston.	2 /15/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0417	Bok	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss digital equity and municipal broadband in relation to affordable housing in the City of Boston.	2 /15/2023	3/31/23	

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City Services & Innovation Technology	0629	Worrell	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations.	3 /22/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0724	Coletta	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to discuss the digitization and tracking of parking regulations.	4 /5 /2023	7/11/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0725	Mejia		Order for a hearing on contract and payroll implementation for unions in Boston Public Schools.	4 /5 /2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0832	Flynn	Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of an Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston.	4 /26/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1044	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to bring City of Boston Board Meetings, Abutters Meetings, City Council Meetings, and Related Business back in person with a hybrid option for accessibility.	6 /7 /2023	9/14/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	1213	Murphy	Mejia, Louijeune	Hearing Order to Address The Disparity in Pay Between our Boston Fire and Boston Police Cadets.	7 /19/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1386	Louijeune		Order for a hearing on ways to increase trash pickup for large buildings.	8 /30/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1526	Lara		Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a Municipal Bank for the City of Boston.	9 /27/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1578	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$145,545.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for FY24 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston Public Schools and the Boston School Department Plant Administrators Association. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on October 16, 2023.	10/18/2023	12/12/23	

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services & Innovation Technology	1579	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston School Department for FY24 in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty - Five Dollars (\$145,545.00) to cover the FY24 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston Public Schools and the Boston School Department Plant Administrators Association. The terms of the contract are September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2026. The major provisions of the contract include base wage increases of 2%, 2.5%, 2.5%, 2.5%, 2% and 2% to be given in September of each fiscal year of the contract terms. The agreement also includes increases to on call pay and comp-time policies.	10/18/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1812	Mayor		Message and order for your approval, an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Sixteen Million Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$16,799,440.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY24 increase contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and Boston Police Patrolman's Association.	12/6 /2023	12/12/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	1813	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Police Department for FY24 in the amount of Thirty Million Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand four Hudred Forty-Four dollars (\$30,799,440.00) to cover the FY24 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Patrolman's Association. The terms of the contract are July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 and July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. The major provisions of the contract include base wage increases of 2%, 1.5% and 2%, 1% and 2.5%, to be given in July of each year of the contract term, as well the addition of the Trnsitional Career Award Program in July 2023. The contract also contains reforms relating to discipline officer return to duty, the paid detal system, and union release.	12/6 /2023	12/12/23	
City Services & Innovation Technoloty	0443	Bok	Louijeune, Flaherty	Order for hearing to discuss trash contracts and procedures in Boston.	2 /15/2023	4/11/23	4/12/23 Remains in Committee
City Services & Innovative Technology	0519	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing addressing data privacy, security, and control at City of Boston agencies.	3 /8 /2023		

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City Services & Innovative Technology	1688	Arroyo		Order for a hearing to establish Parking Benefit Districts in the City of Boston.	11/1 /2023		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0155	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to discuss an increase in racist incidents in Boston and the Human Rights Commission's role in tracking, reporting, and addressing discrimination and civil rights violations.	1 /11/2023		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0158	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for migrant populations.	1 /11/2023		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0164	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson, Bok	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1 /11/2023	3/23/23	
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0168	Louijeune	Worrell, Fernandes	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1 /11/2023		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0943	Mejia	Worrell, Arroyo	Order for a hearing to explore the specific needs of Latino and Caribbean residents in the City of Boston	5 /17/2023	7/24/23	
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0975	Breadon		Communication was received from Councilor Liz Breadon submitting documents regarding analysis of proposed redistricting plans.	5 /24/2023		
Education	0142	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding a cradle-to-career educational data tracking system.	1 /11/2023		
Education	0147	Coletta	Lara, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum in Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023	3/14/23	3/15/23 remains in committee
Education	0163	Mejia	Worrell	Order for a hearing addressing sexual harassment in Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023		

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Education	0167	Mejia		Order for hearing on government transparency and accountability towards COVID safety in Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023	2/14/23	2/15/23 Remains in Committee
Education	0173	Mejia	Lara	Order for a hearing on "Green New Deal for BPS" plans, specifically the plan to merge six schools into three and split each of them onto two campuses.	1 /11/2023		
Education	0244	Mejia		Order for a hearing on establishing a mental health curriculum in Boston Public Schools.	1 /25/2023	3/21/23	3/22/23 Remains in Committee
Education	0245	Mejia	Lara, Arroyo	Order for a hearing examining the implementation and outcomes of restorative justice practices in the Boston Public Schools	1 /25/2023	2/16/23	
Education	0247	Lara	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the Academic Performance and Social-Emotional Well-Being of LGBTQ+ Students in Boston Public Schools.	1 /25/2023	3/16/23	
Education	0254	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss how the Boston Public Schools can more effectively support the needs of its Muslim students.	1 /25/2023		
Education	0255	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss how Boston Public Schools are addressing the needs of the parents of English language learner students.	1 /25/2023	6/8/23	
Education	0380	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to address the mental health needs of our students with a focus on guidance counselors.	2 /8 /2023		
Education	0457	Arroyo	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' lack of religious and dietary requirements for Jewish, Muslim and plant based students.	3 /1 /2023		
Education	0722	Lara	Mejia	Order for a hearing to review the Good Food Purchasing Program for Boston Public Schools.	4 /5 /2023		

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Education	1042	Murphy		Order for a hearing to address the correlation between BPS's spending and overall achievement.	6 /7 /2023		
Education	1142	Murphy	Arroyo	Order for a hearing to discuss the public safety concerns surrounding a 32-year-old woman enrolled in Boston Public Schools.	6 /28/2023		8/3/23 Hearing (Canceled)
Education	1367	Mejia		Order for a hearing on the viability, transparency and community engagement process regarding the proposed plan to move the John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science from Roxbury to West Roxbury.	8 /9 /2023	12/5/23	10/11/23 Hearing (canceled), 12/6/23-remains in committee
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0149	Coletta	Bok, Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding a tree mitigation fund for the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023		3/10/23 Hearing (canceled)
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0250	Lara	Arroyo, Fernandes	Order for a hearing on Installing Adjustable Height Basketball Hoops in the City of Boston Parks.	1 /25/2023		3/23/23 Revised to WS
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0251	Lara	Bok, Coletta	Order for a hearing to Discuss Establishing A Walking City Trail Connecting Urban Green Spaces Across Boston Neighborhoods.	1 /25/2023	3/2/23	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0679	Worrell		Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.	3 /29/2023		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0791	Lara	Arroyo	Order for a hearing regarding the Potential Usage of City-Owned Land For Off Leash-Dog Parks.	4 /12/2023	9/22/23	8/22/23 Hearing (Canceled)
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	1385	Breadon	Durkan	Order for a hearing on stormwater management and flood hazard mitigation in the City of Boston.	8 /30/2023	10/30/23	11/1/23 -remains in committee
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0165	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards service provision and spending on ELL students.	1 /11/2023	6/8/23	

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Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0169	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision-making protocols in city government.	1 /11/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0170	Mejia	Coletta, Louijeune	Order for a hearing on government accountability and transparency around the Clougherty Pool closure in Charlestown.	1 /11/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0241	Mejia	Lara	Order for a hearing regarding the Boston Public Schools Transportation system.	1 /25/2023		12/7/23 hearing (canceled)
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0242	Mejia	Lara, Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on an audit for Boston Public School's Special Education services and return on investment.	1 /25/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0243	Mejia	Arroyo	Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1 /25/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0253	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress.	1 /25/2023	3/27/23	2/23/23 Hearing Postponed 3/29/23 remains in committee
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0341	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the payroll concerns of many of our Boston Public School teachers who are owed back pay.	2 /1 /2023		3/24/23 Hearing (canceled)
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0520	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit how the Boston Police Department responds to Latino Spanish-speaking residents in the City of Boston.	3 /8 /2023	7/20/23	
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	1538	Mejia		Order for a hearing to evaluate the Community Engagement efforts of the various Neighborhood Planning Initiatives across the City of Boston.	9 /27/2023	10/27/23	10/6/23- hearing canceled
Government Accountability, Transparency, and	1307	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	8 /9 /2023	9/21/23	9/5/23 Hearing (canceled)

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Government Accountability, Transparency, and	1488	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jaclyn Youngblood as a member of the Audit Committee for a term expiring September 11, 2028.	9 /20/2023		
Government Accountabiliy, Transparency, &	0238	Mejia	Flynn, Arroyo	Order for a hearing on accountability and acessibility of language access services in the City of Boston.	1 /25/2023		
Government Operations	0100	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Ordinance establishing the Office of Participatory Budgeting, amending the City of Boston Code V, with the insertion of a new Section 5-1.11.	12/14/2022	1/30/23	2022-1520, 2/7/23 working session, 2/8/23 Not Passed
Government Operations	0135	Arroyo	Mejia	A Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1 /11/2023		1/24/23 working session, 1/25/23 Remains in Committee, 2/6/2023 working session, 2/8/23 Remains in Committee
Government Operations	0136	Arroyo		An Ordinance Creating a Municipal Identification Card in the City of Boston	1 /11/2023		4/3/23 hearing (canceled)
Government Operations	0137	Arroyo	Breadon, Lara	An Ordinance Esablishing Protections for the City of Boston Tree Canopy.	1 /11/2023	3/13/23	4/20/23 working session,3/15/23 Remains in Committee
Government Operations	0138	Louijeune	Arroyo, Bok	An Ordinance regulation and enforcement of keeping honey bees.	1 /11/2023	3/20/23	3/22/23 Remains in Committee
Government Operations	0139	Louijeune	Bok, Arroyo	Text amendment to the Boston zoning code with respect to honey bees.	1 /11/2023	3/20/23	3/22/23 Remains in Committee
Government Operations	0237	Fernandes Anderson		Ordinance and Amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in Regard to Measuring Racial Equity in Affordable Housing.	1 /25/2023		
Government Operations	0319	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appontment of Vivian Leonard as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission.	1 /25/2023	3/9/23	3/15/23 placed on file

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Government Operations	0320	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the re-appointment of Sammy Nabulsi as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission.	1 /25/2023	3/9/23	3/15/23 placed on file
Government Operations	0321	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the re-appointment of Vivien Li as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission.	1 /25/2023	3/9/23	3/15/23 placed on file
Government Operations	0452	Breadon	Louijeune	Ordinance providing remote access to meetings of municipal public bodies.	3 /1 /2023	3/30/23	
Government Operations	0454	Arroyo	Coletta	Ordinance formally creating the Office of Food Justice and establishing a food recovery program in the City of Boston.	3 /1 /2023	4/28/23	11/8/23-WS
Government Operations	0625	Breadon	Louijeune, Bok	Ordinance establishing a "Scofflaw Property Owner List".	3 /22/2023		
Government Operations	1041	Murphy		Ordinance Amending the City of Boston Code, Ordinance Chapters XII, regarding Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).	6 /7 /2023		
Government Operations	1212	Coletta	Louijeune, Worrell	Establishing an Affordable Housing Demolition Fee by Amending The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XVIII, Section 18-1.2, "B" Fees and Charges, Regarding Building and Demolition Permits.	7 /19/2023		10/10/23 (WS)(canceled)
Government Operations	1301	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law re: an act regarding military leave policy in the City of Boston pursuant to Chapter 33, Section 59 of the General Laws.	8 /9 /2023	9/21/23	
Government Operations	1369	Arroyo		Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Providing Certain Death Benefits for the Widow of a Former Firefighter of the City of Boston.	8 /9 /2023	10/19/23	
Government Operations	1384	Coletta	Mejia	An ordinance establishing street food enterprises in the City of Boston Municipal Code by inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Permitting and Regulation of non-motorized street food carts.	8 /30/2023	11/28/23	11/29/23- remains in committee

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Government Operations	1446	Arroyo	Mejia, Lara	Ordinance Preventing Wage Theft in the City of Boston.	9 /13/2023		
Government Operations	1721	Lara		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act relative to voting for all legal residents in the City of Boston.	11/15/2023	12/5/23	12/6/23- remains in committee, 12/12/23 WS
Government Operations	1818	Arroyo		An Ordinance amending Chapter XI, Section 6.9-c of the City of Boston Code, Ordinances regarding Permits for Street Work.	12/6 /2023		
Housing & Community Development	0157	Louijeune	Bok, Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1 /11/2023	2/9/23	
Housing & Community Development	0161	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding increasing public housing in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023		
Housing & Community Development	0240	Mejia	Lara, Worrell	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	1 /25/2023		
Housing & Community Development	0249	Lara	Fernandes Anderson	Oder for a hearing to discuss the Impact Of Inequitable Housing Code Enforcement of Boston's Proactive Rental Inspection Program.	1 /25/2023	3/14/23	3/15/23 remains in committee
Housing & Community Development	0337	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding efforts to increase housing affordability for long-term residents.	2 /1 /2023		
Housing & Community Development	0412	Lara		Order for a hearing to create a Renters' Bill of Rights for the City of Boston.	2 /15/2023	3/30/23	
Housing & Community Development	0456	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune, Lara	Order for a hearing to restrict up-front rental costs for tenants.	3 /1 /2023		

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Housing & Community Development	1141	Murphy	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and quality of life issues for our residents in Public Housing.	6 /28/2023	9/19/23	7/25/23 Hearing (Canceled), 9/20/23 Remains in Committee
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0153	Louijeune	Worrell, Fernandes	Order or a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and Boston Residents Jobs Policy.	1 /11/2023	4/7/23, 10/24/23	10/25/2023-Remains in Committee
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0628	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to explore workforce development via scholarships for BPS students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	3 /22/2023		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0338	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts.	2 /1 /2023		
PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental	0256	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss ways of creating a partnership between colleges and high schools to create jobs and academic support for children.	1 /25/2023		
PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental	0414	Breadon	Bok, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding targeted coordination of community benefits in the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) program.	2 /15/2023	4/21/23	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0101	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Planning and Development Agency in the amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$2,562,297.00) for the costs related to transportation improvement projects.	8 /10/2022		2022-0930
Planning, Development & Transportation	0102	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Million Five Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$7,501,200.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal Highway Administration Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, to be administered by the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Public Works Department. The grant will fund a portion of the design cost for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue project.	9 /28/2022		2022-1166

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Planning, Development & Transportation	0105	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Theodora Massouh as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2024.	9 /28/2022		2022-1175
Planning, Development & Transportation	0150	Coletta		Order for a hearing regarding a comprehensive, district-wide planning process for Boston's waterfront.	1 /11/2023		9/19/23 (WS), 9/20/23 Remains in Committee
Planning, Development & Transportation	0342	Lara	Baker	Order for a hearing to discuss the recovery and revitalization of the taxi industry.	2 /1 /2023	4/11/23	4/12/23 Remains in Committee
Planning, Development & Transportation	0343	Fernandes Anderson	Lara	Order for a hearing regarding calling for a moratorium on all development on all city owned land in district seven prior to the request for proposal process.	2 /1 /2023	4/18/23	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0379	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing calling for District Increment Financing (DIF) to be Utilized in District Seven.	2 /8 /2023	3/16/23	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0413	Baker		Order for a hearing to discuss District Improvement Financing (DIF) from Kosciuszko Circle through Morrissey Boulevard Corridor.	2 /15/2023	3/16/23	
Planning, Development & Transportation	1305	Lara		Order for a hearing Regarding he MBTA Arborway Yard Bus Facility and Department of Public Works "Pole Yard".	8 /9 /2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1440	City Clerk		Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of Hotel Buckminster, 635-645 Beacon Street, Boston, MA, as a landmark.	9 /13/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1626	Mayor		Message and order confirming the appointment of Nakeeda Burns to the Zoning Commission as a residential organization member for a term expiring October 26, 2026.	10/25/2023		

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Planning, Development & Transportation	1700	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the MGH Clinical Building Project Grant, awarded by the Boston Planning & Development Agency to be administered by the Public Works Department. The grant will fund studies to examine design changes and implement the reconstruction of Blossom Street from Cambridge Street to Charles Street.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1702	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in the form of a grant for the MGH-BTD Clinical Building Project Grant, awarded by the Boston Planning & Development Agency to be administered by the Policy and Planning in the Transportation Department. The grant will fund transportation studies to examine the design changes and improvements that can be made to Cambridge Street, Blossom, and North Grove/Cambridge Street intersection.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1706	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Peter Sanborn, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1707	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of John Freeman, a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30,2025.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1708	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher DeBord, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1709	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Russell, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1710	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jim Kutchin, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1711	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Douglas Miller, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		

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Planning, Development & Transportation	1750	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Ready, as a Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1751	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Fadi Samaha, as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1814	City Clerk		Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of The Industrial School for Girls, Dorchester, MA, as a Landmark.	12/6 /2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1034	City Clerk		Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding a Certificate of Vote of the Authority adopted on May 11, 2023 approving and adopting the "Report and Decision on the Application of Morrissey Boulevard 121A Limited Partnership for approval pursuant to General Laws Chapter 121A, Section 18C for consent to form an Urban Redevelopment Limited Partnership for the purpose of acquiring and rehabilitation of the property known as 900 Morrissey Boulevard for Affordable Housing."	6 /7 /2023		
Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery	1306	Murphy		Order for a hearing to Discuss the Health Risks Related to Street Cleaning Equipment that is Used in the Mass and Cass Area and Other Neighborhoods of Boston.	8 /9 /2023		
Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery	1447	Murphy		Resolution calling for a State of Emergency at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.	9 /13/2023	9/26/23	9/27/23-remains in committee
Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery	1450	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the humanitarian crisis at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.	9 /13/2023	9/26/23	9/27/23-remains in committee
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0148	Coletta	Louijeune, Arroyo	Order for a hearing regarding contraception and menstrual product vending machines in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/4/23	4/5/23 Remains in Committee

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Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0156	Louijeune	Mejia, Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss regulation of limited service pregnancy centers and crisis pregnancy centers in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023		4/13/23 Hearing (canceled)
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0248	Lara	Arroyo	Order for a hearing to discuss the Disproportionate Criminalization of the LGBTQ+ Community and Their Health And Well-Being While Incarcerated.	1 /25/2023		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0257	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss the need for a health center in Nubian Square.	1 /25/2023	5/12/23	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0585	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to create more transparency into reporting and accessibility into addressing the drug overdose crises in the City of Boston.	3 /15/2023		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0151	Coletta	Louijeune, Bok	Order for a hearing to address contaminated beverages in clubs and bars.	1 /11/2023		3/7/23 WS Canceled, Rescheduled for 2/28/23 WS, 3/1/23 Remains in Committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0140	Murphy		Order for a hearing on efforts to proactively combat summer violence in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/6/23	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0143	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson,	Order for a hearing to address gun violence	1 /11/2023		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0166	Murphy	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to ensure that the Boston Police and Schools Safety officers work together to ensure a safe environment for all our students and staff in the Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023	5/12/23	2/7/23 Hearing Canceled, 2/8/23 Remains in Committee, 3/30/23 Hearing Canceled, 5/5/23 Hearing Canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0252	Flaherty	Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding public safety measure recommendations for Boston Public Schools and Boston Police.	1 /25/2023	5/12/23	3/30/23 Hearing Canceled, 5/5/23 Hearing Canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0458	Worrell	Anderson, Murphy	Order for a hearing to Assess Expanded Hospital & Community-Centric Violence Prevention and Intervention.	3 /1 /2023		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1043	Coletta	Murphy, Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss increasing emergency services in tandem with population growth.	6 /7 /2023	9/6/23	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1141	Murphy	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and quality of life issues for our residents in Public Housing.	6 /28/2023	9/19/23	7/25/23 Hearing (Canceled), 9/20/23 Remains in Committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1701	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,358,100.00) in the form of a grant for the FY22 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Operation and Safety, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment/bailout systems and the training required to use this PPE safely, as well as fund cancer and cardiac screening programs to provide early clinical detection of members.	11/15/2023	12/11/23	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1704	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 COPS Accreditation Project, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the accreditation process through the purchase of PowerDMS to document objective evidence of CALEA and MPAC requirements.	11/15/2023	12/11/23	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1705	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$47,890.47) in the form of a grant, for the FY22 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (FP&S), awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the purchase of an evidence management system and necessary supporting items and provide one-time training to personnel of the Fire Investigation Unit on the use of the system.	11/15/2023	12/11/23	

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1749	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) in the form of grant for the FY23 COPS CD Micro-Grant-Community Policing Development, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund Building Trust and Legitimacy with Community Building. With COPS Community Development Micro funding, the Boston Police Department will hire two full time BRIC Data Analysts to work with the Bureau of Field Services, and the 11 District Captains and Community Service Offices; the Bureau of Community Engagement to help connect with an even wider range of community partners; other Bureaus that will add data and information to the Community CompStat meetings; and the Office of Research and Development's civilian HUB Program Coordinator, who operates 6 District HUB Table convening per week throughout the neighborhoods of Boston.	11/29/2023	12/11/23	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1796	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirteen Million Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$13,317,200.00) in the form of a grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the MA. Executive Office of Emergency Management. The grant will fund planning, exercise, trainings, and operational needs, that will help prevent, respond to and recover from threats of acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents.	12/6 /2023	12/11/23	
Redistricting	0792	Murphy		Order for a hearing to address possible violations of the Redistricting Committee.	4 /12/2023		
Rules & Administration	0339	Flynn		Order for a meeting to review he Boston City Council rules.	2 /1 /2023		
Rules & Administration	0405	Fernandes Anderson		Order for an Ordinance to increase the Allocated Budget for City Council Staff.	2 /8 /2023		4/10 23 WS, 4/12/23 Remains in Committee

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Small Business & Professional Licensure	0141	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing regarding barriers to small businesses.	1 /11/2023		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0171	Mejia		Order for a hearing diversifying cannabis business models.	1 /11/2023	4/20/23	
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0239	Mejia	Arroyo	Order for a hearing on expanding access for minority business enterprises into high volume commercial centers.	1 /25/2023		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0263	Fernandes Anderson	Worrell	Resolution to request Walgreens to postpone all closures of Boston locations.	1 /25/2023		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0459	Arroyo		Order for a hearing to discuss challenges Latino owned businesses and entrepreneurs face when accessing government and corporate contracts.	3 /1 /2023		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0630	Arroyo		Order for a hearing to discuss the ban of miniature alcohol bottles (NIPS) in the City of Boston.	3 /22/2023	4/3/23	4/5/23 Remains in Committee
Strong Women, Families & Communities	0246	Lara	Flaherty, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to assess the need for a Senior Center in the neighborhood of West Roxbury.	1 /25/2023	2/2/23	
Strong Women, Families & Communities	0377	Flynn	Lara	Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to swimming lessons and awareness of water safety.	2 /8 /2023		
Strong Women, Families & Communities	0415	Murphy	Baker	Order for a hearing for the possible closing of several Boston public schools and BCYF community centers this summer.	2 /15/2023	3/7/23	3/8/23 remains in committee
Strong Women, Families & Communities	0790	Mejia		Order for a hearing to discuss youth outreach and engagement in Boston Public Libraries.	4 /12/2023		

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Strong Women, Families, & Communities	0261	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the results of last year's youth summer jobs programs and the social emotional benefits of summer employment.	1 /25/2023	3/27/23	3/29/23 remains in committee
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	1525	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of a government shutdown on Boston's Veteran and Military Members, and Military Families.	9 /27/2023		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	1527	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the unique needs of our veteran population in Boston.	9 /27/2023		
Ways & Means	0152	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson, Bok	Order for a hearing to explore municipal bonds and other fiscal options to increase affordable housing and community investments.	1 /11/2023		
Ways & Means	0322	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding the City Budget.	1 /25/2023	3/28/23, 4/10/23	4/10/23-WS (10 am-revised), 4/10/23 WS (2pm-canceled), 4/13/23-WS (canceled), 3/29/23 remains in committee, 4/12/23 Remains in Committee
Ways & Means	1303	Murphy		Order for a hearing to Discuss Offering Property Tax Abatements to Business Owners in the New Market Area.	8 /9 /2023		
Ways & Means	1574	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Seventeen Million One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$17,165,000.00) for the purpose of paying the costs associated with the boiler, roof, windows and doors replacement projects at the following schools: The Jeremiah E. Burke High School, The English High School, Dennis C. Haley Pilot School, and the Dr. William W. Henderson Inclusion Upper School. The City of Boston has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA").	10/18/2023	11/16/23	11/29/23- Assigned for further action
Ways & Means	1722	Lara		Order for a hearing to discuss a guaranteed basic income program for families living below the poverty line in the City of Boston.	11/15/2023	11/27/23	11/29/23-remains in committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Whole	1088	Breadon		Communication was received from Councilor Liz Breadon regarding an intended motion to enter executive session on June 14, 2023 to discuss litigation.	6 /7 /2023		
Whole	1593	Flaherty		Resolution in support of the state of Israel and the Israeli people.	10/18/2023		
Whole	1624	Fernandes Anderson		Resolution calling for an immediate deescalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine.	10/18/2023		

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO:

THE U.S. ARMY AND THE U.S. NAVY

IN RECOGNITION OF:

THE ARMY VERSUS NAVY FOOTBALL GAME HAPPENING IN NEW ENGLAND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE GAME'S 124-YEAR SERIES HISTORY, AS WELL AS THE ARMY'S AND NAVY'S CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE NATION, PROTECTING AND DEFENDING ITS CITIZENS AT HOME AND ABROAD, AND PROVIDING AMERICANS WITH ADVENTUROUS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES, AS WELL AS LIVING UP TO THEIR MOTTO'S OF "THIS WE'LL DEFEND" AND "HONOR, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT"; BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES TO THE ARMY AND THE NAVY CONTINUOUSLY, BUT ESPECIALLY ON GAME DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ATTESTED TO AND A COPY THEREOF TRANSMITTED BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: December 6, 2023

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
EXTENDS ITS APPRECIATION TO:

ERAN SHAPIRO

IN RECOGNITION OF:

YOUR INVALUABLE WORK WITH OUR OFFICE, AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO ASSISTING OUR TEAM WITH THE NEEDED RESEARCH, WRITING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS; WE APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST IN PUBLIC SERVICE, YOUR RELIABILITY, AND YOUR OPENNESS TO LEARN; YOU HAVE BEEN A TREMENDOUS HELP TO OUR OFFICE, AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT HE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES TO YOU IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ATTESTED TO AND A COPY THEREOF TRANSMITTED BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: December 7, 2023

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extended its Congratulations to:

Barbera VanDuzer Babin

In Recognition of:

25 years of dedicated service to the Charlestown Neighborhood
Council and its residents _____; and

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its
best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and
a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extended its Congratulations to:

Edward Grace

In Recognition of:

32 plus years of dedicated service to the Charlestown
Neighborhood Council and its residents _____; and
Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its
best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and
a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Clarence Dilday

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

Wednesday, December 13th, 2023



SINCERELY,


CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest 

Presented By 

Resolution recognizing 4 young people in partnership with LULAC Evolution Boston.

1. Enrique José Pepén
2. Massiel Torres
3. Lisanna Paulino
4. Rev. Katie Cole

Resolution recognizing 5 men in partnership with LULAC Evolution Boston.

1. Oscar Guerrero
2. José González
3. Francis Concepcion
4. Pedro Alarcon
5. Domingo Domínguez

Resolution recognizing 4 women in partnership with LULAC Evolution Boston.

1. Eneida Román
2. Elsa A. Casado Guzmán
3. Carolina Trujillo
4. Damaris Pimentel

Resolution recognizing Isabel Meléndez as an exemplary mother and community leader in partnership with LULAC Evolution Boston.

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to:

Enrique José Pepén

In Recognition of:

Being a recipient of the “Reconocimiento a Jóvenes Adulto Líderes de la Comunidad 2023” in partnership with LULAC Evolution Boston on their 5th anniversary;

and Be it further resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Dassie Sheehan
Assl Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Julia Mejia

Date: 12.8.2023



A resolution recognizing 3 people for their dedication to the Latino community and Boston through their entrepreneurial and community endeavors.

1. Hector Pina
2. Hatim "Coach H" Jean-Louis
3. Betty & Paul Francisco

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to:

Betty & Paul Francisco

In Recognition of:

Your unwavering commitment to the advancement of Latino leadership and community development in Boston and across New England;

and Be it further resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Avantes
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Julia Mejia

Date: _____



City of Boston

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CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to:

Héctor Piña

In Recognition of:

Your leadership and unremitting dedication to the Latino community and Boston through your entrepreneurial and community endeavors;

and Be it further resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: Edward M. Flynn

President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Goulet

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Julia Mejia

Date: _____



City of Boston

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Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to:

Hatim “Coach H” Jean-Louis

In Recognition of:

Your leadership in youth athletics. The mentorship you provide serves as an inspiration that allows youth to see that

“dreams are tangible goals”;

and Be it further resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guinter
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Julia Mejia

Date: _____



**Official Resolution
of Councilor Frank Baker**

**Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:**

Steven Tankle

In Recognition of:

**His retirement after 27 years of dedication and commitment
to the City of Boston and his community**

**and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council
extends its best wishes for continued success; that this
Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City
Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the
Clerk of the City of Boston.**



Official Resolution

Offered by

Councilor At-Large Michael J Flaherty

Be it resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations
to:

Ann Marie “Sugar” Long

In Recognition of:

Ann Marie “Sugar” Long Day in The City of Boston on her 90th
Birthday on December 25, 2023

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best
wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the
President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof
transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extended its Congratulations to:

Imam Faaruq

In Recognition of:

In sincere recognition of Imam Abdullah Faaruq's distinguished leadership within the Muslim community, we commend his resolute mission to unite Muslims in establishing a profound Muslim presence in Massachusetts and across the United States. Through his commitment to education, outreach, and humanitarian service, Imam Faaruq personifies the essence of authentic leadership, compassion, unwavering dedication, and unyielding commitment to the collective well-being of our community

; and

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: Edward M. Flynn

President of the City Council

Attest: [Signature]

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature]

Date: _____