

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ALLOW FOR MONTHLY PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS FOR RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, The City of Boston processed 150,072 parcels for residential taxes in FY25, according to the Division of Local Services; *and*

WHEREAS, While many homeowners pay their property taxes automatically through monthly mortgage payments, those who have paid off their mortgages face quarterly payments that can total several thousands of dollars at a time; *and*

WHEREAS, Residential taxes have risen more than 7 percent every year since FY19, which when combined with increased housing values have caused large increases from the second quarter to the third quarter each year; *and*

WHEREAS, That property tax bill would be more manageable if residents could pay it automatically in a monthly payment; *and*

WHEREAS, Several cities and towns across the country, including New York and Milwaukee, allow for monthly payments, and the process has been recommended by several tax experts for decades; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston should explore changing its processing system to collect residential property taxes through automatic monthly payments in order to ease the burden on the city's residents; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the process to allow for automatic monthly payments of residential property taxes, and that the city's Chief Financial Officer and representatives from the Department of Innovation and Technology, Assessing, and other relevant departments attend alongside members of the public.

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