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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XI, SECTION 6.9-e OF THE CITY OF BOSTON CODE, ORDINANCES REGARDING PERMITS FOR STREET WORK

WHEREAS, In 2017, Mayor Walsh and the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association agreed to a four-year contract for 1,500 patrol officers, which expired in 2020; **and**

WHEREAS, Over the last decade, the nationwide calls for police reform have highlighted the role of police union contracts—negotiated mainly outside of public view—in limiting or enabling reform, accountability, and fiscal oversight; **and**

WHEREAS, The City of Boston and the Boston Police Patrolmens Association have ratified a contract from July 2020 to June 2025 where, for the first time in Boston's history, details for traffic control will be open to residents who are not current and former law enforcement; **and**

WHEREAS, Residents and community organizations have advocated for good-paying union detail jobs for residents, including prioritizing residents with CORIs (Criminal Offender Record Information records); **and**

WHEREAS, This collective bargaining agreement takes a historic step toward ending the Boston Police Department's monopoly on detail work; **NOW, THEREFORE**

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XI, section 6.9, Permits for Street Work; Conditions Thereof. is hereby amended by replacing the language in section e. as follows:

e. That the Commissioner shall require the person receiving the permit to maintain at the expense of such person as many Detail Personnel as the Police Commissioner may determine necessary to protect the safety and general welfare of the public and to preserve the free circulation of traffic. This clause shall not prohibit reimbursement of such person for such expense if a contract between such person and the City or any other person provides such reimbursement. It shall be the duty of the Public Works Commissioner to ascertain compliance with this section before issuance of the permit.

Section 2.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XI, section 6.9, Permits for Street Work; Conditions Thereof. is hereby amended by adding section h. as follows:

h. Pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Patrolmens Association, the City of Boston may contract additional personnel for details with a private entity, provided the conditions within the Memorandum of Agreement are met. In creating the RFP for said entity, the City of Boston shall:

- 1.** Work collaboratively with organizations with a track record of advocating to increase employment and decrease incarceration in BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color) communities, and include representatives of these organizations in the creation of the RFP.
- 2.** Solicit public feedback on the RFP and publicly post feedback, the City's responses, and changes to the RFP
- 3.** May periodically publicly post data with aggregate information about the total and proportion of detailed jobs and funding that go to civilians who are not current or retired law enforcement.

Section 3. Effective Date

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

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