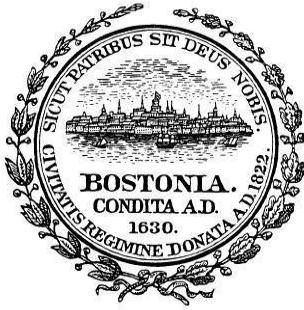


OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**



**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF  
ROAD RACES ON BASIC CITY SERVICES IN DISTRICT 2**

**WHEREAS:** Running road races have become synonymous with the City of Boston's culture for generations. While, most notably, the world renowned Boston Marathon requires months of preparation for permits, public safety coordination, and road closures, there are many road races in support of worthwhile causes that take place each and every year in the neighborhoods of Boston and District 2 as well - including areas like South Boston, the South Boston Waterfront, and Back Bay among others; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Residents continue to express concerns on a lack of advanced notice before some races take place. Small businesses have also highlighted issues that a lack of sufficient community engagement and notification have affected their preparedness for staffing, the ability of employees and customers to navigate road closures, and changes to an already strained parking supply; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Effective coordination between the Department of Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, and Special Events with the Boston Transportation Department (BTD), Public Works, District Councilors, the Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS), the Boston Licensing Board, our first responders, state partners and relevant stakeholders is essential for providing uninterrupted basic city services, crowd control, traffic management, emergency response, overall event security, and neighborhood notification; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Ongoing concerns relating to neighborhood notification and the delivery of city services including trash pickup, street cleaning and parking among others, highlight the glaring need to review interdepartmental coordination. With dozens of road races taking place every year in the City of Boston, it is appropriate to discuss logistical planning and community outreach with pertinent city departments to ensure neighborhood awareness prior to these events, as well as public and pedestrian safety; *and*

**WHEREAS:** With the influx of visitors that road races bring to Boston, it's critical to evaluate best practices to continue to efficiently deliver basic city services, as well as sufficient communication and public awareness campaigns; *and*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:**

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the impact of road races on basic city services in District 2. Representatives from the Office of Neighborhood Services, Boston Police, the Boston Transportation Department, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

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