



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS PLANS TO ADDRESS DRAG RACING, DIRT BIKES, ATVS AND OTHER OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS

- WHEREAS:** In recent years, groups of dirt bikes, ATVs, motorcycles, and cars have at times occupied the streets to do stunts and racing, while endangering pedestrians, drivers, residents, and themselves; *and*
- WHEREAS:** These groups would race down busy roadways, sometimes going the wrong direction and weave through traffic, as well as block off intersections and used their vehicles to do donuts wheelies, and other stunts; *and*
- WHEREAS:** A recent incident in the Back Bay had about 15 vehicles doing burnouts and racing on Commonwealth Avenue, driving the wrong way, clogging traffic, blocking off an intersection to do stunts at 2am, and past incidents include a large gathering of cars near the South Boston Waterfront for some type of rave at 3am last year, and a group of bikers blocking of the Leverett Connector in 2023; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Off-road vehicles are illegal to use on city streets. Many riders are from out of the city and out of the state, and according to Boston Police, many of these off-road vehicles are stolen, or are registered to family members or friends; *and*
- WHEREAS:** As summer approaches, there should be a safety and security plan and a regional approach to address this quality of life and public safety issue, which not only impacts our Boston neighborhoods, but also the Greater Boston region; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The Boston Police should be proactive in addressing this issue, and continue to track vehicles and drivers that are engaged in these illegal acts, and seize stolen vehicles that are engaged in these activities; *and*

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss plans to address dirt bikes, ATVs, off road vehicles, and drag racing on city streets. Representatives from the Boston Police Department and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.