



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 AT 12:00 P.M.

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## **ROLL CALL**

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:**

**1625** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY23 Mass Trails grant, awarded by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to be administered by the Boston Transportation Department. The grant will fund the enhancement of trails and trail access in the Dorchester Community.

**1626** 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.

## **PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES**

## **REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:**

**1627** Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding "Proposed Minor Modification to the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass.R-24, with respect to Newly Created So Called Parcels L-25 and S-10."

[1628](#) Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding "Proposed Minor Modification to the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass.R-24, with respect to Newly Created So Called Parcels L-49 and L-50."

[1629](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of her absence from the City from Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7:00 A.M., returning at 7:00 P.M.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

[1373](#) The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on August 30, 2023, Docket #1373, an ordinance to support public safety as the City doubles down on our public health-led approach to the crises of mental health, substance use, and unsheltered homelessness concentrated in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard, submits a report recommending that this docket ought to pass in a new draft.

#### **MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

[0410](#) Petition for a Special Law re: An Act increasing the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances and authorizing the City of Boston to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the City of Boston for nonpayment of any local charges, fees or fines.

[0153](#) Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and Boston Residents Jobs Policy.

[1449](#) 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.

#### **MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

[1630](#) **Councilor Louijeune and Coletta offered the following:** Resolution celebrating the centennial of the declaration of Republic of Türkiye and 28th Annual Boston Turkish Arts & Culture Festival.

[1631](#) **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

[1632](#) **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution in Support of Dedicating New Edgerly Road in Honor of John Bookston.

**1633 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution to change the name of Faneuil Hall, thereby beginning a process of addressing anti-Black racist symbols prevalent in Boston.

**PERSONNEL ORDERS:**

**1634** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Lara offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees My'Kel McMillen and Chukweumeka Osuagwu in City Council, effective November 18, 2023.

**1635** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Lara offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees My'Kel McMillen and Chukwuemeka Osuagwu in City Council, effective November 25, 2023.

**1636** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary Employee Kasey Barrett, in City Council, effective November 6, 2023.

**GREEN SHEETS:**

**/25/23** Legislative Calendar for October 25, 2023.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1637 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Kiwanis Club of Allston-Brighton for its 45th anniversary.

**1638 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of The IFSI-USA Production.

**1639 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of 9 Haitian community leaders.

**1640 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Gee How Oak Tin Association of New England.

**1641 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 37 Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society Retirees.

**1642 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England.

**1643 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Cheryl Rosenberg.

**1644 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Tamkang University of Taipei and Ministry of Education in Taiwan.

**1645 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution in support of 32BJ SEIU's Cleaning Contract Campaign.



City Of Boston • Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
Michelle Wu

10-23-2023

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 THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$300,000.00**) in the form of a grant, FY23 MassTrails Grant, awarded by MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to be administered by the Transportation.

The grant would fund the enhancement of trails and trail access in the Dorchester Community.

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 MassTrails Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Department of Conservation and Recreation.**

**WHEREAS**, the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds in the amount of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) would fund the enhancement of trails and trail access in the Dorchester Community. 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 MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, FY23 MassTrails Grant award not to exceed the amount of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00).

**Docket #** \_\_\_\_\_

**In City Council Passed** \_\_\_\_\_

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**City Clerk**

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**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**

October 23, 2023

The Honorable Alex Geourntas  
Office of the City Clerk  
1 City Hall Plaza  
Room 601  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of Nakeeda Burns of 120 Lanark Rd Apt 2, Brighton, Massachusetts 02135 as a member of the Zoning Commission, for a term expiring on October 26, 2026. I am appointing Nakeeda Burns pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended by Chapter 461 of the Acts of 1993. Subject to your confirmation, Nakeeda Burns will serve as a representative of a residential neighborhood organization.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Nakeeda Burns as a member of the Zoning Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF NAKEEDA BURNS TO THE ZONING COMMISSION**

**ORDERED:** That, pursuant to St. 1956, c. 665, as amended by St. 1993, c. 461, as amended by St. 2018, c. 373, as amended by St. 2020, c. 365, the appointment of Nakeeda Burns of 120 Lanark Rd Apt 2, Brighton, Massachusetts 02135 as a residential neighborhood organization member of the Zoning Commission, for a term expiring on October 26, 2026, be, and hereby is, confirmed.

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

BY   
**ADAM CEDERBAUM  
CORPORATION COUNSEL** TJB





October 16, 2023

Alex Geourntas  
Boston City Clerk  
One City Hall Square  
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Proposed Minor Modification to the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-24, with Respect to Newly Created So Called Parcels L-25 and S-10.

Dear Clerk Geourntas,

In accordance with the policies adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") Board on September 15, 2016, with respect to proposed urban renewal actions of the BRA, I am hereby notifying the Boston City Clerk that the BPDA proposes to adopt a minor modification to the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-24, with respect to newly created parcels located at 44 Maple Street and 1 Fenner Street in Roxbury.

The purpose of the proposed BRA action is to facilitate the redevelopment of Parcels L-25 and S-10. The newly created parcels will have new land use allowances of Open Space, Community Garden and or Agricultural uses and Accessory uses. All other building and land use requirements will be not applicable to the redevelopment. This modification may allow for the redevelopment of the parcel for an anticipated community garden/open space use.

I have enclosed a copy of the proposed minor modification resolution. If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Breen at (617) 918-4202. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Arthur Jemison II', written over a circular stamp or seal.

James Arthur Jemison II,  
Director

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**Boston Redevelopment Authority (D/B/A Boston Planning & Development Agency)**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGARDING MINOR MODIFICATION TO THE WASHINGTON PARK URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-24, WITH RESPECT TO SO CALLED PARCEL L-25**

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**WHEREAS**, the Urban Renewal Plan for the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-24, was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (the “**Authority**”) on January 16, 1963 and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on February 18, 1963; (said plan, as amended, being herein referred to as the “**Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1201 of Chapter XII of the Plan, entitled “Modification”, provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority provided that, if the general requirements, controls or restrictions applicable to any part of the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area shall be modified after the lease or sale of such part, the modification must be consented by the redeveloper or redevelopers of such part or their successors and assigns; provided further that where the proposed modifications may substantially or materially alter or change the Plan, the modifications must be approved by the Boston City Council and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of the Authority that the modifications as hereinafter provided in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Plan Area are consistent with the objectives of the Plan and are minor modifications that may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to said Section 1201; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments to the Plan are necessary to effectuate the use of newly created so-called Parcels L-25

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

Pursuant to Section 1201 thereof, the Plan be and hereby is amended as follows:

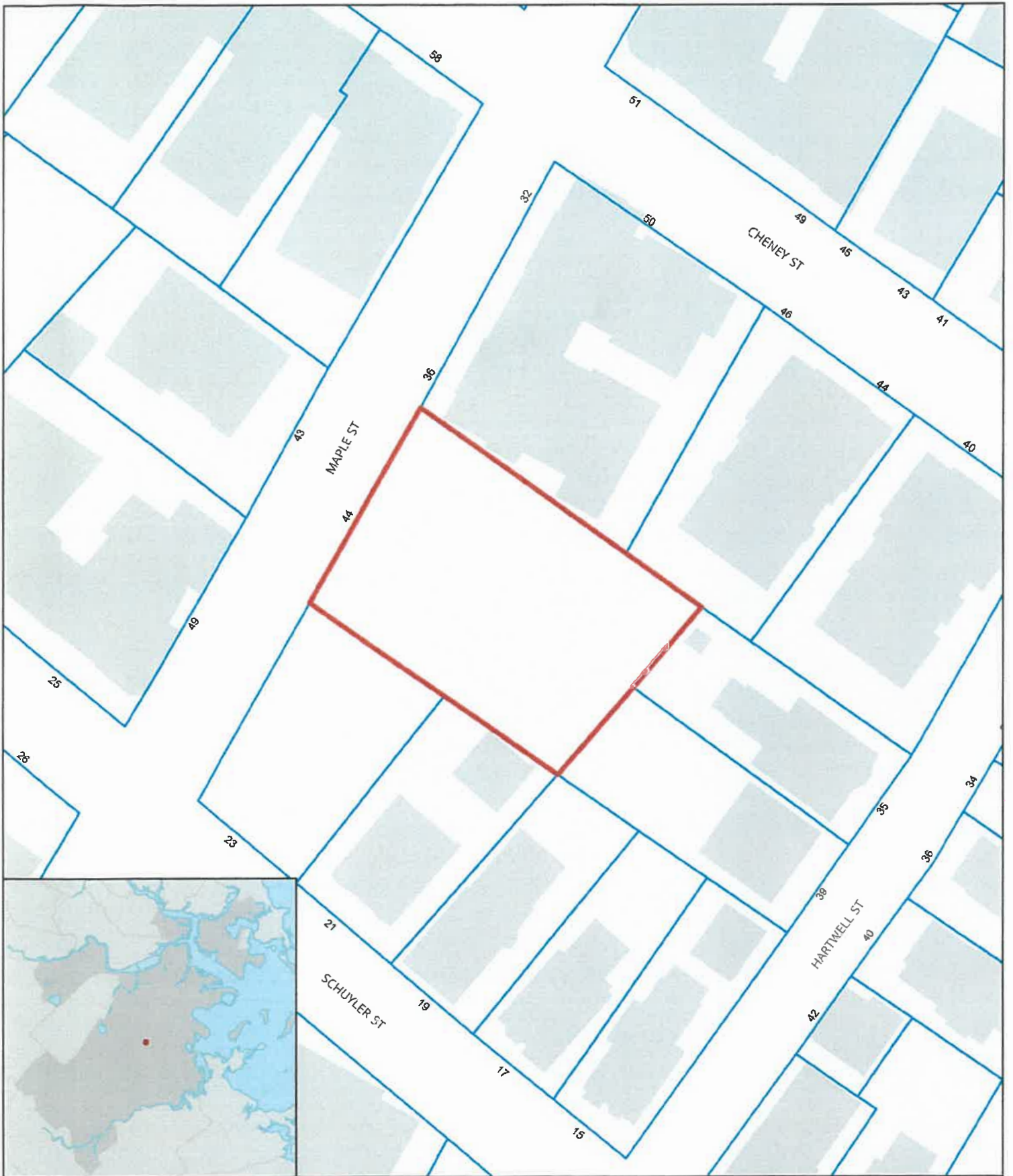
- (a) That Map 2, “Proposed Land Use Plan” is hereby amended by formally creating so-called Parcel L-25, adding Open Space, Community Garden or Urban Wild Use and Accessory Uses as allowable land uses for Parcel L-25.

(b) That Chapter VI, "Proposed Land Use and Building Requirements", Section 602, Table A, "Land Use and Building Requirements", is hereby modified as follows:

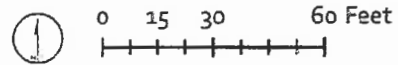
Site Designation	Permitted Uses	Minimum Setbacks F S R	Maximum Building Height	Maximum Floor Area Ratio	Maximum Net Density	Minimum Parking Ratio
L-25	Open Space, Community Garden/Urban Wild Use, Accessory Uses	*	*	*	*	*

\* To be determined by the Authority

2. That the proposed modifications are found to be minor modifications that do not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan.
3. That all other provisions of the Plan not inconsistent herewith be and hereby are continuing in full force and effect.
4. That it is hereby found and determined pursuant to MEPA that the foregoing modification of the Plan, and any proposed development undertaken pursuant thereto, will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment, and further that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.
5. That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to proclaim by certificate this minor modification of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHM 7207.1, dated August 8 1974, if applicable.



44 Maple Street Parcel L-25



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGARDING MINOR MODIFICATION TO THE WASHINGTON PARK URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-24, WITH RESPECT TO SO CALLED PARCEL S-10**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 1201 of Chapter XII of the Plan, entitled “Modification”, provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority provided that, if the general requirements, controls or restrictions applicable to any part of the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area shall be modified after the lease or sale of such part, the modification must be consented by the redeveloper or redevelopers of such part or their successors and assigns; provided further that where the proposed modifications may substantially or materially alter or change the Plan, the modifications must be approved by the Boston City Council and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of the Authority that the modifications as hereinafter provided in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Plan Area are consistent with the objectives of the Plan and are minor modifications that may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to said Section 1201; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments to the Plan are necessary to effectuate the use of newly created so-called Parcels S-10

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

Pursuant to Section 1201 thereof, the Plan be and hereby is amended as follows:

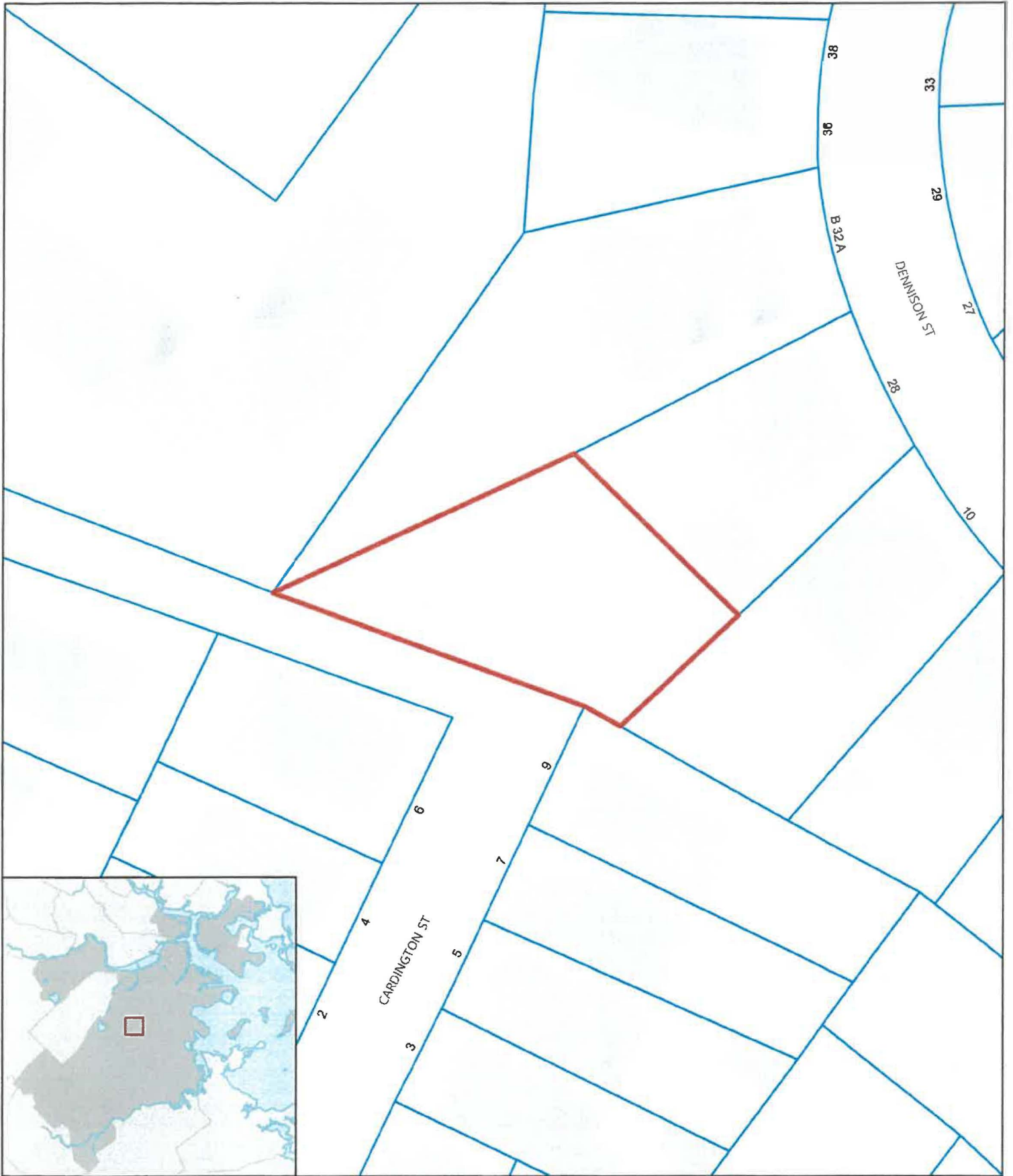
- (a) That Map 2, “Proposed Land Use Plan” is hereby amended by formally creating so-called Parcel S-10, adding Open Space, Community Garden or Urban Wild Use and Accessory Uses as allowable land uses for Parcel S-10.

(b) That Chapter VI, "Proposed Land Use and Building Requirements", Section 602, Table A, "Land Use and Building Requirements", is hereby modified as follows:

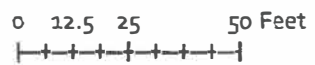
Site Designation	Permitted Uses	Minimum Setbacks F S R	Maximum Building Height	Maximum Floor Area Ratio	Maximum Net Density	Minimum Parking Ratio
S-10	Open Space, Community Garden/Urban Wild Use, Accessory Uses	*	*	*	*	*

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2. That the proposed modifications are found to be minor modifications that do not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan.
3. That all other provisions of the Plan not inconsistent herewith be and hereby are continuing in full force and effect.
4. That it is hereby found and determined pursuant to MEPA that the foregoing modification of the Plan, and any proposed development undertaken pursuant thereto, will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment, and further that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.
5. That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to proclaim by certificate this minor modification of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHM 7207.1, dated August 8 1974, if applicable.



1 Fenner Street Parcel S-10





October 16, 2023

Alex Geourntas  
Boston City Clerk  
One City Hall Square  
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Proposed Minor Modification to the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-24, with Respect to Newly Created So Called Parcels L-49 and L-50.

Dear Clerk Geourntas,

In accordance with the policies adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") Board on September 15, 2016, with respect to proposed urban renewal actions of the BRA, I am hereby notifying the Boston City Clerk that the BPDA proposes to adopt a minor modification to the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-24, with respect to newly created parcels located along Westminster Terrace in Roxbury.

The purpose of the proposed BRA action is to facilitate the redevelopment of Parcels L-49 and L-50. The newly created parcels will have new land use allowances of Residential, Open Space, and Accessory uses. All other building and land use requirements will be not applicable to the redevelopment. This modification may allow for the redevelopment of the parcel for an anticipated addition to the Stone Housing Development.

I have enclosed a copy of the proposed minor modification resolution. If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Breen at (617) 918-4202. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments to the Plan are necessary to effectuate the use of newly created so-called Parcels L-49 and L-50

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

Pursuant to Section 1201 thereof, the Plan be and hereby is amended as follows:

- (a) That Map 2, "**Proposed Land Use Plan**" is hereby amended by formally creating so-called Parcel L-49 and Parcel L-50, adding Residential, Open Space and Accessory Uses as allowable land uses for the newly created Parcels L-49 and L-50.

(b) That Chapter VI, "Proposed Land Use and Building Requirements", Section 602, Table A, "Land Use and Building Requirements", is hereby modified as follows:

Site Designation	Permitted Uses	Minimum Setbacks F S R	Maximum Building Height	Maximum Floor Area Ratio	Maximum Net Density	Minimum Parking Ratio
L-49	Residential, Open Space and Accessory Uses	*	*	*	*	*
L-50	Residential, Open Space and Accessory Uses	*	*	*	*	*

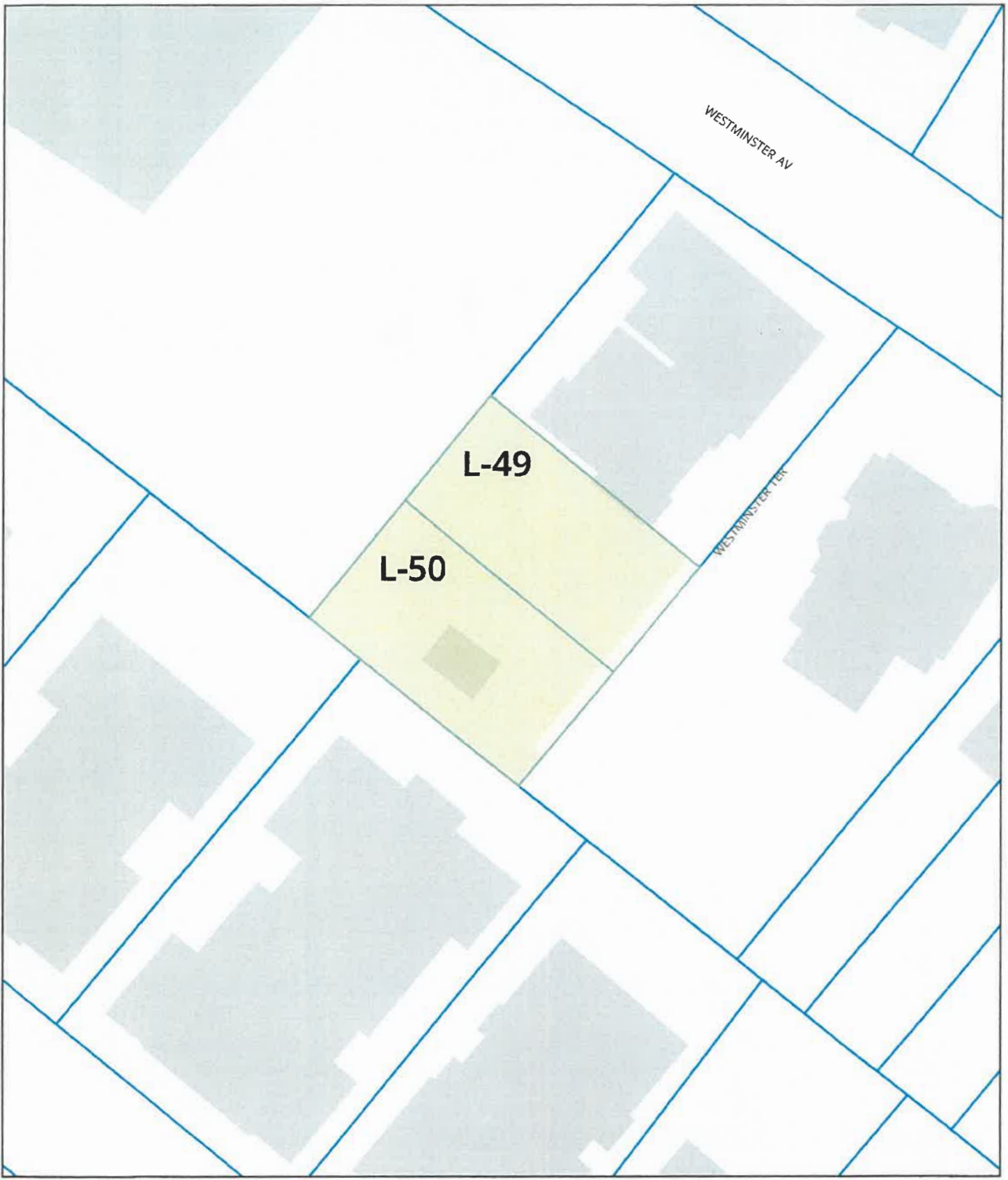
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2. That the proposed modifications are found to be minor modifications that do not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan.

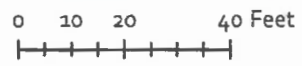
3. That all other provisions of the Plan not inconsistent herewith be and hereby are continuing in full force and effect.

4. That it is hereby found and determined pursuant to MEPA that the foregoing modification of the Plan, and any proposed development undertaken pursuant thereto, will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment, and further that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.

5. That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to proclaim by certificate this minor modification of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHM 7207.1, dated August 8 1974, if applicable.



**Map 1**  
**Property Map and Perimeter Boundaries**





City of Boston, Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
**Michelle Wu**

October 23, 2023

The Honorable Alex Geourntas  
Office of the City Clerk  
1 City Hall Square, Room 601  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Clerk Geourntas,

Please note that I will be out of town on Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 a.m. returning October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Wu".

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
**MICHELLE WU**

August 28, 2023

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Ordinance to support public safety as the City doubles down on our public health-led approach to the crises of mental health, substance use, and unsheltered homelessness concentrated in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.

The Ordinance will establish a prohibition against unsanctioned use of tents, tarps, and similar temporary structures on public property and in the public way which have been shielding much of the dangerous activity in the area and undermining the ability of providers to safely and effectively deliver services. Boston Police would have the authority to enforce on the condition that individuals are offered shelter and transportation to services, as well as storage for personal belongings. This Ordinance is one component of a three-part approach that will also include expanding overnight low-threshold housing and shelter capacity, and a coordinated response operation to return Atkinson Street to standard roadway usage and deliver outreach services citywide to prevent new encampments in other neighborhoods.

Over the last year and a half, we have built up a solid infrastructure of low-threshold supportive housing with treatment, care, and case management for a successful pathway to recovery. Since January 2022, more than 500 people from the Mass and Cass area have been served at the City's low-threshold supportive housing sites, and 149 people have achieved the stability, health, and recovery to move on to permanent housing. The State has also begun to create low-threshold supportive housing modeled after Boston's progress in other municipalities, with six locations so far, and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and State Legislature have partnered to significantly expand a diversion program in the court system to facilitate recovery. The Ordinance will help us double down on this coordinated approach by addressing the public safety of patients, workers, and residents in the area so we can continue improving our outreach and services.

I urge your Honorable Body to take swift and urgent action to approve this ordinance in order for City officials and provider partners to finalize preparations and begin implementation well before the colder temperatures of late fall and winter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS:** The humanitarian crisis of homelessness, substance use, and mental health concentrated near Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard has been one of the most pressing and complex challenges in the City of Boston for nearly a decade; and

**WHEREAS:** Since January 2022, the City of Boston has achieved substantial progress through a coordinated response focused on public health—building an infrastructure including nearly two hundred units of low-threshold supportive housing; expanded shelter capacity; a case management system; a family reunification program; daily street cleanings; and partnerships with community organizations for public health, outreach, and workforce development to facilitate recovery—that has served more than 500 individuals from the Mass and Cass area in the City’s low-threshold housing sites, with 149 individuals transitioning into permanent housing; and

**WHEREAS:** Unsanctioned temporary structures, including tents and tarps, undermine the City of Boston’s ability to maintain adequate access to public property for individuals of all abilities, an unobstructed path of travel as required by law, and a safe and hazard-free environment for all individuals; and

**WHEREAS:** Tents and tarps are often fire hazards that hinder fire personnel and first responders in the event of an emergency, create visual barriers that can impair the ability of outreach workers and first responders to deliver public health and social services, and that limit access or conceal criminal behavior, which directly impacts public safety and diminishes the Boston Police Department’s ability to respond to individuals in need or directly address criminal activity; and

**WHEREAS:** Any delay to removing these structures presents an immediate potential harm to individuals inside the structures and to members of the public in the vicinity due to the public health and safety issues listed above; and

**WHEREAS:** By restricting unlawful camping on public property, the City seeks to curtail obstacles to public safety and public health in order to enhance the continued

delivery of outreach and services for health, housing, and recovery; *NOW  
THEREFORE*

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

**SECTION 1.** City of Boston Code, Ordinances, is hereby amended in *Chapter XVI* by adding the following after the existing Section 16-64:

**16-65 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CAMPING ON PUBLIC  
PROPERTY**

**16-65.1 Definitions.**

For the purpose of Sections 16-65.2 through 16-65.10, the following definitions shall apply:

"To camp" means to pitch, erect, or occupy a Campsite or to use Camp Materials, or both, for the purpose of, or to facilitate, outdoor sheltering, either temporarily or permanently.

"Campsite" means any place where a tent, tarp, or other temporary structure is established for the purpose of maintaining an outdoor shelter.

"Camp Materials" means items used to establish or facilitate occupancy of a Campsite, including tents, tarps, or other temporary structures, as well as large furniture, stoves, and other cooking instruments.

"City Storage Program Policy" refers to the City's written policy for storage of eligible property.

"Emergency Shelter Space" means a City-authorized location providing temporary shelter or alternative sleeping space practically available to persons experiencing homelessness. Emergency Shelter Space shall be at a shelter, housing accommodation, or alternative sleeping space that maintains policies and procedures for accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"Period When Shelter Is Unavailable" means a length of time in which there is no Emergency Shelter Space available to individuals experiencing homelessness in Boston.

## **16-65.2 Purpose**

It is the purpose of this Ordinance to promote public health, public safety, general welfare, and the economic health and well-being of Boston, its workers, visitors, and residents, including individuals experiencing homelessness, by prohibiting unsanctioned camping and the dangerous and unsafe conditions surrounding such Campsites.

The Ordinance seeks to improve access to housing and recovery services by restoring access to public spaces, the public right-of-way, and curtailing the existence of Campsites that shield drug trafficking, human trafficking, weapons, fire hazards, violence and other criminal activity, and that create conditions for large crowds to congregate. It is also the purpose of this Ordinance to protect the rights of individuals related to their personal property and to treat such property with respect and consideration.

This Ordinance shall apply to all Campsites and camping on public property, including, but not limited to streets, sidewalks, and public right-of-ways.

## **16-65.3 Unlawful Camping on Public Property**

It is unlawful for any person to camp or maintain a Campsite or Camp Materials in or on any public property or in the public right-of-way, including but not limited to any street, sidewalk, school or public park, unless specifically authorized or during a Period When Shelter Is Unavailable.

## **16-65.4 Restrictions on Unlawful Camping During A Period When Shelter Is Unavailable**

The prohibition against Campsites and camping shall not apply during a Period When Shelter Is Unavailable.

City officials shall maintain, and regularly revise, a shelter list that is communicated to the Boston Police Department and other City departments for the purpose of identifying available shelter space.

During a Period When Shelter Is Unavailable, or when a Campsite is specifically authorized, a Campsite or use of Camping Materials must comply with existing state and local laws to ensure the public health and safety of those in and around the Campsite.

The Mayor's Office of Housing, in consultation with the Boston Police Department and the Inspectional Services Department, is hereby authorized to promulgate any additional restrictions relative to the time, place, and manner for camping, and density of Campsites, during any Period When Shelter Is Unavailable in order to advance public safety, maintain access to the public right-of-way, and support the effective operation of facilities such as schools, shelters, and health care institutions during such periods.



### **16-65.5 Offer of Shelter**

In the event of a violation of this Ordinance, the City shall provide, or cause to be provided, an offer of available Emergency Shelter Space to an individual experiencing homelessness and, when requested, transportation to the available Emergency Shelter Space.

Each Emergency Shelter Space offered to an individual shall be at a shelter, housing accommodation, or alternative sleeping space that maintains policies and procedures for accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### **16-65.6 Storage of Property**

In the event of a violation of this Ordinance, the City shall offer and provide storage for personal belongings consistent with the City Storage Program Policy. The City Storage Program Policy shall provide for the storage of eligible property, define property that is eligible for storage, and provide clear instructions on how individuals may regularly access and recover their belongings.

The City Storage Program Policy will also provide that for property at a Campsite that is not claimed by any person, City staff will assess whether the property is abandoned property or an individual's temporarily unattended property, including through inquiry to individuals in the area and a reasonable attempt to identify the property owner. Property determined to pose an immediate health or safety risk is subject to immediate disposal.

The City shall store temporarily unattended eligible property under the City Storage Program Policy. For temporarily unattended property that is not eligible for City storage, the City will either post notice for 24 hours prior to removal of the unattended property not eligible for City storage or will temporarily store the unattended property and post notice as to how to recover it.

City officials shall provide a written copy of the City Storage Program Policy when providing an offer of storage, which shall be made available in each language that meets a language access need in Boston as most recently determined by the Office of Language and Communications Access.

In the event that an individual chooses to leave the area without their belongings upon learning of a violation of this Ordinance, City staff shall store eligible property in line with the City's Storage Program Policy.

The City shall maintain a feedback system on the City Storage Program through which individuals can complete a form either online or by requesting a physical form from a City employee or agent. These feedback forms can be used to submit general feedback or to submit a claim for reimbursement for lost property.

### **16-65.7 Removal**

Once the City has engaged an individual as described in Section 16-65.5 Offer of Shelter and Section 16-65.6 Storage of Property, and the individual has either accepted or declined the offers, the City shall remove any Campsite and/or Camp Materials not removed by the individual.

### **16-65.8 Notice to Individuals**

Immediately upon passage, the City shall distribute leaflets to individuals and post weather-resistant signs in locations with a concentrated number of Campsites to provide additional actual notice of this Ordinance and the effective date. The leaflet shall contain a written copy of this Ordinance, a written copy of the City Storage Program Policy, and written copies of additional resources.

Upon the effective date of the Ordinance, once the City has engaged an individual as described in Section 16-65.5 Offer of Shelter and Section 16-65.6 Storage of Property, no further notice is required to enforce this Ordinance.

When the City notifies an individual located in any Campsite that a Period When Shelter Is Unavailable has ended, the individual shall have forty-eight (48) hours to remove their Camping Materials.

### **16-65.9 Penalty For Violations**

Individuals in violation of this Ordinance who refuse to remove or allow for removal of the Campsite or Camp Materials as described in Section 16-65.7, or who reestablish a Campsite following removal pursuant to Section 16-65.7, shall be subject to penalties. This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Boston Police Department as well as any sworn law enforcement agency empowered to make an arrest within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Boston. Any of the following penalties may apply:

- (a) All enforcement methods authorized by law, including G. L. c. 40, § 21, non-criminal disposition authorized by G. L. c. 40, § 21D, or enforcement authorized by G. L. c. 272, § 59 (Ordinances or Regulations Relating to Streets, Reservations, or Parkways; Alcoholic Beverages; Profanity; Arrest Without Warrant) if the Boston Police or other duly authorized officer on scene determines a violation of G. L. c. 272, § 59 has occurred in their presence;
- (b) The fine for each offense shall be Twenty-Five dollars (\$25.00);
- (c) This Section shall go into effect seven (7) days after the date of passage to permit any individuals located in any Campsite to remove Camping Materials in order to comply with this Ordinance.

**16-65.10 Severability**

The provisions in this Ordinance are severable. If any part or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected by such holding and shall continue to have full force and effect.

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

**BY**

  
**ADAM CEDERBAUM  
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

## **AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

WHEREAS: The humanitarian crisis of homelessness, substance use, and mental health concentrated near Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard has been one of the most pressing and complex challenges in the City of Boston for nearly a decade; and

WHEREAS: Since January 2022, the City of Boston has achieved substantial progress through a coordinated response focused on public health—building an infrastructure including nearly two hundred units of low-threshold supportive housing; expanded shelter capacity; a case management system; a family reunification program; daily street cleanings; and partnerships with community organizations for public health, outreach, and workforce development to facilitate recovery—that has served more than 500 individuals from the Mass and Cass area in the City’s low-threshold housing sites, with 149 individuals transitioning into permanent housing; and

WHEREAS: Unsanctioned temporary structures, including tents and tarps, undermine the City of Boston’s ability to maintain adequate access to public property for individuals of all abilities, an unobstructed path of travel as required by law, and a safe and hazard-free environment for all individuals; and

WHEREAS: Tents and tarps are often fire hazards that hinder fire personnel and first responders in the event of an emergency, create visual barriers that can impair the ability of outreach workers and first responders to deliver public health and social services, and that limit access or conceal criminal behavior, which directly impacts public safety and diminishes the Boston Police Department’s ability to respond to individuals in need or directly address criminal activity; and

WHEREAS: Any delay to removing these structures presents an immediate potential harm to individuals inside the structures and to members of the public in the vicinity due to the public health and safety issues listed above; and

WHEREAS: By restricting unlawful camping on public property, the City seeks to curtail obstacles to public safety and public health in order to enhance the continued delivery of outreach and services for health, housing, and recovery; NOW THEREFORE

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

**SECTION 1.** City of Boston Code, Ordinances, is hereby amended in Chapter AND by adding the following after the existing Section 16-64:

### **16-65 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

#### **16-65.1 Definitions.**

For the purpose of Sections 16-65.2 through 16-65.10, the following definitions shall apply:

"To camp" means to pitch, erect, or occupy a Campsite or to use Camp Materials, or both, for the purpose of, or to facilitate, outdoor sheltering, either temporarily or permanently.

"Campsite" means any place where a tent, tarp, or other temporary structure is established for the purpose of maintaining an outdoor shelter.

“Camp Materials” means items used to establish or facilitate occupancy of a Campsite, including tents, tarps, or other temporary structures, as well as large furniture, stoves, and other cooking instruments,

“City Storage Program Policy” refers to the City’s written policy for storage of Eligible Property.

“Eligible Property” means items including, but not limited to, personal identification and documents, valuables, clothing, hygiene products and toiletries, and items of basic necessities.

“Emergency Shelter Space” means a City-authorized location providing temporary shelter or alternative sleeping space practically available to persons experiencing homelessness. Emergency Shelter Space shall be at a shelter, housing accommodation, or alternative sleeping space that maintains policies and procedures for accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“Period When Shelter Is Unavailable” means a length of time in which there is no Emergency Shelter Space available to individuals experiencing homelessness in Boston.

### **16-65.2 Purpose**

It is the purpose of this Ordinance to promote public health, public safety, general welfare, and the economic health and well-being of Boston, its workers, visitors, and residents, including individuals experiencing homelessness, by prohibiting unsanctioned camping and the dangerous and unsafe conditions surrounding such Campsites.

The Ordinance seeks to improve access to housing and recovery services by restoring access to public spaces, the public right-of-way, and curtailing the existence of Campsites that shield drug trafficking, human trafficking, weapons, fire hazards, violence and other criminal activity, and that create conditions for large crowds to congregate. It is also the purpose of this Ordinance to protect the rights of individuals related to their personal property and to treat such property with respect and consideration.

This Ordinance shall apply to all Campsites and camping on public property, including, but not limited to streets, sidewalks, and public right-of-ways.

### **16-65.3 Unlawful Camping on Public Property**

It is unlawful for any person to camp or maintain a Campsite or Camp Materials in or on any public property or in the public right-of-way, including but not limited to any street, sidewalk, school or public park, unless specifically authorized or during a Period When Shelter Is Unavailable.

### **16-65.4 Restrictions on Unlawful Camping During A Period When Shelter Is Unavailable**

The prohibition against Campsites and camping shall not apply during a Period When Shelter Is Unavailable.

City officials shall maintain daily, and revise regularly, a shelter list that is communicated throughout the day to the Boston Police Department and other City departments for the purpose of identifying available shelter space.

During a Period When Shelter Is Unavailable, or when a Campsite is specifically authorized, a Campsite or use of Camping Materials must comply with existing state and local laws to ensure the public health and safety of those in and around the Campsite.

During any Period When Shelter Is Unavailable, the Mayor’s Office of Housing, in consultation with the Boston Public Health Commission, the Boston Police Department and the Inspectional Services Department, is hereby authorized to promulgate any additional restrictions relative to the time, place, and manner for camping, and density of Campsites, in order to advance public health, maintain access to the

public right-of-way, and support the effective operation of facilities such as schools, shelters, and health care institutions during such periods.

#### **16-65.5 Offer of Shelter**

In the event of a violation of this Ordinance, the City shall provide, or cause to be provided, an offer of available Emergency Shelter Space to an individual experiencing homelessness, and must inform that individual that transportation to available Emergency Shelter Space is available.

Each Emergency Shelter Space offered to an individual shall be at a shelter, housing accommodation, or alternative sleeping space that maintains policies and procedures for accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

#### **16-65.6 Storage of Property**

In the event of a violation of this Ordinance, the City shall offer and provide storage for personal belongings consistent with the City Storage Program Policy. The City Storage Program Policy shall provide for the storage of Eligible Property, further define property that is eligible for storage, and provide clear instructions on how individuals may regularly access and recover their belongings.

The City Storage Program Policy will also provide that for property at a Campsite that is not claimed by any person, City staff will assess whether the property is abandoned property or an individual's temporarily unattended property, including through inquiry to individuals in the area and a reasonable attempt to identify the property owner. Property determined to pose an immediate health or safety risk is subject to immediate disposal.

The City shall store temporarily unattended Eligible Property under the City Storage Program Policy. For temporarily unattended property that is not eligible for City storage, the Inspectional Services Department will either post notice for 24 hours prior to removal of the unattended property not eligible for City storage or will temporarily store the unattended property and post notice as to how to recover it.

City officials shall provide a written copy of the City Storage Program Policy when providing an offer of storage, which shall be made available in each language that meets a language access need in Boston as most recently determined by the Office of Language and Communications Access.

In the event that an individual chooses to leave the area without their belongings upon learning of a violation of this Ordinance, City staff shall store eligible property in line with the City's Storage Program Policy.

The City Clerk shall maintain a feedback system on the City Storage Program through which individuals can complete a form either online or by requesting a physical form from a City employee or agent. These feedback forms can be used to submit general feedback or to submit a claim for reimbursement for lost property. All claim forms submitted pursuant to this Ordinance shall be submitted to the City Clerk for appropriate routing. No fees may be charged for the processing of claims submitted pursuant to this Ordinance.

#### **16-65.7 Removal**

Once the City has engaged an individual as described in Section 16-65.5 Offer of Shelter and Section 16-65.6 Storage of Property, and the individual has either accepted or declined the offers, the City shall remove any Campsite and/or Camp Materials not removed by the individual.

### **16-65.8 Notice to Individuals**

Immediately upon passage, the City shall distribute leaflets to individuals and post weather-resistant signs in locations with a concentrated number of Campsites to provide additional actual notice of this Ordinance and the effective date. The leaflet shall contain a written copy of this Ordinance, a written copy of the City Storage Program Policy, and written copies of additional resources, which shall be made available in each language that meets a language access need in Boston as most recently determined by the Office of Language and Communications Access.

Upon the effective date of the Ordinance, once the City has engaged an individual as described in Section 16-65.5 Offer of Shelter and Section 16-65.6 Storage of Property, no further notice is required to enforce this Ordinance.

In the case of a Period When Shelter is Unavailable, when the City notifies an individual located in any Campsite that a Period When Shelter Is Unavailable has ended, the individual shall have forty-eight (48) hours to remove their Camping Materials.

### **16-65.9 Penalty For Violations**

Individuals in violation of this Ordinance who refuse to remove or allow for removal of the Campsite or Camp Materials as described in Section 16-65.7, or who reestablish a Campsite following removal pursuant to Section 16-65.7, shall be subject to penalties. This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Boston Police Department as well as any sworn law enforcement agency empowered to make an arrest within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Boston. Any of the following penalties may apply:

- (a) All enforcement methods authorized by law, including, issuance of a warning, G. L. c. 40, s. 21, or enforcement authorized by G. L. c. 272, s. 59 (Ordinances or Regulations Relating to Streets, Reservations, or Parkways; Alcoholic Beverages; Profanity; Arrest Without Warrant) if the Boston Police or other duly authorized officer on scene determines a violation of G. L. c. 272, s. 59 has occurred in their presence;
- (b) This Section shall go into effect seven (7) days after the date of passage to permit any individuals located in any Campsite to remove Camping Materials in order to comply with this Ordinance.

### **16-65.10 Reporting to the Boston City Council**

The City will attend a hearing hosted by the Boston City Council to present an end of year report related to the provisions of this ordinance every year.

### **16-65.11 Severability**

The provisions in this Ordinance are severable. If any part or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected by such holding and shall continue to have full force and effect.



# BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Government Operations  
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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

October 18, 2023

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Government Operations was referred *Docket #1373, an ordinance to support public safety as the City doubles down on our public health-led approach to the crises of mental health, substance use, and unsheltered homelessness concentrated in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard*, on August 30, 2023. This matter was sponsored by the Administration.

### Summary of Legislation as Filed:

The proposed Ordinance would declare it unlawful for any person to “Camp” or “Maintain a Campsite or Camp Materials” on any public property, including sidewalks, streets, schools, or public parks, unless specifically authorized or during “a Period When a Shelter is Unavailable.” Immediately upon passage, this Ordinance would require the City to distribute leaflets and post weather-resistant signs in locations with a concentrated number of Campsites to provide additional actual notice of the Ordinance and the date enforcement will commence.

In the event this Ordinance is violated, the City would be required to engage with the individual in violation to offer temporary storage for their personal belongings where eligible and, if experiencing homelessness, an available “Emergency Sleeping Space” and transportation to said space upon request. Procedures related to temporary storage are outlined in the “City Storage Program Policy” and said policy must be provided to anyone offered temporary storage pursuant to this Ordinance.

After these offerings have been made and accepted or declined, the Ordinance would enable the City to remove any “Campsite” or “Camp Materials” not voluntarily removed. If the City identifies an unattended “Campsite” or unattended “Camp Materials,” the City must make a reasonable attempt to identify the owner. If it is determined that the property is not abandoned but instead temporarily unattended, the City will assess whether or not the items are eligible to be stored pursuant to the “City Storage Program Policy.” If the unattended items are eligible to be stored, the City will proceed with removal and post notice regarding how the owner may retrieve their belongings. If the unattended items are not eligible to be stored and do not pose an immediate risk to health or safety, the City must post notice of removal twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Any unattended items that pose an immediate risk to health or safety, will be subject to immediate disposal. Individuals who have items temporarily stored pursuant to the enforcement



of this Ordinance may request a feedback form to submit a claim for reimbursement for any lost property.

In the event the City declares “a Period When a Shelter is Unavailable,” the Ordinance would authorize The Mayor’s Office of Housing, in consultation with the Boston Police Department and the Inspectional Services Department, to promulgate restrictions relative to the time, place and manner for “Camping” or density of “Campsites.” When the City declares “a Period When a Shelter is Unavailable” has ended, they must notify individuals located in any Campsite that such period has ended and allow them forty-eight (48) hours to voluntarily remove their belongings.

Individuals in violation of the Ordinance who refuse to remove or allow for the removal of a “Campsite” or “Camp Materials,” or who reestablish a “Campsite” following removal, will be subject to penalties including a fine of \$25 per violation. No penalties may be issued until seven (7) days after the Ordinance is passed and goes into effect.

**Information Gathered:**

The Committee held a public hearing on September 28, 2023, and a working session on October 16, 2023. During the first public hearing, public testimony was given both in support of and opposition to the Ordinance. During the October 16th working session, Councilors expressed their concerns and sought the Administration’s clarification concerning language and definitions as well as policies and implementation plans referred to in the Ordinance. Testifying on behalf of the Administration included representatives from the following: Boston Public Health Commission, the Boston Police Department (BPD), the Coordinated Response Team, Recovery Services, the Mayor’s Office of Housing, and the Law Department.

In terms of language and definitions, it was stated that the terms “Camp Materials,” “Campsites,” and “To Camp” may be defined too broadly. Councilors expressed concerns over using vague language that could be interpreted to encompass items and impact individuals other than what the Ordinance intends to. In clarifying what the terms encompass and who they will impact, the Administration explained that the spirit of the Ordinance is focused on eliminating the public safety risks encampments like those concentrated around Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Blvd. pose to all. It was explained that the definitions are meant to encompass items used to “pitch or erect” temporary structures to maintain outdoor shelter. Further, it was explained that because the definitions speak to ‘pitching’ temporary structures, unhoused individuals sleeping underneath existing structures in public spaces (i.e., overpasses, benches, etc.) would not be impacted.

Councilors asked the Administration to elaborate upon the definition of “A Period When Shelter is Unavailable” and raised concerns about when and how shelter space would be measured and communicated. It was explained that the City would regularly conduct audits of available shelter space, clarifying that the audits would be done each morning and that the data would be aggregated and communicated through a standard data system used in many major cities. Finally, the Administration explained that in the rare event the City declares “A Period When Shelter is Unavailable,” the prohibition on “Camping” and “Maintaining a Campsite or Camp Materials” would not be enforced; however, according to the Ordinance, the City may still impose

restrictions based on where, when and how individuals may “Camp” or Maintain a Campsite or Camp Materials.”

Concerns were raised about whether “Emergency Shelter Space” will include Boston Housing Authority (BHA) developments and if individuals leaving encampments will receive priority over others who have been on waiting lists for years. It was explained that a vast majority of people coming from encampments on Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Blvd. will likely not be eligible for BHA housing or would have a hard time accessing it. However, it was explained that the City has to follow the Administrative plan filed with the federal government outlining the selection process for BHA developments and cannot discriminate. The Administration was also questioned on whether or not “Emergency Shelter Spaces” or “alternative sleeping spaces” would be equipped with showers and access to food. The City explained that while most shelter spaces provide access to the same if a shelter space does not, the City will transport people to and from the nearest shelter space that does.

Councilors shared their concerns about overcrowding shelter spaces and questioned how the City would find the necessary available space when the shelter system is already experiencing a strain on available space at both the state and local levels. Specifically, Councilors referred to overcrowded shelters in the City where many individuals are currently sleeping on the floor and asked the Administration how the City would accommodate space for those leaving encampments. Further, the Administration was asked whether the floor is considered available shelter space. The Administration acknowledged the shelter crisis happening at the State and local level. Still, the Administration explained that no one will be turned away, confirming that, at times, floors have been utilized as available space. It was further stressed that the City is continuously working to procure more space and more beds. The Administration explained that in anticipation of the Ordinance going into effect, they have already begun to reserve shelter space specifically for individuals leaving encampments and, finally, that they are working very hard to house people currently living in shelters before what they anticipate will be a “surge” of people needing shelter.

Regarding policies and procedures referred to in the Ordinance, Councilors asked the Administration to explain who will engage with individuals and remove the encampments. Councilors wanted to ensure the responsibility would not fall solely to BPD but would be a coordinated response, ensuring that an outreach worker is always present when encampments are removed. The Administration explained that while it all will depend on what City official finds the encampment first, the goal would be a co-response system. Councilors asked for more information on the “City Storage Program Policy” referred to under the section regarding storage of property. The Administration provided the Committee with a draft of the policy.

Responding to questions about jurisdiction for enforcement on State owned vs. City owned land, the Administration stated that the City will dispatch an outreach worker no matter who has jurisdiction, as long as the City is made aware of the need to do so.

Finally, in response to Councilors questioning why this Ordinance is necessary, the Administration explained that although the City already has the power to enforce laws against

trespassing, an Ordinance of this kind would require the City also to offer services supporting the individual's health and safety.

**Summary of Recommended Amendments:**

Based upon discussions between Councilors and the Administration, the docket is amended as follows:

**16-65.1 Definitions:** Below "City Storage Program Policy" the Ordinance as amended adds a definition for "Eligible Property" (referred to in Section 16-65.6 'Storage of Property')

→ "Eligible Property" means to include but is not limited to, personal identification and documents, valuables, clothing, hygiene products and toiletries, and items of basic necessities.

**16-65.4 Restrictions on Unlawful Camping During A Period When Shelter Is Unavailable:**

The Ordinance as amended adds language to the second paragraph and restructures/adds language to the final paragraph of this section:

→ City officials shall maintain daily, and revise regularly, a shelter list that is communicated throughout the day to the Boston Police Department and other City departments for the purpose of identifying available shelter space.

→ During any Period When Shelter Is Unavailable, the Mayor's Office of Housing, in consultation with the Boston Public Health Commission, the Boston Police Department and the Inspectional Services Department, is hereby authorized to promulgate any additional restrictions relative to the time, place, and manner for camping, and density of Campsites, in order to advance public health, maintain access to the public right-of-way, and support the effective operation of facilities such as schools, shelters, and health care institutions during such periods.

**16-65.5 Offer of Shelter:** The Ordinance as amended adds language to the first paragraph of this section:

→ In the event of a violation of this Ordinance, the City shall provide, or cause to be provided, an offer of available Emergency Shelter Space to an individual experiencing homelessness, and must inform that individual that transportation to available Emergency Shelter Space is available to them upon request.

**16-65.8 Notice to Individuals:** The Ordinance as amended adds language to the first paragraph and restructures language in the final paragraph of this section:

→ Immediately upon passage, the City shall distribute leaflets to individuals and post weather-resistant signs in locations with a concentrated number of Campsites to provide additional actual notice of this Ordinance and the effective date. The leaflet shall contain a written copy of this Ordinance, a written copy of the City Storage Program Policy, and written copies of additional resources, which shall be made available in each language that meets a language access need in Boston as most recently determined by the Office of Language and Communications Access.

→ In the case of a Period When Shelter is Unavailable, when the City notifies an individual located in any Campsite that a Period When Shelter Is Unavailable has ended, the individual shall have forty-eight (48) hours to remove their Camping Materials.

**16-65.9 Penalty for Violations:** The Ordinance as amended strikes subsection (b) regarding the \$25 fine.

Individuals in violation of this Ordinance who refuse to remove or allow for removal of the Campsite or Camp Materials as described in Section 16-65.7, or who reestablish a Campsite following removal pursuant to Section 16-65.7, shall be subject to penalties. This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Boston Police Department as well as any sworn law enforcement agency empowered to make an arrest within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Boston. Any of the following penalties may apply:

- (a) All enforcement methods authorized by law, including, issuance of a warning, G. L. c. 40, s. 21, or enforcement authorized by G. L. c. 272, s. 59 (Ordinances or Regulations Relating to Streets, Reservations, or Parkways; Alcoholic Beverages; Profanity; Arrest Without Warrant) if the Boston Police or other duly authorized officer on scene determines a violation of G. L. c. 272, s. 59 has occurred in their presence;
- ~~(b) The fine for each offense shall be Twenty Five dollars (\$25.00);~~
- (c) This Section shall go into effect seven (7) days after the date of passage to permit any individuals located in any Campsite to remove Camping Materials in order to comply with this Ordinance.

**The Ordinance as amended adds the following section:**

→ **16-65.10 Reporting to the Boston City Council:**

The City will attend a hearing hosted by the Boston City Council to present an end of year report related to the provisions of this ordinance.

**Recommended Action:**

The Chair of the Committee does not support this ordinance. These amendments, however, clarify implementation of this ordinance for city departments and city employees, and also make efforts to strengthen the legality of the ordinance as a whole.

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

*Docket #1373, an ordinance to support public safety as the City doubles down on our public health-led approach to the crises of mental health, substance use, and unsheltered homelessness concentrated in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard,*

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

For the Chair:



Ricardo Arroyo, Chair  
Committee on Government Operations

Offered by Councilors Liz Breadon, Ruthzee Louijeune, Kenzie Bok, Coletta, Arroyo, Flaherty, Lara, Mejia, Murphy, Worrell and Flynn



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

*WHEREAS*, The Massachusetts Legislature through section 35 of chapter 448 of the Acts of 1854 (the “1854 Charter”) empowered the City of Boston by its charter to enact ordinances and annex penalties for violations not exceeding \$50; *and*

*WHEREAS*, The City of Boston by home rule petition approved as chapter 78 of the Acts of 1976 amended the 1854 Charter to increase the maximum amount of fines imposed for ordinance violations to \$200; *and*

*WHEREAS*, Chapter 401 of the Acts of 1977 inserted section 21D of chapter 40 of the General Laws to establish noncriminal disposition of ordinance, by-law, rule, or regulation violations with fines not to exceed \$200, later amended by chapter 609 of the Acts of 1987 to raise the maximum fines allowed by section 21D to \$300; *and*

*WHEREAS*, Subsequent to the Legislature’s 1987 amendment of section 21D to raise the maximum fine to \$300, the City of Boston through a home rule petition accepted as chapter 48 of the Acts of 1989 and amended by section 102 of chapter 341 of the Acts of 1989 further amended the 1854 Charter to separately increase the maximum amount of fines for ordinance violations to \$300; *and*

*WHEREAS*, The City of Boston twice unsuccessfully petitioned the General Court, through House Bill 4418 of the year 2005 and House Bill 4168 of the year 2007, to increase the maximum fines for ordinance violations to \$1,000; *and*

*WHEREAS*, The \$50 maximum fine enacted in 1854 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$1,766 in 2023 dollars; the \$200 maximum fine enacted in 1976 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$1,043 in 2023 dollars; the present \$300 maximum fine enacted in 1989 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$718 in 2023 dollars; and the \$1,000 maximum fine petitioned for by the City of Boston in 2007 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$1,419 in 2023 dollars; *and*

- WHEREAS*, That the maximum allowable fine imposed by the City of Boston for the noncriminal disposition of ordinance violations has remained \$300 for more than thirty years, without adjustment for inflation, has disincentivized chronic violators of the City’s ordinances, particularly corporations, from compliance and instead has emboldened scofflaws to view the low fines as the cost of doing business; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1987 inserted section 58 of chapter 40 of the General Laws to authorize cities and towns to place liens on certain properties for any unpaid local charge or fee, but does not include unpaid fines; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The Massachusetts Legislature has approved several home rule petitions to grant additional powers for cities to place municipal charges liens than those presently provided for in section 58, authorizing liens for unpaid local fines in Somerville through chapter 252 of the Acts of 1996, Lowell through chapter 390 of the Acts of 2002, and Framingham through chapter 19 of the Acts of 2013; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Several Massachusetts cities have unsuccessfully petitioned the Legislature between 1990 to 2010 for authority to add unpaid fines to their municipal charges liens, including the cities of Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, and Revere; *and*
- WHEREAS*, According to the legislative history of the 189th General Court for chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, An Act modernizing municipal finance and government, a proposed amendment of section 58 to include local fines in the municipal charges liens of all cities and towns was included in the House bill but not in the Senate bill or conference committee report, and the language was not incorporated; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Section 9 of Article 89 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution provides that special laws relating to the City of Boston existing as of November 8, 1966 shall have the force of an existing charter; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The City of Boston must possess and exercise the police powers necessary to ensure effective enforcement of its ordinances to deter willful or negligent violations and to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents and for the good of the public; *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 (1) of Section 8 of Article 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 INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FINES WHICH MAY  
BE IMPOSED FOR VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES AND AUTHORIZING  
THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PLACE MUNICIPAL CHARGE LIENS ON  
CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR NONPAYMENT OF  
ANY LOCAL CHARGES, FEE OR FINE**

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for the effective enforcement of ordinances to deter willful or negligent violations in the City of Boston, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

**SECTION 1.**

Section 35 of chapter 448 of the acts of 1854, as amended by chapter 78 of the acts of 1976, as further amended by section 1 of chapter 48 of the acts of 1989, and further amended by section 102 of chapter 341 of the acts of 1989, is hereby further amended by striking in the second sentence the words “three hundred” and inserting in place thereof the words:– “two thousand”.

**SECTION 2.**

Section 35 of chapter 448 of the acts of 1854, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting thereafter the following new paragraph:

The maximum fine set forth in this section shall be adjusted for inflation, round to the nearest hundred dollars, on January 1, 2025, and on January 1 every five years thereafter based on the annual percentage change in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Mass.-N.H. Core Based Statistical Area, all items, or its successor index.

**SECTION 3.**

Chapter 222 of the acts of 1949 is hereby amended by striking out section 5 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:–

Section 5. The City of Boston may impose a lien on real property located within the city for any local charge, fee or fine that has not been paid by the due date; provided, that prior to any lien

being imposed for any local charge, fee or fine, an ordinance shall be established by a vote of the city council specifying each type of charge, fee or fine to be collected. The lien shall be known as a “municipal charges lien.” For purposes of this act, “local charge”, “municipal charge,” “fee” or “fine” shall mean any charge, fee or fine imposed by the city by ordinance, rule or regulation, statute or state regulation, or imposed by a court of the commonwealth payable to the city as a result of any action initiated by city officials to enforce city ordinances, rules, regulations, statutes, or state regulations.

A municipal charges lien authorized under this section shall take effect upon the recording of a list of unpaid municipal charges, fees or fines by parcel of land and by the name of the property owner assessed for the charge, fee or fine in the registry of deeds of Suffolk County.

If a charge, fee or fine which is secured by a municipal charges lien remains unpaid when the assessors are preparing a real estate tax list and warrant to be committed pursuant to section 53 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, then the board or officer in charge of the collection of the municipal charge, fee or fine shall certify such charge or fee to the assessors, who shall add the charge, fee or fine to the tax on the property to which it relates and commit it with the warrant to the collector of taxes as part of the tax.

If the property to which such charge, fee or fine relates is tax exempt, the charge, fee or fine shall be committed as the tax. A lien under this section may be discharged by filing in the registry of deeds of Suffolk County a certificate from the tax collector that all municipal charges, fees or fines constituting the lien, together with any interest and costs thereon, have been paid or legally abated. All costs of recording or discharging a lien under this act shall be borne by the owner of the property.

Section 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

#### SECTION 4.

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.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: February 10, 2023



OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE, BRIAN WORRELL, TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON, BREADON, COLETTA, LARA, MEJIA, FLYNN, ARROYO AND BOK



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING BIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE BOSTON EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION AND BOSTON RESIDENTS JOBS POLICY

- WHEREAS:* In 1983, Mayor White and the Boston City Council enacted the Boston Residents Jobs Policy Ordinance requiring that on any city financed construction project, a minimum of 50% of the work hours trade by trade, be performed by Boston Residents, 25% by people of color, and 10% by women; and
- WHEREAS:* In 1986, Mayor Flynn and the Council amended the ordinance, establishing the Boston Employment Commission to enforce the policy, and broadened the scope of the ordinance to cover private projects of 100,000 square feet; and
- WHEREAS:* In 2017, Mayor Walsh and the Council approved a revised Boston Residents Job Policy Ordinance requiring private development projects over 50,000 square feet and any public development project meet the following updated employment standards: minimum hours worked by Boston workers to 51%; minimum hours worked by workers of color to 40%; and the minimum number of hours worked by women to 12%; and
- WHEREAS:* Chapter 8, Section 8.9 of the municipal code requires the Council to hold biannual hearings in April and October on reports from the Boston Employment Commission specifying number of compliance determinations, contractors or developers out of compliance, sanctions received, sanctions by trade, work hours by trade and total hours performed by Boston workers, women and people of color; and
- WHEREAS:* Chapter 8, Section 8.9 of the municipal code requires the Boston Employment Commission to furnish data as requested by the council to evaluate future increases to the goals for people of color or women worker hours; and
- WHEREAS:* In order to ensure regular and uninterrupted review of and commitment to the Boston Residents Jobs Policy, the Council and the Boston Employment Commission shall review policy and data pertinent to the BRJP; and
- WHEREAS:* The City of Boston must leverage the BRJP and its policies as an equitable tool to ensure Boston residents, especially those who have been historically excluded and underrepresented in the construction industry, are used to advance the prosperity of women and people of color; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ;**

***ORDERED,*** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the implementation of the revised Boston Residents Jobs Policy and data from the Boston Employment Commission from the preceding six and twelve months, and as necessary, for the biannual reviews of the BRJP.

Filed in City Council: January 11, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN, ARROYO, BAKER, BREADON, COLETTA, FLAHERTY, LARA, LOUIJEUNE, MEJIA, MURPHY, WORRELL AND FLYNN



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### 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

**WHEREAS,** The loss of life and mandated social distancing within the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic increased global rates of depression and anxiety by 25% according to the World Health Organization; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The impacts of this collective experience and ensuing mental health crisis directly impacts City of Boston employees; *and*

**WHEREAS,** 81% of participants in the American Psychological Association's 2022 Work and Well-being Survey prioritized workplaces that promote a healthy work-life balance and mental health supports when evaluating potential employers; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Public Safety personnel in every Massachusetts City and Town have access to a support network of critical incident stress management and crisis intervention services, one of which includes the Commonwealth 911 Peer Support Team; *and*

**WHEREAS,** During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2020 to March 2021, the Commonwealth 911 Peer Support Team received approximately 1,000 points of contact, while over a pre-COVID period between July 2018 to March 2020, the Peer Support Team received approximately 500 points of contact; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston's Human Resource Department's Employee Assistance Program addresses the well-being of its workforce by promoting, establishing, and increasing quality of life, good health, and personal experiences for City employees; *and*

**WHEREAS,** It is a practical and moral imperative for the Boston City Council to investigate and address the mental health challenges and detriments to recovery in the workplaces within their purview; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council convene a hearing to review the mental health resources available to City of Boston workers and the quality of care received during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that the representatives of the Boston Public Health Commission, the City of Boston's Human Resources Department, Boston's Employee Assistance Program, the Boston First Responders Peer Support Network, SEIU 888, and the public be invited to testify.

Filed on: September 11, 2023



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE DECLARATION OF REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE AND 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOSTON TURKISH ARTS & CULTURE FESTIVAL

**WHEREAS,** The Republic of Türkiye, founded on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1923, by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, marks its 100-year centennial on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, celebrating a century of progress, democracy, and cultural diversity; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Boston Turkish Arts & Culture Festival, now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, has played an essential role in promoting Turkish heritage and fostering understanding between diverse communities in the Boston area and beyond; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Turkish American community in Boston and the New England region has, over the years, made substantial contributions to the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our great city, enhancing the diversity and vibrancy of our local communities; *and*

**WHEREAS,** As a celebration of this significant centennial and the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Boston Turkish Arts & Culture Festival, it is important to recognize and honor the contributions of the Turkish-American community and the deep-rooted friendship and cooperation between the United States and Türkiye ; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council go on record proclaiming October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to be the Turkish Republic Day in the City of Boston, and the Boston City Council orders the Property Management Department to raise the flag of the Republic of Türkiye on the third flagpole on City Hall Plaza in place of the City of Boston flag on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023; ***AND BE IT FURTHER***

**RESOLVED:** That all Bostonians join in commemorating the Republic of Türkiye for its 100-year centennial and 28<sup>th</sup> year of the Boston Turkish Arts & Culture Festival, and that Boston City Council extends to The Turkish American Cultural Society of New England its best wishes for continued success, and that this resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council, and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk to be made part of the permanent record of the City of Boston.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a time to raise awareness about domestic violence, support survivors, promote prevention efforts, encourage early intervention, and offer support to those affected; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Domestic violence can happen to nearly anyone, as one in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic violence during their lifetime. Certain groups will experience domestic violence at higher rates than others, such as Black women at 2.5x higher than that of white women, and Indigenous women, who experience the highest rates of domestic violence, at five times that of white women; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Gun violence prevention is domestic violence prevention, as the presence of a gun during a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%, and over half of all domestic violence homicides involve guns, and between 2014 - 2019, 59% of mass shootings were domestic related, and in 68% of mass shootings, the shooter either killed an intimate partner/family member or had a prior history of domestic violence; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Domestic violence has severe and long-lasting physical, emotional, and psychological consequences on victims and their communities, and through education, advocacy, and community engagement, we can promote awareness and change attitudes towards domestic violence, ultimately creating a safer and more supportive environment for survivors; *and*
- WHEREAS,** All residents are encouraged to educate themselves about the signs of domestic violence, to offer assistance to those in need, and to help foster a society where domestic violence is not tolerated; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council go on record declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and support federal, state, and local initiatives that allocate more resources, funding, and aid for programs and strategies that address domestic violence.

*File in Council: October 25, 2023*

Offered by Councilor Sharon Durkan



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
DEDICATING NEW EDGERLY ROAD IN HONOR OF  
JOHN BOOKSTON

- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council recently passed a “Resolution supporting the Boston Transportation Department’s efforts to transform New Edgerly Road into a pedestrian plaza”; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City’s Public Improvement Commission *Policy for Name Changes and Square Dedication for public Way and Private Way in the City of Boston* states, a square dedication “can be used to honor any person, living or deceased, who has had a great impact on the surrounding community”; *and*
- WHEREAS,** John Bookston was an active member of the Fenway neighborhood, dedicated to caring for every community he was a part of, including being a strong advocate for our schools, affordable housing, and food justice; *and*
- WHEREAS,** John served on the board of the Fenway Civic Association between 2016 and 2023 serving as a powerful voice for affordable housing and childcare in the neighborhood; *and*
- WHEREAS,** John’s background as a lawyer demonstrated his commitment to social justice and uplifting the voices of the vulnerable through his years of work with the Environmental Protection Agency; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As a math teacher John taught his students with compassion and an innovative approach to mathematics as problem solving, which served to uplift students’ confidence and abilities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** John participated in his community with an intense and earnest optimism that he demonstrated in countless volunteer efforts across a variety of initiatives, which at the very least brought a smile to those he helped and at the most created meaningful and significant positive change in his community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** John’s passing on October 8, 2023 was a loss felt by so many in the community and prompted those of us who knew him to carry on his legacy of love for his community and commitment to social justice; *and*
- WHEREAS,** It is important that our public spaces uplift people like John Bookston whose legacy reminds and motivates us to advocate for improvements in our community and remain steadfast in our compassion for those in need; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

***RESOLVED:*** That the Boston City Council honors John Bookston's legacy for his years of service and dedication to his community by supporting the dedication of New Edgerly Road in honor of John Bookston.



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF FANEUIL HALL, THEREBY BEGINNING A PROCESS OF ADDRESSING ANTI-BLACK RACIST SYMBOLS PREVALENT IN BOSTON

**WHEREAS,** Reparations for Black people in Boston and around the globe are inextricably connected to the assessment, evaluation, and appropriate decontextualization of anti-Black symbols; and

**WHEREAS,** Anti-Black symbols foster negative stereotypes and are a form of violence designed to humiliate, harm, and demean Black people; and

**WHEREAS,** Anti-Black symbols reflect and remain hostile to the idea and ideal of achieving Black equality in Boston and achieving a true multi-racial democracy in the City of Boston, across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and in our nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Boston purports to be a city that makes claims to address anti-Black racism as a public health crisis, seeking to address negative conditions, attitudes, and difficulties that hinder Black life in Boston; and

**WHEREAS,** According to a 2021 Mass Inc poll, fifty-one percent of all Bostonians believe that the name of Faneuil Hall should be changed because of its deep and tragic association with the trans-Atlantic Slave trade and nearly 70 percent of all Black Bostonians believe there should be a name change ( according to the same Mass Inc. poll); and

**WHEREAS,** Faneuil Hall represents the legacy and persona of Peter Faneuil, who was a white supremacist, a slave trader, and a slave owner who contributed nothing recognizable to the ideal of democracy; and

**WHEREAS,** Faneuil Hall and the Faneuil Hall Quincy Market Place bears no obvious, ostentatious physical markers related to the slave trading of Africans within its immediate vicinity; and



**WHEREAS,** The Faneuil Hall and the Faneuil Hall Market Place is a publicly owned building where less than .01 percent of businesses located there are owned by Black people; and

**WHEREAS,** Faneuil Hall represents a place where positive history has been made and where democracy-loving people have gathered and organized despite the odious reputation of Peter Faneuil; and

**WHEREAS,** Faneuil Hall is a “public thing” to be enjoyed by all, even those Blacks (and their legacy) who were once enslaved in Boston and;

**WHEREAS,** The name “Faneuil Hall” retains a legacy for Blacks locally and nation that connotes exclusion and stigmatization; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston would make positive steps toward reparative justice and reconciliation for Black people by changing the name of Faneuil Hall and using the name change process as a gateway toward deeper actions, dialogue, and conversations related to racial repair and reconciliation; and

**WHEREAS,** Changing the name of Faneuil Hall to the name of a true freedom fighter (such as Crispus Attucks, Elizabeth Freeman, or Frederick Douglass) or to a noble concept, such as “Freedom Hall” or “Liberty Hall” facilitates the flourishing of democracy and educates the local and national public about how we should best use our public spaces and memorials; and

**WHEREAS,** Through changing the name of Faneuil Hall Boston residents can regain its reputation of being the “Cradle of Liberty;” and

**WHEREAS,** Changing the name of Faneuil Hall would not erase history but enhance our sense of history and place history in its proper perspective; and

**WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council in a “public apology” process that acknowledged the City of Boston’s role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing affirming that the name of Faneuil Hall be changed and the City pursues every effort to educate current and future generations about why the name of Faneuil Hall was changed and that the City Council initiate funding and planning efforts for erecting a significant memorial to the transatlantic slave trade at, or near Faneuil Hall that is equivalent to other Downtown memorials that recognized inhumanity through practiced genocide.

Filed on: October 23, 2023

**BOSTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY COUNCIL**

October 18, 2023

Councilor Flynn  
(Councilor Lara)

**ORDERED:** That effective Saturday, November 18, 2023 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, November 24, 2023.

BiWeekly Payroll

My'Kel McMillen	Secretary	\$13,887.35	full time
Chukwuemeka Osuagwu	Secretary	\$13,887.35	full time

**BOSTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY COUNCIL**

October 18, 2023

Councilor Flynn  
(Councilor Lara)

**ORDERED:** That effective Saturday, November 25, 2023 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, December 29, 2023.

BiWeekly Payroll

My'Kel McMillen	Secretary	\$2,807.70	full time
Chukwuemeka Osuagwu	Secretary	\$2,807.70	full time

**BOSTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY COUNCIL**

October 23, 2023

Councilor Flynn  
(Councilor Murphy)

**ORDERED:** That effective Saturday, November 4, 2023 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, December 29, 2023.

BiWeekly Payroll

Kasey Barrett	Secretary	\$2,115.39	full time
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# Boston City Council

## Legislative Calendar for the Oct. 25, 2023 Session

### Sixty Day Orders

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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 upon<sup>1</sup>

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**<sup>1</sup>Section 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.*

**In effect after October 29, 2023,** Message and order for your approval an Ordinance to support public safety as the City doubles down on our public health-led approach to the crises of mental health, substance use, and unsheltered homelessness concentrated in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard. (Docket #1373)

**Assigned for Further Action**

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## Unanswered Section 17F Orders<sup>2</sup>

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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)

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### 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 Mayor*<sup>3</sup>

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### *<sup>3</sup>Section 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*

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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
<b>Arts, Culture &amp; Special Events</b>	0335	Worrell	Flynn, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring the 2026 NBA All-Star Weekend to Boston.	2 /1 /2023		
<b>Arts, Culture &amp; Special Events</b>	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
<b>Arts, Culture &amp; Special Events</b>	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)
<b>Arts, Culture, &amp; Special Events</b>	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
<b>Boston's COVID-19 Recovery</b>	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
<b>Boston's COVID-19 Recovery</b>	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	
<b>Boston's COVID-19 Recovery</b>	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	
<b>City Services &amp; Innovation Technology</b>	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		
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	

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
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	1377	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) to enter into a long term contract for constituent relationship management system for Boston 311 Call Center for a term of up to Ten (10) years.	8 /30/2023		
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		

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services & Innovation Technology	1576	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$18,840.00) in the form of a grant awarded by Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston to be administered by the Department of Innovation and Technology. The grant will fund the fellowship program for El Centro IT training program graduates.	10/18/2023		
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		
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	1580	Mayor		Message and order for our approval an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$60,329.00) 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 Cadets Association. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on October 16, 2023.	10/18/2023		

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<b>City Services &amp; Innovation Technology</b>	1581	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Police Department for FY24 in the amount of Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$60,329.00) to cover the FY24 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Cadets Association. The terms of the contract are October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023. The major provisions of the contract include base wage increases of 2%, 2%, 1.5% and 2%, to be given in January of each fiscal year of the contract term.	10/18/2023		
<b>City Services &amp; Innovation Technology</b>	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
<b>City Services &amp; Innovative Technology</b>	0519	Meja	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing addressing data privacy, security, and control at City of Boston agencies.	3 /8 /2023		
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Immigrant Advancement</b>	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		
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Immigrant Advancement</b>	0158	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for migrant populations.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Immigrant Advancement</b>	0164	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson, Bok	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1 /11/2023	3/23/23	
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Immigrant Advancement</b>	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		
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Immigrant Advancement</b>	0943	Meja	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	
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Immigrant Advancement</b>	0975	Breadon		Communication was received from Councilor Liz Breadon submitting documents regarding analysis of proposed redistricting plans.	5 /24/2023		

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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		
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	



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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		
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		10/11/23 Hearing (canceled)
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		

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<b>Environmental Justice, Resiliency &amp; Parks</b>	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)
<b>Environmental Justice, Resiliency &amp; Parks</b>	1105	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$416,316.00) in the form of a grant for the Smart and Connected Communities, awarded by the National Sciences Foundation, passed through Northeastern University, to be administered by the Mayor's Office. The grant will fund the Commom SENSES (Standards for Enacting Sensor Network for an Equitable Society) project, which is focused on climate resiliene and capital development along the Blu Hill Avenue corridor. The project partners are Northeastern University's Boston Area Research Initiative, Mayor's Office of New Mechanic, Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative and Project RIGHT.	6 /14/2023		
<b>Environmental Justice, Resiliency &amp; Parks</b>	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	
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, &amp;</b>	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	
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, &amp;</b>	0169	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government accountabiliy, transparency, and accessibility of decision-making protocols in city government.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, &amp;</b>	0170	Mejia	Coletta, Louijeune	Order for a hearing on government accountability and transparency around the Clougherty Pool closure in Charlestown.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, &amp;</b>	0241	Mejia	Lara	Order for a hearing regarding the Boston Public Schools Transportation system.	1 /25/2023		
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, &amp;</b>	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		

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<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, &amp;</b>	0243	Mejia	Arroyo	Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1 /25/2023		
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, &amp;</b>	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
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, &amp;</b>	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)
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, &amp;</b>	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	
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, &amp;</b>	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	
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, and</b>	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)
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, and</b>	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		
<b>Government Accountabiliy, Transparency, &amp;</b>	0238	Mejia	Flynn, Arroyo	Order for a hearing on accountability and acessibility of language access services in the City of Boston.	1 /25/2023		
<b>Government Operations</b>	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
<b>Government Operations</b>	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

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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 Establishing 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 appointment of Vivian Leonard as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission.	1 /25/2023	3/9/23	3/15/23 placed on file
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	0410	Breadon	Louijeune, Bok	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act increasing the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances and authorizing the City of Boston to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the City of Boston for nonpayment of any local charges, fees or fines.	2 /15/2023	10/23/23	
Government Operations	0452	Breadon	Louijeune	Ordinance providing remote access to meetings of municipal public bodies.	3 /1 /2023	3/30/23	

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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	
Government Operations	0455	Flynn	Worrell	Ordinance amending the City of Boston code relating to the study and report on the trafficking of illegal firearms.	3 /1 /2023	9/18/23	9/20/23 Remains in Committee
Government Operations	0625	Breadon	Louijeune, Bok	Ordinance establishing a "Scofflaw Property Owner List".	3 /22/2023		
Government Operations	0626	Breadon		Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 16-1.9G, to prohibit the sale of guinea pigs in pet shops.	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	1373	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Ordinance to support public safety as the City doubles down on our public health-led approach to the crises of mental health, substance use, and unsheltered homelessness concentrated in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.	8 /30/2023	9/28/23	10/16/23 (WS) 10/18/23 - remains in committee
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		

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Government Operations	1446	Arroyo	Mejia, Lara	Ordinance Preventing Wage Theft in the City of Boston.	9 /13/2023		
Government Operations	1573	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order that will amend Chapter VI Section 6-11, the Gender Inclusion Ordinance to incorporate best practices regarding gender identity inclusion. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on October 16, 2023.	10/18/2023		
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		
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

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<b>Housing &amp; Community Development</b>	1539	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Nine Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$1,983,833.00) in the form of a grant, for the Shelter & Services Program 23, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund services to non-citizen migrants recently released from DHS custody to provide shelter, food, transportation, acute medical care, personal hygiene supplies, and case management services, and to provide funding to non-federal entities to increase their capacity to shelter non-citizen migrants recently released from DHS custody, including renovations and modifications to existing facilities.	10/4 /2023		
<b>Labor, Workforce, &amp; Economic Development</b>	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	
<b>Labor, Workforce, &amp; Economic Development</b>	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		
<b>Labor, Workforce, &amp; Economic Development</b>	0338	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts.	2 /1 /2023		
<b>PILOT Agreements, Institutional &amp; Intergovernmental</b>	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		
<b>PILOT Agreements, Institutional &amp; Intergovernmental</b>	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	
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	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

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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
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	1284	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kate Bennett as a member of the Boston Planning and Development Agency Board, for a term expiring September 17, 2027.	8 /9 /2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1305	Lara		Order for a hearing Regarding he MBTA Arborway Yard Bus Facility and Depattment of Public Works "Pole Yard".	8 /9 /2023		



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<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	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		
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	1586	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 Nazzaro Community Center, 30-32 North Bennet Street, Boston, MA, as a Landmark (In effect after November 5, 2023 if not acted upon).	10/18/2023		
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	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		
<b>Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery</b>	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		
<b>Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery</b>	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
<b>Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery</b>	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
<b>Public Health, Homelessness, &amp; Recovery</b>	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
<b>Public Health, Homelessness, &amp; Recovery</b>	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)

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<b>Public Health, Homelessness, &amp; Recovery</b>	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		
<b>Public Health, Homelessness, &amp; Recovery</b>	0257	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss the need for a health center in Nubian Square.	1 /25/2023	5/12/23	
<b>Public Health, Homelessness, &amp; Recovery</b>	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		
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	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
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	0140	Murphy		Order for a hearing on efforts to proactively combat summer violence in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/6/23	
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	0143	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson,	Order for a hearing to address gun violence	1 /11/2023		
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	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
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	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
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	0458	Worrell	Anderson, Murphy	Order for a hearing to Assess Expanded Hospital & Community-Centric Violence Prevention and Intervention.	3 /1 /2023		
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1043	Coletta	Murphy, Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss increasing emergency services in tandem with population growth.	6 /7 /2023	9/6/23	

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<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	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
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1434	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$4,125,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Public Safety Answering Point Support and Incentive Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund costs associated with providing enhanced 911 services.	9 /13/2023		
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1511	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Nine Cents (\$1,181,789.09) in the form of a grant, for the FY21 AFG Health & Wellness, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund safety training and fitness equipment to support officer health and wellness.	9 /27/2023	10/30/23	
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1514	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$533,200.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Prosecuting Cold Cases using DNA, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund an increase in the number of cases where suspect DNA was identified, and an increase in the number of convictions resulting from prosecution.	9 /27/2023	10/30/23	
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1515	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eighty-Two Dollars (\$317,082.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two Criminalist positions, overtime, lav supplies equipment, and continuing education expenses.	9 /27/2023	10/30/23	

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<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1516	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$49,173.60) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the purchase of active shooter response gear, including ballistic vests and ballistic helmets.	9 /27/2023	10/30/23	
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1517	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY22 Port Security Grant, awarded by United States Department of Homeland Security to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund a third-party training consultant to deliver eight (8) half-day (4 hour) sessions of Module1 of the Harbor Incident Response Training (HIRT, NY-002-RESP) course.	9 /27/2023	10/30/23	
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1518	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$16,387.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Port Security Grant Program, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund installation of two On-Demand Side Sonar Units onto Boston Police Department Harbor Patrol Unit vessels.	9 /27/2023	10/30/23	
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1540	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$1,124,566.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY2023 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-based Program (COSSUP) Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund and support pre and post-arrest diversion of substance users to treatment in the area of Mass and Cass.	10/4 /2023		

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<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1541	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$481,919.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant-Local Allocation, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Domestic Violence Management Analyst at the Family Justice Center, a Hub & Center of Responsibility Coordinator, and a Technology Coordinator for multiple data collection, reporting and records management systems.	10/4 /2023		
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1542	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Six Dollars and Nine Cents (\$446,406.09) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 State 911 Training Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the training and certification of Enhanced 911 telecommunications staff.	10/4 /2023		
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1544	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$70,172.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Reallocation, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund Annual Boston Address Verification procedures mandated by the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board.	10/4 /2023		
<b>Redistricting</b>	0792	Murphy		Order for a hearing to address possible violations of the Redistricting Committee.	4 /12/2023		
<b>Rules &amp; Administration</b>	0339	Flynn		Order for a meeting to review he Boston City Council rules.	2 /1 /2023		
<b>Rules &amp; Administration</b>	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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<b>Rules &amp; Administration</b>	0944	Flynn		Order implementing an anti-bullying policy for the Boston City Council.	5 /17/2023		8/10/23 (WS), 9/8/23 (WS)
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0141	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing regarding barriers to small businesses.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0171	Mejia		Order for a hearing diversifying cannabis business models.	1 /11/2023	4/20/23	
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0239	Mejia	Arroyo	Order for a hearing on expanding access for minority business enterprises into high volume commercial centers.	1 /25/2023		
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0263	Fernandes Anderson	Worrell	Resolution to request Walgreens to postpone all closures of Boston locations.	1 /25/2023		
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0459	Arroyo		Order for a hearing to discuss challenges Latino owned businesses and entrepreneurs face when accessing government and corporate contracts.	3 /1 /2023		
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	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
<b>Strong Women, Families &amp; Communities</b>	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	
<b>Strong Women, Families &amp; Communities</b>	0377	Flynn	Lara	Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to swimming lessons and awareness of water safety.	2 /8 /2023		
<b>Strong Women, Families &amp; Communities</b>	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

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<b>Strong Women, Families &amp; Communities</b>	0790	Mejia		Order for a hearing to discuss youth outreach and engagement in Boston Public Libraries.	4 /12/2023		
<b>Strong Women, Families &amp; Communities</b>	1435	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$1,620,752.00) in the form of a grant for the State FY24 Council on Aging formula allocation, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund social and health care services for 115,768 older adults in the City of Boston at \$14 per person, according to 2020 Census data from UMass Boston Donahue Institute.	9 /13/2023		
<b>Strong Women, Families, &amp; Communities</b>	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
<b>Strong Women, Families, &amp; Communities</b>	1512	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, Administration for Children and Families, awarded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant would fund childcare for homeless children and to provide training to providers offering these services.	9 /27/2023		
<b>Veteran, Military Families, &amp; Military Affairs</b>	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		
<b>Veteran, Military Families, &amp; Military Affairs</b>	1527	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the unique needs of our veteran population in Boston.	9 /27/2023		
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>	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		

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<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>	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
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>	1303	Murphy		Order for a hearing to Discuss Offering Property Tax Abatements to Business Owners in the New Market Area.	8 /9 /2023		
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>	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		
<b>Whole</b>	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		
<b>Whole</b>	1593	Flaherty		Resolution in support of the state of Israel and the Israeli people.	10/18/2023		
<b>Whole</b>	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

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

*Kiwanis Club of Allston-Brighton*

In Recognition of:

*Its 45th 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  
a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.



By: *Edward M. Flynn*  
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Sventas*  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Elizabeth Breeden*

Date: *October 17, 2023*

# City of Boston

IN

## CITY COUNCIL



### Official Resolution

Presented by

**Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louise**

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

### The IFSI-USA Production

In Recognition of:

Your dedication in capturing the stories of Haitian migrants and their journeys in  
“ Del Rio - Two Years Later”.

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

Presented by

**Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune**

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

**Andre Marc Benjamin**

In Recognition of:

**Your years of dedicated service and contributions to the Haitian 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Andre Marc Benjamin	
Marie Claude Benjamin	
Firtane Benjamin	
Jeanine Benjamin	
Kettly Benjamin	
Yolene Benjamin	
Celine Belotte	
Jean Renaud Calixte	
Alphonse Joseph	

**City of Boston**  
IN  
**CITY COUNCIL**

**Official Resolution**

presented by

**Council President Ed Flynn**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council  
Extends its Recognition to

**See How Oak Tin Association of  
New England**

In recognition of:

Your Centennial Celebration, Annual Membership Meeting, and August Moon Banquet. Congratulations on this historic milestone and thank you for your charity, commitment and empowerment of the Chinese and Greater Boston community. We wish you a Happy Mid-Autumn Banquet!

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**

presented by

**Council President Ed Flynn**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council  
Extends its Recognition to

**Detective Leslie Joseph Greene**

In recognition of:

Your 26 years of dedicated public service to the City and the Commonwealth.  
We honor and thank you for hard work and commitment. Congratulations on  
your retirement!

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Resolutions by Council President Flynn To Recognize The Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society Retirees**

Rank	Name	Appointment	Retirement	Yrs.
Sgt.Det.	Harold White	7/10/85	12/31/22	37
Detective	Leslie Joseph Greene	03/20/96	12/31/22	26
Detective	John Kelleher	11/27/89	7/7/22	33
Detective	Stephen Kelly	2/27/89	9/2/22	33
Sgt. Det.	Philip Morgan	11/24/86	7/5/22	36
Sgt. Det.	Thomas Foley	11/27/89	7/22/22	33
Sgt. Det.	William Feeney	6/8/88	8/26/22	34
Detective	Christopher Hartgrove	11/1/82	11/4/22	40
Lt. Det.	Thomas Lema	7/21/86	1/3/23	36
Sgt. Det.	Paul Joseph	11/27/89	1/6/23	33
Detective	Anthony Ortiz	6/26/96	1/17/23	27
Sgt. Det.	Joseph Gallarelli	11/27/89	1/20/23	33
Detective	Roy Frederick	6/8/88	4/30/23	34
Detective	Carolyn Sygiel	6/26/96	2/28/23	27
Detective	Richard Whalen	11/1/82	6/30/23	40
Detective	Carla Sullivan	6/26/96	6/30/23	27
Detective	Susan Clancy	1/14/91	1/20/23	32
Lt. Det.	Lisa Sullivan	6/22/94	1/30/23	29
Detective	David Singletary	4/27/94	3/31/23	29
Sgt. Det.	Kenneth Turner	6/28/95	4/20/23	28
Lt. Det.	Sean Feeney	6/9/86	2/28/23	36
Detective	Tod Herron	11/24/86	1/17/23	36
Detective	Timothy Stanton	11/27/89	2/17/23	33
Detective	Kevin Doogan	7/20/87	3/17/23	36
Sgt. Det.	Andrew Johnson	7/14/05	3/15/23	18
Sgt. Det.	Michael Linskey	11/24/86	4/30/23	36
Sgt. Det.	John Broderick	9/8/93	9/1/23	30
Detective	Donald Stone	7/20/87	5/4/23	36
Lt. Det.	Timothy Horan	3/20/96	6/7/23	27
Sgt. Det.	Susan Edgehill-Yard	6/28/95	9/1/23	28
Detective	Thomas Kelley	2/27/89	6/26/23	34
Detective	Mark Maregni	1/14/91	7/14/23	32
Sgt. Det.	Anthony Troy	1/14/91	7/7/23	32
Detective	Benjamin Tisdale	6/28/95	9/15/23	28
Sgt. Det.	Robert Ridge	2/27/89	6/23/23	34
Detective	Laura Delaney			
Detective	Karyn VanDyke	4/27/94	9/5/23	29

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

## Official Resolution

presented by

**Council President Ed Flynn**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council  
Extends its Congratulations and Recognition to

**Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association**

In recognition of:

**Your centennial anniversary this year. We commend your steadfast  
dedication and tireless commitment to the Chinatown and Asian  
community in the City of Boston. Congratulations on this historic  
milestone!**

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**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:

**CHERYL ROSENBERG**  
**2023 RECIPIENT OF THE HERMENA CLARK SERVICE**  
**AWARD**

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY; AND BE IT RESOLVED  
THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL HEREBY EXPRESSES ITS BEST WISHES FOR  
YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS, AND 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 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: October 18, 2023

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



## OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

### OFFERED BY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN

**WHEREAS:** The Ministry of Education of the Republic of China has provided generous funding for the Josiah Quincy Upper School Mandarin class students to study and travel in Taiwan; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The Tamkang University in Taipei has partnered with the Ministry of Education to provide instructional and cultural programming for the Josiah Quincy Upper School students; *Therefore Be It*

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council hereby commends the Ministry of Education of the Republic of China and the Tamkang University for their support of our school children in Boston.

**Filed on:** October 18, 2023



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guintos  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 32BJ SEIU'S CLEANING CONTRACT CAMPAIGN

- WHEREAS,** Janitors are among the essential workers who kept our City running during one of the greatest crises we have ever faced—the COVID-19 pandemic; *and*
- WHEREAS,** While many people were able to work from home during the pandemic, janitors risked their own health to ensure that buildings and public spaces were safe and sanitized; *and*
- WHEREAS,** 12,000 New England janitors, including over 5,000 who work in the City of Boston, are currently in contract negotiations and hope to achieve fair and reasonable goals of higher wages, more opportunities for full-time work and family healthcare, and better working conditions; *and*
- WHEREAS,** These workers clean over 10 million square feet of floor space, including office buildings in one of the country's strongest commercial real estate markets; a thriving and rapidly expanding life sciences sector; millions of square feet of new office and laboratory space being built in almost every neighborhood of Boston; and provide a sanitized learning, living, and working environment for over 220,000 students and 51,000 at local colleges and universities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Hundreds of these workers ensure cleanliness in airport terminals, transit hubs, MBTA stations and vehicles, and other public facilities which serve as the gateway for travelers to Boston and its economy; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Essential workers and their unions, through collective bargaining and community advocacy, have been critical to the work of creating a fairer economy for all Bostonians, who live in one of the most expensive parts of the country, and while working families continue to struggle with the high cost of living; *and*
- WHEREAS,** These negotiations provide an important opportunity to recognize and reward the commitment of the essential janitors who personally sacrificed to keep Boston strong during the pandemic; *and*

***WHEREAS,*** The contract for 32BJ janitors will expire at midnight, November 15, 2023; ***THEREFORE BE IT***

***RESOLVED,*** That Boston City Council stands in solidarity with 32BJ janitors; that the City Council calls upon property owners and janitorial clients in the City of Boston to support the workers who clean their buildings, and calls on them to publicly urge the contractors they hire to offer strong standards for these essential workers in their next master agreement.

Date Filed: October 25, 2023