



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW NIGHTLIFE INDUSTRY SAFETY TRAINING AND THE ROLE OF THE OFFICE OF NIGHTLIFE ECONOMY

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council recently held a hearing in the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice to discuss incidents of drink spiking and safety concerns in nightlife establishments across the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS, During that hearing, testimony from City officials and members of the public raised questions regarding prevention efforts and safety initiatives directed toward bars, restaurants, and nightlife establishments; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Nightlife Economy, which operates within the City’s Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet, has been established to support Boston’s nightlife industry and to coordinate initiatives intended to promote safe and responsible operations within licensed establishments; and

WHEREAS, The City has described a number of safety initiatives and trainings offered to nightlife establishments, including efforts related to drink spiking prevention, naloxone administration, de-escalation training, CPR training, “Stop the Bleed” training, and other public safety practices; and

WHEREAS, Questions remain regarding the scope of these initiatives, the number of establishments participating in such trainings, and the role of the Office of Nightlife Economy in coordinating safety and training efforts for Boston’s nightlife workforce; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring that hospitality workers, venue operators, and nightlife staff have access to effective training and safety resources is an important component of protecting patrons, workers, and visitors in Boston’s nightlife economy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review the role of the Office of Nightlife Economy and the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet in coordinating safety initiatives and workforce training for Boston’s nightlife establishments, including prevention efforts related to drink spiking and other safety concerns in bars, nightclubs, and licensed venues.

The hearing shall examine the scope of safety training programs offered to nightlife establishments, the participation of licensed venues in these programs, and the efforts of the Office of Nightlife Economy to support safer nightlife environments across the City.

Representatives from the Office of Nightlife Economy, the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet, and representatives of Boston’s hospitality industry shall be invited to testify.