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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

Ordinance to Enhance Driveway Accessibility

WHEREAS: Many residents—particularly seniors and those with disabilities—rely upon personal vehicles to attend appointments and events; *and*

WHEREAS: These residents are frequently long-term residents who own homes with private driveways and parking; *and*

WHEREAS: Boston’s streets were not designed with today’s traffic and vehicle size in mind; *and*

WHEREAS: As a result of high traffic and high street parking needs, many residents struggle to get in and out of their driveways safely; *and*

WHEREAS: This often results in higher usage of street parking spaces; *and*

WHEREAS: Residents with a private driveway are ineligible for dedicated handicapped parking spaces in front of their residences; *and*

WHEREAS: Public rideshare service vans often struggle to enter driveways, resulting in blocked traffic and increased danger for patrons; *and*

WHEREAS: Our residents deserve unimpeded access to their driveways and homes; **NOW THEREFORE**

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

6-6.3.u

Section One.

1. The fine for stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in front of any driveway including curb cuts and adjacent yellow-painted curb shall be twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars. A penalty of eight (\$8.00) dollars shall be assessed if the fine remains unpaid twenty-one (21) days after issuance of a notice of such violation.
2. The prohibited area of yellow-painted curb described in Section 6-6.3.oo.1 may extend no further than eighteen (18) inches from the start of the curb cut to be installed and maintained by Boston Transportation Department upon request from owner or resident. Boston Transportation Department shall create a single-form application to request

installation or maintenance and shall have the power to approve or deny any such application.

Section Two.

If any provision of this shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section Three.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

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