



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

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

SECTION 1. The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, is hereby amended in Chapter XVI by inserting the following new section after the existing Section 16-62:

16-63 An Ordinance Regarding Targeted Residential Picketing

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in targeted residential picketing between the hours of 9:00 p.m and 9:00 a.m.

For the purpose of this section, targeted residential picketing means picketing, protesting, or demonstrating, with or without signs, that is specifically directed towards one or more occupants of a particular residence, and which takes place before or about the particular targeted residence. Those engaged in targeted residential picketing between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. remain subject to all other ordinances and state statutes, including but not limited to laws concerning excessive noise, disturbing the peace, harassment, and blocking of streets and sidewalks.

Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for the first offense in any twelve (12) month period, one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars for the second offense in any twelve (12) month period, and three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for any third and subsequent offense in any twelve (12) month period. All fines issued under this section shall be enforced pursuant to the non-criminal disposition procedures of G.L. c.40, s.21D, which procedures are incorporated herein by reference.

This section shall be enforced by the Boston Police Department. Any information obtained from enforcement of this ordinance shall not be included in any database maintained by the Boston Regional Intelligence Center.

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 2. This Section 16-63 shall take effect upon passage.

Filed in Council: March 30, 2022.