City of Boston
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

June 17, 2026

TO THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

Following the vote of your Honorable Body to amend the administration's proposed Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Budget, we have carefully reviewed the Council's amendment package and accept nearly all of the changes, including all of the additional expenditures and all but one of the reductions.

However, we have determined that the proposed $1.4 million reduction to the Boston Transportation Department personnel line item would require layoffs across multiple divisions—including parking enforcement officers, transportation planners, administrative staff, and employees who install signage and repair signals—impacting operations and reliability of core City services.

Therefore, I hereby return the City Council's amended budget for the FY27 Annual Operating Budget for the City of Boston with a further modification to restore the $1.4 million cut from the Transportation Department personnel services line item and reduce the department's contracted services line item by the same amount. To absorb this cut, the department will seek to amend contract payment schedules, extend timelines, and adjust service levels.

We will continue to monitor the economic landscape and prudently manage challenges arising from economic and federal uncertainty.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu

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Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

Appropriation and Tax Order for the fiscal year
Commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027

ORDERED:
I. That to meet the current expenses of the City of Boston, in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, the respective sums of money specified in the schedules hereinafter set out, be, and the same hereby are, appropriated for expenditure under the direction of the respective boards and officers severally specified, for the several specific purposes hereinafter designated and, except for transfers lawfully made, for such purposes only said appropriations, to the extent they are for the maintenance and operation of parking meters, and the regulation of parking and other activities incident thereto (which is hereby determined to be $46,000,000), being made out of the income from parking meters and, to the extent they are for other purposes, being made out of the proceeds from the sale of tax title possessions and receipts from tax title redemptions in addition to the total real and personal property taxes of prior years collected from July 1, 2024 up to and including March 31, 2025, as certified by the City Auditor under Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, and out of available funds on hand, (which is hereby determined to be $40,000,000) as certified by the Director of Accounts under said Section 23, and the balance of said appropriations to be raised by taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws:

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FURTHER ORDERED:
II. That to meet so much of the expenses of maintaining, improving and embellishing in the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, cemeteries owned by the City of Boston, or in its charge, as is not met by the income of deposits for perpetual care on hand December 31, 2025, the respective sum of money specified in the subjoined schedule be, and the same hereby is, appropriated out of the fund set up under Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1961 the same to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation:

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Cemetery Division
Parks and Recreation Department
$950,000

APPROVED AS TO FORM
LAW DEPARTMENT
BY _____ 6/17/26
MICHAEL FIRESTONE
CORPORATION COUNSEL

	CITY DEPARTMENTS	Personnel Services	Contractual Services	Supplies & Materials	Current Charges & Obligations	Equipment	Special Appropriation	Structures & Improvements	Land Non-Structural Improvement	Total
	Mayor's Office									
111	Mayor's Office	6,008,181.00	318,750.00	47,300.00	40,500.00	72,393.00	-	-		6,487,124.00
150	Intergovernmental Relations	996,570.00	28,394.00	3,700.00	166,995.00	-	-	-		1,195,659.00
151	Law Department	8,490,860.00	2,164,099.00	14,700.00	185,000.00	-	-	-		10,854,659.00
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	Equity & Inclusion									-
402	Office of Equity	2,812,612.00	445,697.00	69,788.00	34,248.00	999.00	-	-		3,363,344.00
409	Office of Language & Communications Access	1,136,242.00	908,727.00	4,135.00	2,375.00	6,863.00	-	-		2,058,342.00
401	Human Right Commission	200,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-		200,000.00
113	Office for Immigrant Advancement	1,596,766.00	1,980,960.00	9,163.00	12,634.00	-	-	-		3,599,523.00
417	Women's Advancement	382,269.00	174,225.00	3,429.00	25,750.00	-	-	-		585,673.00
419	Black Male Advancement	1,175,155.00	956,682.00	33,229.00	2,800.00	5,000.00	-	-		2,172,866.00
403	Fair Housing & Equity	228,186.00	202,971.00	5,000.00	4,297.00	-	-	-		440,454.00
422	LGBTQ+ Advancement	586,776.00	244,591.00	5,091.00	750.00	-	-	-		837,208.00
404	Commission For Persons W/Disabilities	890,869.00	28,945.00	10,575.00	10,305.00	-	-	-		940,694.00
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	OPAT									-
410	Office of Police Accountability & Transparency	1,257,372.00	41,775.00	7,500.00	114,431.00	-	-	-		1,421,078.00
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	Operations									-
180	Property Management	13,363,864.00	13,114,139.00	419,265.00	324,048.00	345,887.00	-	-		27,567,203.00
181	Public Facilities Department	10,216,409.00	615,945.00	12,654.00	29,345.00	6,240.00	-	-		10,880,593.00
260	Inspectional Services Dept	24,236,209.00	1,118,183.00	273,665.00	90,001.00	65,298.00	-	-		25,783,356.00
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	Community Engagement									-
412	Neighborhood Services	5,698,657.00	170,547.00	13,792.00	14,397.00	38,949.00	-	-		5,936,342.00
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	Arts & Culture									-
414	Office of Arts & Culture	2,469,583.00	1,653,752.00	7,500.00	37,222.00	1,500.00	-	-		4,169,557.00
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	Economic Opportunity & Inclusion									-
182	Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion	2,857,654.00	2,940,698.00	26,950.00	83,714.00	6,791.00	-	-		5,915,807.00
114	Consumer Affairs & Licensing	2,120,395.00	14,247.00	12,220.00	2,206.00	-	-	-		2,149,068.00
156	Supplier Diversity	1,608,153.00	521,140.00	8,110.00	-	3,840.00	-	-		2,141,243.00
416	Office of Tourism	1,293,493.00	864,090.00	9,737.00	41,534.00	11,000.00	269,200.00	-		2,489,054.00
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	Worker Empowerment									-
157	Labor Compliance and Worker Protections	1,540,263.00	338,361.00	5,250.00	480.00	-	-	-		1,884,354.00
183	Office of Workforce Development	3,992,298.00	774,761.00	36,500.00	354,716.00	-	-	-		5,158,275.00
448	Youth Employment and Opportunity	6,037,613.00	12,066,879.00	57,814.00	48,500.00	-	-	-		18,210,806.00
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	Environment, Energy & Open Space									-
303	Environment Department	4,092,326.00	1,145,232.00	12,755.00	12,600.00	-	-	-		5,262,913.00
300,400	Parks & Recreation Department	20,463,760.00	7,893,625.00	1,063,858.00	236,907.00	2,131,443.00	90,000.00	-	3,641,035.00	35,520,628.00
421	Office of Historic Preservation	1,581,889.00	14,100.00	14,700.00	1,300.00	-	-	-		1,611,989.00
420	Office of Food Justice	609,852.00	761,400.00	400.00	1,000.00	-	-	-		1,372,652.00
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	Finance									-
144	Office of Finance	1,195,663.00	258,200.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	-	-	-		1,456,363.00
136	Assessing Department	7,018,627.00	770,400.00	95,200.00	226,700.00	-	-	-		8,110,927.00
131	Auditing Department	3,790,725.00	101,110.00	10,200.00	54,104.00	6,875.00	-	-		3,963,014.00
141	Budget Management	2,894,670.00	496,798.00	4,100.00	226,975.00	-	-	-		3,622,543.00
418	Office of Participatory Budgeting	338,967.00	372,440.00	7,700.00	-	-	1,172,454.00	-		1,891,561.00
333	Execution of Courts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
374	Pensions & Annuities	5,000,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-		5,000,000.00
143	Procurement	3,653,798.00	45,974.00	10,058.00	328,910.00	-	1.00	-		4,038,741.00
137,138	Treasury Department	4,406,773.00	656,542.00	1,035,650.00	18,365.00	-	-	-		6,117,330.00
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	CITY DEPARTMENTS	Personnel Services	Contractual Services	Supplies & Materials	Current Charges & Obligations	Equipment	Special Appropriation	Structures & Improvements	Land Non-Structural Improvement	Total
	People Operations									-
146	Office of People Operations	1,056,088.00	79,500.00	1,000.00	-	-	-	-		1,136,588.00
121,128	Election Department	4,333,144.00	1,087,250.00	1,208,219.00	127,400.00	53,112.00	-	-		6,809,125.00
148	Health Insurance	-	-	-	295,162,265.00	-	-	-		295,162,265.00
142	Human Resources	7,905,515.00	1,714,080.00	40,250.00	1,315,555.00	-	-	-		10,975,400.00
139	Medicare Payments	17,000,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-		17,000,000.00
147	Labor Relations	1,421,150.00	263,914.00	3,650.00	71,277.00	-	-	-		1,759,991.00
163	Registry Division	2,181,586.00	33,804.00	82,769.00	300.00	-	-	-		2,298,459.00
199	Unemployment Compensation	350,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-		350,000.00
341	Workers' Compensation Fund	-	-	-	-	-	2,000,000.00	-		2,000,000.00
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	Human Services									-
388	Office of Human Services	4,215,180.00	1,119,394.00	109,628.00	328,734.00	-	-	-		5,772,936.00
385	Boston Center for Youth & Families	24,351,378.00	4,144,712.00	829,893.00	185,237.00	443,751.00	-	-		29,954,971.00
387	Age Strong	5,622,300.00	2,656,577.00	362,258.00	95,233.00	35,187.00	-	-		8,771,555.00
110	Library Department	35,750,272.00	10,222,047.00	3,608,346.00	344,750.00	563,907.00	-	-	35,000.00	50,524,322.00
741	Boston VETS	1,411,189.00	419,770.00	42,150.00	2,375,351.00	-	-	-		4,248,460.00
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	Housing									-
188	Mayor's Office of Housing	7,470,178.00	3,112,598.00	43,256.00	133,683.00	21,030.00	41,530,452.00	-		52,311,197.00
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	Public Health									-
620	Public Health Commission	-	-	-	-	-	148,424,838.00	-		148,424,838.00
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	Information & Technology									-
149	Department of Innovation & Technology	20,074,888.00	8,832,162.00	53,155.00	26,701,114.00	1,383,295.00	-	-		57,044,614.00
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	Public Safety									-
231	Emergency Management	945,157.00	195,210.00	7,600.00	791.00	-	-	-		1,148,758.00
221	Fire Department	310,573,600.00	9,584,417.00	5,891,139.00	5,872,292.00	4,625,527.00	-	-	10,000.00	336,556,975.00
211	Police Department	431,089,482.00	27,905,481.00	8,063,008.00	8,733,312.00	8,730,560.00	-	-		484,521,843.00
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	Streets									-
321	Central Fleet Management	2,162,899.00	427,415.00	74,870.00	5,757.00	256,639.00	-	-		2,927,580.00
310	Office of Streets	4,219,685.00	410,750.00	3,485.00	5,600.00	-	-	-		4,639,520.00
311	Public Works Department	27,954,490.00	96,995,997.00	1,589,990.00	669,052.00	2,355,846.00	-	500,000.00		130,065,375.00
331	Snow & Winter Management	-	20,276,694.00	56,000.00	-	2,343,343.00	-	-		22,676,037.00
251,253	Transportation Department	30,729,532.00	10,074,261.00	1,405,611.00	362,596.00	1,500,413.00	-	-		44,072,413.00
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	Planning									-
175	Planning	24,693,705.00	4,216,238.00	126,500.00	423,500.00	15,000.00	-	-		29,474,943.00
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	Non-Mayoral Departments									-
112	City Council	8,335,254.00	284,024.00	59,100.00	37,420.00	88,000.00	-	-		8,803,798.00
161	City Clerk	1,634,599.00	119,900.00	37,600.00	5,764.00	-	-	-		1,797,863.00
193	Finance Commission	508,429.00	44,050.00	525.00	250.00	2,125.00	-	-		555,379.00
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	Other									-
158	Risk Retention Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	3,500,000.00	-		3,500,000.00
159	Housing Trust Fund	-	-	-	-	-	618,000.00	-		618,000.00
999	Reserves for Collective Bargaining	21,948,278.00	-	-	-	-	-	-		21,948,278.00
	TOTAL	**1,154,181,477.00**	**258,424,624.00**	**27,052,690.00**	**345,691,842.00**	**25,120,813.00**	**197,604,945.00**	**500,000.00**	**3,686,035.00**	**2,012,262,426.00**
	Approp. Cemetery Trust Fund	950,000.00								950,000.00