

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO AUDIT THE CITY OF BOSTON'S ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESSIBILITY REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF CITY OF BOSTON CODE 8-10

WHEREAS, The City of Boston Code (CBC) 8-10 is titled "Disruption Mitigation Plan for

Road Construction Projects" and is intended to "[minimize] the disruption...to both small businesses and residents" impacted by construction projects; *and*

WHEREAS, CBC 8-10 requires the establishment of a "Disruption Impact Fund." This fund is

contributed to by "all individuals, developers, and general contractors performing any part of a major road construction project...for the reimbursement of damages

to small businesses caused by disruption due to the project;" and

WHEREAS, It is necessary for the Boston City Council to audit the procedures dictated by

CBC 8-10 to better understand how the funds are collected and allocated to

ensure the funds are being managed efficiently; and

WHEREAS, CBC 8-10 is not widely publicized or highlighted, resulting in residents lacking a

clear understanding of its current status and the application process for

reimbursement: and

WHEREAS, Auditing CBC 8-10 will improve public transparency, accessibility, and

knowledge regarding the existence of a "Disruption Impact Fund" in response to

the public's demand for accountable governance; and

WHEREAS, It is the role of the Boston City Council to ensure administrative compliance with

legislative intent and evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness, and accessibility of operations and programs. The City Council must examine municipal financial statements to ensure public funds and assets are managed responsibly and

effectively; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to audit the City of Boston's accountability, transparency, and accessibility regarding the enforcement of CBC 8-10. Representatives from the appropriate Boston City Departments and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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