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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE COORDINATION OF CONSTRUCTION AND UTILITY PERMITS

WHEREAS: Both residential construction work and public utility work can have a significant impact on residents' quality of life; and

WHEREAS: These quality of life impacts are multiplied if there are numerous projects happening in a small geographic area; and

WHEREAS: As more development projects are approved and begin construction, there are increasing examples of both utility and construction permits being issued sometimes on same residential block;

WHEREAS: This leads to negative impacts to the overall quality of life for residents due to a lack of parking availability and detour delays, especially if they haven't received adequate notice; and

WHEREAS: The Boston Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works issue the permits necessary for these projects and could issue them in such a way that would minimize quality of life issues and overlap of projects; THEREFORE

BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the coordination of the issuance of construction and utility work permits and that the Boston Transportation Department, the Department of Public Works, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, and other relevant departments be invited to testify. In addition, utility companies such as Eversource, Verizon, National Grid, and Comcast will be invited to testify.

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