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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE DIGITIZATION AND TRACKING OF PARKING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, The Boston Transportation Department (BTD) plans, builds, maintains, and operates streets in a manner that increases access to opportunities, promotes safety and resilience, and fosters the highest quality of life for everyone living, working, and visiting the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, BTD currently relies on institutional knowledge of parking enforcement officers to recognize parking regulations in respective neighborhoods. There is no tracking system or geographic information system (GIS) mapping tool that defines what regulations are where which negatively impacts both residents and BTD employees; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has developed the Park Boston application which is a useful tool that outlines various "parking zones" meant to solicit revenue from metered parking. The creation of a similar tool could provide a framework to holistically understand parking regulations across the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Consistent parking enforcement heavily relies on a structural understanding of where and what parking laws are being implemented, appropriate staffing of enforcement officers, and efficient route development; *and*

WHEREAS, While BTD is currently experiencing understaffing, establishing a tracking system that allows the department to see gaps in service can ensure that residents who live in high density areas can safely and reliably find parking near their homes; *and*

WHEREAS, Investment in digital tools that are easy to navigate can make it more efficient for residents and city workers to access information, request services, sign up for alerts, and enforce parking regulations; *and*

WHEREAS, Throughout the budget season, parking enforcement is the one of the top issues constituents consistently raise, and a digital systemization of all the work the BTD does could truly foster the highest quality of life for everyone living, working, and visiting our City; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA

ORDERED: That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the digitization and tracking of parking regulations at the Boston Transportation Department and that the Boston Transportation Department, the Department of Innovation and Technology,, and other relevant departments be invited to testify.

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