



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
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:

400100

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
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
OPAT									
410 Office of Police Accountability & Transparency	1,257,372.00	41,775.00	7,500.00	114,431.00	-	-	-	-	1,421,078.00
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
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
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
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
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
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
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

