OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE, MINIARD CULPEPPER, BRIAN WORRELL, BREADON, DURKAN, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, MURPHY, PEPÉN, SANTANA, AND WEBER

CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF BOSTON'S NIGHTTIME ECONOMY

WHEREAS, A vibrant nighttime economy contributes to Boston's cultural identity, supports restaurants, music venues, theaters, comedy clubs, museums, recreation, hospitality, tourism, small businesses, and workers, and creates opportunities for residents, artists, and entrepreneurs; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's nighttime economy extends beyond alcohol service and includes live music, dance, comedy, theater, late-night dining, cultural institutions, night markets, recreation, public transit, public safety, sanitation, accessibility, and worker protections; *and*

WHEREAS, The 2026 FIFA World Cup and other major events have provided Boston with an opportunity to evaluate extended alcohol service, late-night programming, public-space activation, visitor transportation, crowd management, and the ability of businesses and public agencies to operate later into the evening; *and*

WHEREAS, As part of a broader nighttime-economy strategy, Boston should examine whether a streamlined or targeted special-event late-night license could provide responsible flexibility for major sporting events, international broadcasts, festivals, conventions, holidays, concerts, and cultural events; *and*

WHEREAS, A comprehensive and equitable nighttime-economy strategy should balance economic and cultural vitality with neighborhood quality of life, accessibility, sanitation, responsible regulation, and the needs of workers, residents, and small businesses; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the future of Boston's nighttime economy and lessons from the 2026 FIFA World Cup and other major events, including special-event late-night licensing, alcohol-service hours, live entertainment, public-space activation, neighborhood impacts, business support, worker protections, qualifying events, enforcement, and that representatives of the Mayor's Office, Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, the Licensing Board, Consumer Affairs and Licensing, restaurant and venue operators, hospitality workers, labor organizations, artists, cultural institutions, Main Streets organizations, neighborhood associations, and members of the public be invited to testify.

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