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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL



### ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE SOUTH BOSTON INTERIM PLANNING OVERLAY DISTRICT AND NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE ZONING

WHEREAS: The South Boston Neighborhood has been experiencing a period of unprecedented neighborhood development and residential expansion, traffic congestion and ongoing development pressures; and

WHEREAS: The South Boston Interim Planning Overlay district and the expansion of Article 68 was intended to advance the City's housing-creation goals within a zoning code framework respectful of the day-to-day living conditions of South Boston residents who have been significantly impacted by intense neighborhood growth; and

WHEREAS: The extension of the South Boston Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD) and the new zoning is an improvement of previous zoning schemes, however there are existing deficiencies in the new zoning schemes, particularly pertaining to minimum lot size; and

WHEREAS: There are major development proposals and zoning schemes that do require careful considerations - such as the Edison Power Plant Site, the Dorchester Avenue "growth zone", as well as the rezoning of Broadway; and

WHEREAS: The deficiencies in the current IPOD and zoning schemes may allow for development that may negatively impact the neighborhood character and the quality of life of for South Boston residents, particularly where there are no minimum lot size requirements; and

WHEREAS: Residents, business owners and other stakeholders of South Boston call for a better South Boston zoning blueprint that allows for reasonable and responsible growth and preserves what makes South Boston such a special and unique place to live.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the zoning deficiencies in South Boston; and that the Boston Redevelopment Authority (d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency), Boston Transportation Department, Parks & Recreation Department, Boston Housing Authority, neighborhood and civic groups, and any other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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