

**CITY OF BOSTON**



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**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN**  
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**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING REVIEW OF PRECINCTS IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON**

- WHEREAS*, Under section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, Massachusetts requires that cities and towns make a new division of their wards and precincts after each decennial census; and,
- WHEREAS*, Pursuant to the Acts of 1921, chapter 220, section 2, the City of Boston is exempt from the state's mandated decennial re-division of precincts; and,
- WHEREAS*, Pursuant to the Acts of 1982, chapter 605, section 3, the City of Boston is exempt from the state's mandated decennial re-division of wards; and,
- WHEREAS*, Ward and precinct size impacts polling locations, polling staffing, and election day operations; and,
- WHEREAS*, Development in some neighborhoods has resulted in discrepancies in precinct sizes; and,
- WHEREAS*, By evaluating the precincts, not only will the City of Boston be able to address the issues noted above, but it may also save a substantial amount of taxpayer dollars.

***Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:***

City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter Two be amended by adding the following at the end of section 2-9.2:

The appropriate committee of the City Council shall conduct a review of city precincts every five years beginning in the year immediately following passage of this ordinance. The committee's review shall include the following: population shifts; development in neighborhoods; impact of precinct size on polling locations, staffing, and election day operations; and other factors as necessary. The committee shall issue a report on its findings.

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