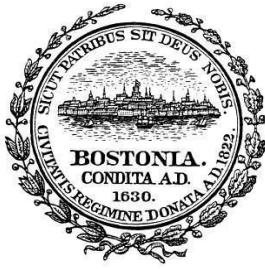


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OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ED FLYNN AND LYDIA EDWARDS

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**



**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS WATER RESCUE
INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

WHEREAS: Boston is a coastal city surrounded by water, with many public and private marinas, docks, piers, and other areas of access to water; *and*

WHEREAS: With these points of access to water and the increase of visitors and tourists to the city over the years, it is important that we have the adequate water rescue equipment and water safety infrastructure in place in case of accidents; *and*

WHEREAS: In recent years, there have been several incidents where people have fallen into the water and required assistance from our first responders; in February of 2019 when a man fell into the water at Fort Point and was rescued later, in September of 2019 when another person was standing too close to the water on a pier at the South Boston Waterfront and fell in, and in December of 2019 when another person entered the ocean near the Flynn Marine Park in South Boston and required rescue from the Boston Police and Boston Fire Dept; *and*

WHEREAS: Residents in the Fort Point area have advocated for a life saving ring to be installed at Fort Point Pier and near public docks in case of accidents and other incidents of people falling into the water; *and*

WHEREAS: There are also suggestions that all docks and marinas along Fort Point and the South Boston Waterfront should be equipped with water rescue equipment such as life saving rings and other floatation devices as part of the city's public safety plan; *and*

WHEREAS: The City should work with our law enforcement water rescue units and state agencies such as the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to develop measures that will best ensure water safety at our piers, marinas, and docks, so that we can quickly rescue those who fall into the waters and prevent tragedies; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss water rescue infrastructure and measures in the City of Boston, Boston Police Department, Boston Fire Department, MassDEP, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.