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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ESTABLISH PARKING BENEFIT DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: In 2016, the Massachusetts General Court enacted the Municipal Modernization Act. One of the provisions of that law authorized the creation of Parking Benefit Districts (PBDs); *and*

WHEREAS: Communities such as Arlington (MA), Brookline (MA), Reading (MA), San Diego (CA), Pasadena (CA), Austin (TX), and Boulder (CO) have all successfully employed versions of PBDs to better manage parking supply and to generate resources to support improvements to a commercial area; *and*

WHEREAS: A parking benefit district may be managed by a body designated by the municipality, including: a community planning group, a city-owned nonprofit, a business improvement district or main streets organization; *and*

WHEREAS: A city or town may establish one or more parking benefit districts, as a geographically defined area, in which parking revenue collected therein may be designated in whole or in part for use in that district through a dedicated fund in accordance with the purposes and uses listed in section 22A; *and*

WHEREAS: Revenue from the PBD would be spent in the area in which it is raised (i.e., Boston) on improvements that enhance the accessibility and desirability of the district and that are not currently provided by the Town to the extent desired by residents and businesses in the district; *and*

WHEREAS: A Roslindale Square Parking and Curb Access Plan will be established by the end of 2023 or early 2024; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston should establish a pilot for a Parking Benefits District in Roslindale Village that can be implemented in other districts. **NOW, *THEREFORE BE IT;***

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the potential implementation of Parking Benefits Districts.

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