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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS TRASH COLLECTION IN BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is responsible for the collection of residential solid waste, including trash and recycling; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The management of all types of waste is foundational to public health, pest control, and the quality of life for Boston residents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A holistic discussion of Boston’s current residential collection process is necessary to improve the current agreement with Capitol Waste Service expiring in June of 2024; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Zero Waste Boston plan published June 2019 recommends the City to reach a 80% recycling rate by 2035 and 90% by 2050 to achieve its 2050 carbon neutrality goal; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston introduced curbside food waste collection through partnerships with local compost services that has been expanded due to popularity with residents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This lack of dedicated space for staging and storing waste bins for collection is causing many neighborhoods to be routinely inundated with loose or poorly contained trash, and is providing sustenance to rodents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Research and evaluation of solutions reducing rodent incidents from comparable and neighboring municipalities like San Francisco and Somerville that stabilize the environment and promote clean, organized waste collection will benefit residents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** An innovative and community-tested solution is crucial to improve the state of residential waste collection, and associated pest problems of poor waste management, in every Boston neighborhood; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review the current state of trash collection and discuss how to position the City of Boston’s neighborhoods for greater success, and that representatives from the Public Works Department, the Mayor’s Office of New Urban Mechanics, Inspectional Services Department, and the public be invited to testify.