

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON, BREADON,
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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXAMINE AND ADDRESS
ISSUES SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL PARKING IN
DISTRICT 7

WHEREAS, Access to residential parking profoundly impacts the daily lives and mobility of residents in District 7 of the City of Boston, directly influencing their overall quality of life; *and*

WHEREAS, The administration's Zero Carbon Initiative underscores the critical need for sustainable transportation solutions, emphasizing the importance of reducing reliance on single-occupancy vehicles and promoting alternative modes of transportation to mitigate environmental impacts; *and*

WHEREAS, The ongoing residential parking crisis in D7 requires urgent attention, necessitating alignment with the city's sustainability objectives while ensuring fair and equitable access to parking for all residents; *and*

WHEREAS, Current residential parking policies, including restrictions for individuals with unpaid tickets or citations, may disproportionately burden marginalized communities, exacerbating existing disparities in parking access and mobility; *and*

WHEREAS, It is imperative to thoroughly examine the equity implications of residential parking policies, including the distinction between residential parking and residential permit parking, and to develop strategies to foster fairness and accessibility within the parking system; *and*

WHEREAS, The absence of residential parking options negatively affects residents' quality of life, leading to increased stress, inconvenience, and difficulties in accessing essential services and amenities; *and*

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WHEREAS, Addressing the residential parking crisis requires a multifaceted approach that considers the diverse needs and circumstances of District 7 residents, including exploring solutions to enhance parking availability, affordability, and sustainability; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council convene a hearing to comprehensively discuss the residential parking challenges in District 7, with a focus on identifying actionable solutions to address inequities and promote sustainable transportation alternatives. Relevant stakeholders, including residents, community organizations, transportation experts, representatives from Streets Cabinet, and advocacy groups, shall be invited to provide testimony and recommendations during the hearing.

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