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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BOSTON CODE, SECTION 6-6.3, SCHEDULE OF PARKING FINES

WHEREAS: The North End is one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in the City of Boston with limited on-street parking. During TD Garden events, attendees often park in resident-only zones without permits, displacing residents who rely on these spaces. Elevating fines would deter unauthorized parking, ensuring residents maintain access to their designated spots; *and*

WHEREAS: Currently, the fine for parking in a resident-only space without a permit is \$60. However, event parking at nearby garages, such as the North Station Garage, can cost up to \$65. This minimal difference doesn't deter drivers from risking a fine rather than paying for legal parking. Increasing fines would make illegal parking a less financially attractive option; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2015, Boston implemented a \$100 fine for illegal parking in resident-only areas during Fenway Park events, which proved effective in dissuading unauthorized parking. Applying a similar approach in the North End during TD Garden events will yield comparable results; *and*

WHEREAS: Not only would increasing fines during TD Garden events preserve parking for North End residents, but it would also support our emission reduction goals as a multi-modal city. Boston offers extensive public transportation options, including the MBTA's Orange and Green Lines serving North Station to TD Garden. Higher fines would incentivize event attendees to utilize these alternatives, reducing traffic congestion and parking demand in residential areas; *and*

WHEREAS: Illegal parking during events can lead to increased traffic, noise, and frustration for North End residents. Stricter enforcement and higher fines would help maintain the neighborhood's livability by minimizing these disruptions; *and*

WHEREAS: By amending the municipal code to increase fines for unauthorized parking in the North End during TD Garden events, Boston can better protect residents' parking access, align penalties with parking costs, reduce car emissions, build on successful strategies from other neighborhoods, promote public transportation use, and enhance the overall quality of life in the North End; **NOW**

THEREFORE

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

That the City of Boston Code Section 6-6.3, Schedule of Fines, shall be amended by inserting the following subsections after subsection NN:

Section 1. North End Residential Parking District

(OO) Notwithstanding division (F) above, the fine for parking a vehicle in the North End Residential Parking District during TD Garden Events, unless said vehicle displays in the rear window a valid and current sticker as issued by the Transportation Department for the North End Residential Parking District, shall be \$100 for each violation. A penalty of \$33 shall be assessed if the fine remains unpaid 21 days after issuance of a notice of such violation.

Section 2. TD Garden Events

(PP) (1) TD GARDEN EVENTS means any event held at TD Garden, including but not limited to professional sports games, concerts, and other large-scale gatherings, as designated by the Transportation Commissioner. Exclusively for the purposes of division (OO) above, the Transportation Commissioner may designate additional uses of TD Garden as TD GARDEN EVENTS.

(2) Event Timeframe shall be the period beginning two hours before the scheduled start time of a TD Garden event and ending two hours after the event concludes.

Section 2. Severability

If any provision of this shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

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