



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

EMERGENCY ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF THE ONGOING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN ON BOSTON'S VETERANS, MILITARY MEMBERS, AND MILITARY FAMILIES

- WHEREAS:** This morning at 12:01 AM, the federal government officially entered a shutdown. This is an emergency hearing order to discuss its impact on Boston's veterans, military members, and military families; *and*
- WHEREAS:** It is uncertain which veterans benefits are impacted by a government shutdown at this time. Pay for military members could be halted during the shutdown, and agencies such as the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Labor can be affected, possibly delaying needed benefits for our veterans and military families; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Veterans and military families have proudly served our country and earned their benefits from our city, state, and federal governments; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Many veterans, military members, and military families have already expressed concerns about some of their benefits and pay would be delayed due to a government shutdown, this includes services specifically to women veterans, homeless veterans, and veterans with disabilities; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston Office of Veterans Services and Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services have worked closely with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies in the past to empower our veterans and military families, and provide them with information on the services and benefits they have earned; *and*
- WHEREAS:** It is critical that our veterans, military members, and military families are guaranteed services on time, and that they have clarity and information on the impact of the ongoing government shutdown; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council hold an immediate hearing to discuss the impact of a government shutdown on services and benefits for our veterans, military members, and military families. Representatives from Boston Veterans Services, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.