



## CITY OF BOSTON

### ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PARKING PERMITS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is actively working toward becoming an “age-friendly” city, having launched the Age-Friendly Boston Action Plan in May 2017 with the intention of adapting the city’s structures and services to become accessible and inclusive to residents of all ages and abilities; and
- WHEREAS,** The 2014 Aging in Boston report indicates an approximate 52% increase in the older population in Boston by 2030, and as more residents choose to age in place in the neighborhoods and communities that they have called home for years, greater demand will be placed on receiving in-home health care; and
- WHEREAS,** Many of the city’s residential streets are now “Resident Parking Only,” but home health care attendants need to park on these streets to provide health care services to residents; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston does not have a straightforward method of providing parking permits to health care providers, relying on the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts to decide which providers have access to these permits; and
- WHEREAS,** Many other cities across the country, including Washington, D.C., Chicago, San Francisco, and Austin, administer various parking permit programs for health care providers that allow them to serve residents of each city’s neighborhoods without the worry of amassing exorbitant parking fines; and
- WHEREAS,** Access to these parking permits should be available to all of the city’s residents who require in-home care, and should not be limited to a certain subset of providers; ***THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED,** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to further discuss health care provider parking in the City of Boston, and to examine how to establish a program that streamlines the current process and increases accessibility, and that representatives from the Boston Transportation Department, the Boston Disabilities Commission, Boston’s Commission on Affairs of the Elderly, Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts, and other interested parties be invited to testify.

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