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IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS OFF-LEASH DOG RECREATION SPACES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: The City of Boston Parks Department currently has seven active spaces designated for off-leash dog recreation spaces including Peters Park, DeFilippo Park, Garvey Park, Downer Ave Park, Ronan Park, A Street Park, and the Boston Common; *and*

WHEREAS: Two of the seven active spaces were added in the past year at the Garvey and Downer Avenue Playground, both of which are located in Dorchester; *and*

WHEREAS: The Parks Department is currently in the design phase for an additional off-leash dog recreation space in Allston; *and*

WHEREAS: Additional spaces located in South Boston, the North End, Jamaica Plain, and Allston are owned by state agencies or private abutters; *and*

WHEREAS: The current distribution and planned expansion of the City's dog recreation spaces leaves many residents without access to off-leash recreation spaces for their dogs, especially in the neighborhoods of Hyde Park, Roslindale, Mattapan, and West Roxbury; *and*

WHEREAS: Boston residents would benefit from having at least one off-leash dog recreation space in each neighborhood; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston should ensure that there is an equitable distribution and planned expansion of City open space facilities for all residents of Boston, including access to off-leash dog recreation spaces; *NOW THEREFORE BE IT*

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the distribution of off-leash dog recreation spaces in the City of Boston and plans to expand the number of these facilities in an equitable way; and that representatives from the Department of Parks and Recreation and other interested parties be invited.

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