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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REVENUE REPORTS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council is provided with quarterly expenditure reports as required in the City Charter; *and*

WHEREAS, Under a prior agreement with the former chair of the Committee on Ways & Means, the Council received quarterly revenue reports from the Office of Budget Management; *and*

WHEREAS, Although the City Council currently has no power to set estimated revenues for the city, transparency about revenue streams would provide more information and data behind the city's annual revenue projections; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston underestimated revenue projections by an average of \$216 million from Fiscal Years 2022 through 2025; *and*

WHEREAS, While higher-than-expected interest from investment drove some of that surplus, even subtracting that line item, the city underprojected by \$171 million in FY22, \$244 million in FY23, \$144 million in FY24 and \$58 million in FY25; *and*

WHEREAS, At the state level, revenue reports are released monthly so that revenue collection can be tracked to prior trends and the Legislature can adjust accordingly; *and*

WHEREAS, The City Council, when being asked to authorize supplemental funds for FY26 and approve a budget based on downward revenue estimates in FY27, should have a more transparent view into the city's revenues than is being offered; *and*

WHEREAS, Revenue reports should be produced without request on a quarterly basis; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

Section 1.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 5, Section 1.5 is hereby amended by inserting the following language immediately after the fourth sentence:

“The Supervisor of Budgets shall be required to provide quarterly revenue reports detailing all revenue collected to date by item, no later than 30 days after the end of the fiscal quarter.”

Section 2.

The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

Section 3.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

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