

Offered by Councilor Michelle Wu



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE CARE OF STREET TREES

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has been recognized and applauded for its many efforts to provide greenery and open space across all of its neighborhoods for all of its residents; and

WHEREAS: Many streets across the city have been enlivened and reinvigorated by the planting of public shade trees and other plants along islands, sidewalks, and medians; and

WHEREAS: Residents frequently submit questions, complaints, various concerns regarding street trees to their respective city councilors or through the Boston 311 constituent services portal; and

WHEREAS: Newly planted trees are especially vulnerable to the stresses of an urban environment and can benefit from partnerships between the City and residents to help young trees reach a mature state; and

WHEREAS: Boston currently has 29% tree canopy coverage across neighborhoods, and Greenovate Boston and the Grow Boston Greener campaign has a goal of increasing this coverage to 35% by 2030; therefore be it

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to examine the policies and resources available for the selection, planting, care, and removal of trees on Boston streets. Representatives from the Parks Department, Greenovate Boston and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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