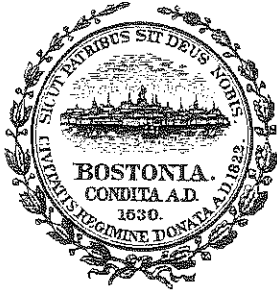


Offered by City Councilor Josh Zakim



## CITY OF BOSTON

### ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE USE OF PUBLIC WAYS

*WHEREAS*, The City of Boston proudly hosts dozens of charity walks, road races, and parades throughout the year; and

*WHEREAS*, Just last month the entire City of Boston was thrilled to host yet another "Duck Boat Parade" in honor of our World Champion Boston Red Sox; and

*WHEREAS*, Certain road races and fundraising walks such as the Boston Marathon and the Walk for Hunger are great Boston traditions that we all celebrate; and

*WHEREAS*, The Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and Fenway neighborhoods are primarily residential areas; and

*WHEREAS*, The Back Bay community has been subjected to dramatically higher parking meter fees than any other neighborhood in the City of Boston as part of the Performance Parking Program; and

*WHEREAS*, Every year new road races requiring street closures are permitted, primarily in the Back Bay neighborhood; and

*WHEREAS*, These near weekly street closures impose an undue burden on local residents, in many instances making it impossible for people to access their own homes during these events; ***THEREFORE BE IT***

***ORDERED***, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the process for approving road closures for new road races and the like in our residential neighborhoods, and that representatives from the Boston Transportation Department, the Boston Police Department, the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment, and other interested parties be invited to testify.

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