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CITY OF BOSTON

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS FREE-STANDING SIGNS ON PUBLIC WALKWAYS

- WHEREAS*, City of Boston Municipal Code Chapter 16, Section 12.3 refers to permitting regulations for advertising signs and the City of Boston zoning code contains signage regulations that varies in different neighborhoods, business districts, and sub districts; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Free-standing signs, such as sandwich boards, serve as significant marketing tools for small and local businesses; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Accessibility for all is an important goal and the City of Boston should be making all reasonable efforts to ensure access on our streets and sidewalks regardless of physical ability; *and*
- WHEREAS*, In May of 2018 the free-standing signs pilot program was extended for an additional year to allow community stakeholders to work with city departments to create specific guidelines;
THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED*, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the progress of guidelines, issues, and potential resolutions regarding free-standing signs on public ways; representatives from the Department of Public Works, Inspectional Services, and other interested parties shall be invited to testify.

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