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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
THOMAS M. MENINO

February 11, 2010

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

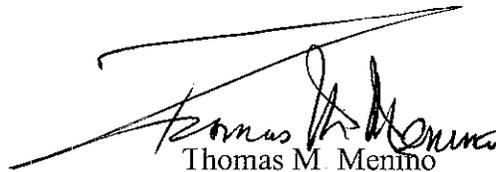
Dear Councilors:

I submit herewith an order to accept the provisions of Chapter 40T of the General Laws of Massachusetts enacted on February 10 as Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2010, An Act Relative to Unpaid Municipal Fines.

Chapter 40T allows cities and towns to adopt procedures for the payment of municipal fines such as housing and sanitary code violations similar to the manner non-criminal disposition of penalties for traffic and parking tickets is handled. Acceptance of this law would also allow the City to commit unpaid fines to the property's property tax bill, securitizing the fine as a lien on the violator's property. In addition, it would go a long way to streamlining the fine appeal process and would give property owners an incentive to correct violations quickly.

I respectfully recommend the acceptance of Chapter 40T by your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



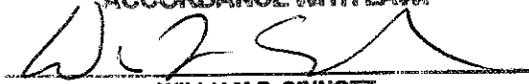
Thomas M. Menino  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 40T OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS**

**ORDERED:** that Chapter 40T of the Massachusetts General Laws, enacted as Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2010, An Act Relative to Unpaid Municipal Fines, be and hereby is accepted by the City of Boston in accordance with MGL Chapter 40T Section 2.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT  
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN  
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**



**WILLIAM F. SINNOTT  
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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