

# CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

## ORDER OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICHAEL P. ROSS

- WHEREAS:** The Comfort Station (“Duck House” as it is called) in the Back Bay Fens and the Men’s Comfort Station (“Pink Palace” as it is called) on Boston Common are historic buildings that have not been in use for many years; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston looks to preserve these gems by providing opportunities for private vendors to make the properties active again while ensuring the preservation and maintenance of the properties for park-related purposes; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston Parks and Recreation Commission and the Conservation Commission has voted unanimously to allow the properties to be used for leases; and
- WHEREAS:** Under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Boston City Council must also approve the change in use of park land; Therefore be it
- ORDERED:** That the City of Boston, through the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Commission, and in accordance with Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, establish and implement policies necessary to enter into lease agreements for the use of the Comfort Station (“Duck House” as it is called) in the Back Bay Fens and the Men’s Comfort Station (“Pink Palace” as it is called) on Boston Common.

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