

Offered by COUNCILOR MICHAEL P. ROSS



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED) IN COMMUNITY CENTERS THROUGHOUT BOSTON

*WHEREAS,* The American Heart Association reports over 250,000 cardiac arrests occurring in the United States each year, an estimated 50,000 of which could be prevented; and,

*WHEREAS,* There is a 90% chance of survival when defibrillation occurs within 4-6 minutes after cardiac arrest occurs, and chances of survival decrease by 10% for each minute after that time frame when CPR is not administered; and

*WHEREAS,* Massachusetts mandates that AEDs be present in public schools, senior housing facilities, health care clinics, health and wellness facilities, and dental offices, and in 2005 the Massachusetts Senate enacted an Act to Enhance Emergency Responses in Public Buildings and Facilities; and,

*WHEREAS,* Our Community Centers are a place where citizens of all ages gather, and need to be equipped with all proper safety measures. *Now,*

*THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,*

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the possibilities of installing AEDs in all Boston Community Centers, and training staff in proper training. Representatives of the Boston Centers for Youth and Families and the Boston Public Health Commission, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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