Offered by Councilor Chuck Turner, Feeney and Arroyo

CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TEN

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE VALUE OF DEVELOPING AN ORDINANCE FOCUSED ON THE BANNING OF GUNS WITHIN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Recently the murder rate has been on the rise throughout the city of Boston; and,

WHEREAS, In an effort to reduce the incidences of youth violence, there is a continued focus on the pursuit of effective strategies and mechanisms to control crime; and,

WHEREAS, Several community stakeholders have raised the idea of banning gun ownership as an approach to reduce violent crime in Boston; and,

WHEREAS, One of the concerns that arises regarding the development of such a ban is the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision – which reaffirms the 2nd Amendment right to bear arms – affecting overly-prohibitive gun laws in Washington, D.C. and Chicago; and

WHEREAS, In light of Chicago's recent gun law amendments, the city of Boston must review its policies related to gun ownership not only in response to relevant court rulings, but also in response to the recent surge in violent crime; *NOW THEREFORE BE IT*

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the value of developing an ordinance focused on the banning of guns similar to the one recently instituted in the city of Chicago. Representatives from the Police Commission, the city of Boston's Corporation Council, and the public shall be invited to testify.

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