

City of Boston In City Council

Councilor Stephen J. Murphy

Whereas; The city of Boston has historically had a rodent problem for many years;
and

Whereas; Over the last year there has been an increased rat problem in Allston-Brighton, but that neighborhood is not alone; *and*

Whereas; The North End, Beacon Hill, the Back Bay, Fenway and Mission Hill have also had their fair share of rat issues; *and*

Whereas; Increased construction projects exacerbate the problem, as do improperly stored garbage and abandoned buildings; *and*

Whereas; There is an overpopulation of rats in the city and, as a result, they scour our neighborhood streets in search of food; *and*

Whereas; As a result of the overpopulation, several homeowners, particularly in Allston-Brighton, have seen rats in their homes; *and*

Whereas; The City of Boston knows there is a rodent problem and has been working to control the rat population but more needs to be done, *therefore be it*

Ordered; That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a public hearing and invite representatives from the City of Boston to discuss what is being done to manage the rat problem.