

Offered by Councilor Josh Zakim



**CITY OF BOSTON**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
THE BOSTON FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

**WHEREAS,** Over the years a significant amount of furniture, including furniture in Boston City Hall, has been manufactured to include flame retardant chemicals; and

**WHEREAS,** Many flame retardant chemicals are known carcinogens that are hazardous to the health of both fire fighters and the public they are sworn to serve; and

**WHEREAS,** New statewide fire prevention standards promote health and safety by eliminating the need for these harmful flame retardants; and

**WHEREAS,** The International Association of Fire Fighters supports these new statewide standards; and

**WHEREAS,** The Boston Fire Prevention Code does not currently align with these new statewide standards;

*NOW THEREFORE,*

***Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:***

**Section 1.**

The Boston Fire Prevention Code, Section 9.04 shall be amended by adding the following Subsection 9.04(a)(1):

- (1) Exclusively for the purposes of furnishings identified by the Fire Department Chemist as “Upholstered Furniture” or “Reupholstered Furniture”, the classification determined by the Fire Department Chemist shall be made in accordance with the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code, 527 CMR 1.00, Section 12.6.3.

**Section 2.**

The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect ninety (90) days from the date of enactment.

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