



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

September 15, 2026

SPONSORED BY

Isaac Bears, Council President

AGENDA ITEM

26-161 - Resolution to Approve Council Declaration of Support for Resident or Attorney General Intervention in Chertok v. City of Medford to Ensure Effective Defense of City Ordinances

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, the Medford City Council is the legislative body of the City of Medford and exercises significant authority concerning the approval and appropriation of municipal funds; and

Whereas, the City Council has concerns regarding the legal advice and representation it has received regarding certain litigation, including the ongoing CHERTOK, et al., vs. CITY OF MEDFORD, et al., and the extent to which the City Council's input has been reflected in the City's litigation posture; and

Whereas, the City Council is deeply concerned about the City's present litigation posture in the CHERTOK litigation, including the August 27, 2026 Stipulation requesting entry of permanent injunctive relief against enforcement of an ordinance duly enacted by the City Council; and

Whereas, the City Council believes that the issues presented in the CHERTOK litigation implicate not only Medford's municipal authority and autonomy, but potentially those of municipalities throughout the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, the Mayor and KP Law have neglected to adequately consult the City Council and keep it apprised on the CHERTOK litigation, and the City Council is concerned that the conduct of the Mayor and KP Law in the CHERTOK litigation exposes the city to an acutely increased risk of further litigation and liabilities; now, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we, as a body, adopt and execute the Declaration below concerning its position regarding the CHERTOK litigation and authorize its submission to the Court.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

- I. 2026.09.15 - Declaration of Support for Resident or Attorney General Intervention in Chertok v. City of Medford to Ensure Effective Defense of City Or