



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Public Health and Public Safety Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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Thursday, October 30, 2025

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#### Roll Call

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| 1. Committee Minutes<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1109</a> ) | <b>Agenda Ready:</b> Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of June 9, 2025.                                                                                                                                              |
| 2. Resolution<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1563</a> )        | <b>Sent for Discussion:</b> By Councilor Davis and Councilor Strezo<br>That the Administration provide data on needles found in and around Davis Square, outside of the designated receptacle box, including a breakdown by specific location, and used vs. unused. |

3. Resolution  
(ID # [25-1562](#))      **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Davis and Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration discuss with this Council whether there is a need to create additional alternative locations for people to store their belongings.
4. Resolution  
(ID # [25-1561](#))      **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Davis, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration discuss with this Council the process for removing abandoned items from public spaces.
5. Resolution  
(ID # [25-1353](#))      **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Davis  
That the Administration direct all relevant departments, including Health and Human Services, to appear before this City Council to discuss and update on current unhoused outreach efforts.
6. Order  
(ID # [25-1340](#))      **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Emergency Management and Mayor inform City Councilors in real time when emergency events are occurring in the city, such as fires or emergency evacuations.
7. Order  
(ID # [25-1180](#))      **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Economic Development and City Clerk discuss with this Council policies regarding outdoor seating and how the city may make it easier and less expensive for small businesses.
8. Order  
(ID # [25-0923](#))      **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before this Council to discuss recent changes to business permitting in relation to "risk categorization" and the impact they may have on businesses.
9. Order  
(ID # [25-0087](#))      **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Health and Human Services, Director of Housing, and Director of Housing Stability update this City Council regularly on progress towards addressing homelessness.

10. Order  
(ID # [25-0064](#))
- Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Mbah That the Chief Fire Engineer and the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council how to ensure Fire Department facilities are well maintained.