

October 21, 2014

The Honorable, the Board of Aldermen
City Hall
Somerville, MA 02143

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SOMERVILLE, MA

RE: Zoning Amendments

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Section 3.3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Somerville ("SZO") we, the undersigned ten (10) registered voters of said City, hereby submit for your consideration, a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

1.)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE TO PROHIBIT THE DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF ANY SHADE OR FRUIT TREES DURING THE CONVERSION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the city of Somerville, in session assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4.4.1. of Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting a new paragraph at the end thereof, as follows:

"No building permit or special permit may be issued by any building inspector or the SPGA if, after investigation, it is determined that one or more shade tree(s) or fruit tree(s) located on the lot of the subject nonconforming structure will be or has been damaged or destroyed at any time in preparation for or during the conversion process."

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage by the Board of Aldermen and approval by the Mayor.

We look forward to a full and vigorous debate on this amendment by your Honorable Board. Its subject-matter touches upon an issue that grows more important with each passing day: the widespread destruction of our shade and fruit trees that is occurring as a direct result of the “McMansionization” of Somerville’s formerly affordable housing stock.

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We will anticipate the referral of this ordinance to the planning board within the requisite fourteen days, its prompt publication and the scheduling of a public hearing, all in accordance with Chapter 40A and the SZO.

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Sincerely,



Chris Korda
80 Avon Street
Somerville, MA 02143

(additional signatures attached)



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JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR**

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John J Long
City Clerk
Somerville City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, Ma 02143

Dear Mr. Long:

We hereby certify that the names given to us by your office contains the names of thirteen (13) registered Somerville voters designated as such by a red check mark to the left of the name. The breakdown is as follows: 9 (nine) voters on sheet #1 and four (4) on sheet #2.





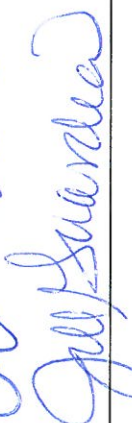


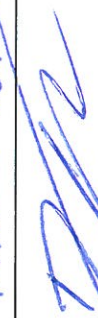
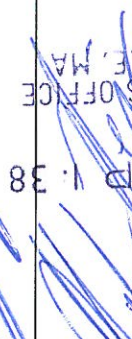
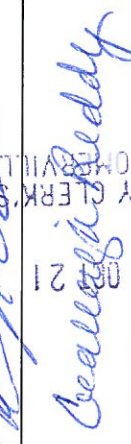
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| ✓ 1 |  | CHRIS KORDA | 80 AVON ST | 3 | 2 | 10/20 2014 |
| ✓ 2 |  | CLAUDINE OLESON | 137 SUMMER ST | 3 | 2 | 10/20 2014 |
| ✓ 3 |  | CHRISTINE DIAZ | 77 AVON ST #2 | 3 | 2 | 10/20 2014 |
| N 4 |  | Thomas M Austin | 74 Avon St | 3 | 2 | 10/20/14 |
| ✓ 5 |  | JILL GUARDIA | 143 SUMMER ST | 3 | 2 | 10/20 2014 |
| ✓ 6 |  | IRENE E SILVERMAN | 143 SUMMER ST | 3 | 2 | 10/20 2014 |
| ✓ 7 |  | Rita S. Edmonds | 2 Westwood Rd | 3 | 3 | 10/20/14 |
| ✓ 8 |  | Daniel Madri | 39 Avon St. | 3 | 2 | 10/20/14 |
| ✓ 9 |  | MARK NEVIN | 84 AVON ST | 3 | 2 | 10/20/14 |
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| ✓ 12 |  | DAVID WOLF | 74 AVON ST 3R | 3 | 2 | 10/20/14 |
| ✓ 13 |  | FRANCO GUARDIA | 143 SUMMER ST | 3 | 2 | 10/20 2014 |
| ✓ 14 |  | ALYSSA KOOMAS | 74 AVON ST 3R | 3 | 2 | 10/20 2014 |
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