



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Thursday - December 5, 2019, 6:00 PM
SHS Auditorium

AGENDA

(Posted online: 12/1/19 at 11:07 AM)

- 1. Approval of the November 7, 2019 Minutes**
- 2. 207480: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the City Solicitor review the legal standing of each site identified in Sec. 12-131 of the proposed Public Space Conservation Ordinance to identify if there are any terms by which each site was acquired, or is held, that would prevent it from being dedicated to the public.
- 3. 203365: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Davis) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring native tree and plantings for all open space, to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.
- 4. 205683: Discuss** Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #203365, calling for a native planting ordinance.
- 5. 206495: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Scott, Davis) – That the City Solicitor consider the attached language in the drafting of a Native Tree and Plantings Ordinance, as ordered by #203365.
- 6. 207999: Discuss** 3 residents submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance.
- 7. 208567: Discuss** Elizabeth Lundgren submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance.
- 8. 209061: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch) – That the City Solicitor and the Director of Sustainability and the Environment draft with the Ward 5 Councilor an ordinance to ban or regulate the use of gas-

powered leaf blowers.

9. **208806: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Rossetti, Davis, White Jr., Clingan) – That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to establish Broadway as a 25 mph roadway, and include any other municipal roadways within the city which currently exceed 25 mph.
10. **208909: Discuss** (Clingan, Davis) – That the City Solicitor advise this Council on the process to request the lowering of speed limits on state roadways within the city.
11. **209041: Recommend** Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition that would authorize the City to provide tenants the right to purchase the residential property in which they reside when that property is being offered for sale.
12. **205118: Recommend** Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to preserve affordable housing through a tenant's right to purchase.
13. **205343: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott) – That the Director of SPCD contact local mortgage lenders to determine how the proposed "Tenants Right to Purchase" policy might affect the ability of home-buyers to secure financing, and report back to this Board in writing.
14. **205344: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD contact several Title Insurance brokers and ascertain their views on whether the proposed "Tenants Right to Purchase" policy would affect their ability to provide title insurance, and report back to this Board in writing.