



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Land Use Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 18, 2025

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Virtual

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [25-1402](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Land Use Committee Meeting of September 4, 2025.
2. Order (ID # [25-0338](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning provide the Committee on Land Use with an opinion as to whether the City Council may dictate standards and materials used for outdoor bike facilities.
3. Order (ID # [25-0246](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning discuss with this Council, Type IV heavy timber construction now permitted in the 10th edition of Massachusetts State Building Code 780 and potential impacts on inspections, development, and the Zoning Ordinance.

4. Public Communication (ID # [25-0200](#))
Referred for Recommendation: 15 registered voters requesting a Zoning Text Amendment to amend the Zoning Ordinance sections 3.1.8c, 3.1.9c, 3.1.10c, 3.1.13k, 3.1.13l, 3.2.12l. and 3.2.12m.
5. Order (ID # [25-0085](#))
Sent for Discussion: By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Davis and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning draft an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances for transit oriented height and density bonuses for additional affordable housing and other enumerated community benefits.