



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Public Health and Public Safety Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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#### Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [24-0255](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of February 29, 2024.
2. Order (ID # [24-0177](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to update the City Council on the status of the Police Chief search.

3. Order  
(ID # [24-0172](#))  
**Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss the availability of free city-funded COVID tests going forward after temporary relief funds have evaporated, including any plans and/or consideration of potential sources of COVID testing supplies provided through community partners.
4. Order  
(ID # [24-0168](#))  
**Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Mbah, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Health and Human Services work with the Administration to allocate funding to secure COVID-19 rapid tests to be distributed at Public Libraries.
5. Order  
(ID # [24-0149](#))  
**Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Health and Human services create an on-call emergency fire response unit to assist in connecting residents with available resources in the event of a displacement or loss of property due to a fire.
6. Order  
(ID # [24-0097](#))  
**Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services address trash and other violations by the Rent-A-Center on Broadway.
7. Order  
(ID # [24-0096](#))  
**Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect 112 Broadway, 176-182 Broadway, and 24-28 Broadway for violations and report the findings to the Ward 1 City Councilor.
8. Order  
(ID # [24-0095](#))  
**Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 Councilor regarding any fines associated with 176-182 Broadway, formerly Patsy's Pastries, in the last ten years.
9. Order  
(ID # [24-0094](#))  
**Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 Councilor regarding any fines associated with 112 Broadway, formerly the East End Grill, for any violations within the last ten years.

10. Order  
(ID # [24-0093](#))      **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services update the  
Ward 1 Councilor regarding any fines associated with  
24-28 Broadway, the former Taco Loco site, due to  
repeated cleanliness and business violations within the  
last two years.
11. Order  
(ID # [24-0062](#))      **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin,  
Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis  
That the Director of Health and Human Services provide  
monthly updates to this Council's Committee on Public  
Health and Public Safety regarding ongoing efforts to  
address homelessness.