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| Affordable Housing | "For a term not to exceed two years" c. 491 of the Acts of 2004. Article V, Section 7.91-7.102 | No provision. | No fewer than five and no more than nine. SCO 7.92 | 9 |
| AIDS Commission | Three years (after initial appointments in 1989) SCO 6-84(d) | No provision. | No less than 13 and no more than 21 members. SCO 6-84(a) | 0 |
| Arts Council | Three years with not more than two consecutive terms G.L. c. 10, section 58 | No provision. | At least five and not more than twenty-two members. G.L. 10, section 58. | 9 |
| Bicycle Advisory Committee | Two years, term renewable at the discretion of the Mayor SCO 2-300 | No provision. | No fewer than 13 members. SCO 2-300. | 14 |
| Biosafety Committee | Mayor's appointments shall serve for three years SCO 6-60(b) | No provision. | 7 Members: Composed of the environmental protection officer, the director of the board of health or his/her designee, a representative from the fire department, a member of the planning department and the office of housing and community development ("OHCD"), an expert in the biotechnology field from the academic community, and two members representative of the citizenry of Somerville. SCO 6-60(b) | 4 |
| Board of Assessors | Three years Charter, Division 1, Section 36(a) | A majority of the full board of assessors shall constitute a quorum. Charter, Division 1, Section 36(a) | Three members. Charter, Division 1, Section 36(a) | 3 |
| Board of Health | Initial appointments of 2 for one year and 1 for two years, each year thereafter 1 for one year and 1 for two years Charter, Division 1, Section 38. Charter, Division 1, Section 21 | No provision. | Three persons. Charter, Division 1, Sec. 38. | 3 |
| Board of Public Welfare | Three years Charter, Division 1, Section 37. Charter Division 1, Section 21 | No provision. | Three persons. Charter, Division 1, Sec. 37 | 0 |
| Commission for Persons with Disabilities | Three years G.L. c. 40, section 8J. | No provision. | Not less than five nor more than nine members. G.L. c. 40, 8J. | 7 |

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| Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change | Three years SCO 2-305(a) If any commissioner is inexcusably absent for three meetings of the commission during a calendar year, that position of said commissioner shall be automatically vacated upon certification to the mayor by the commission. SCO 2-305(b). | No provision. | Seven members and one associate member. SCO 2-305(a). | 7 Members 1 Associate |
| Condominium Review Board | Three years Membership terminates if the member no longer resides in the City SCO 7-68 | No provision. | Five members. SCO 7-68(c) | 3 |
| Conservation Commission | Three years, subject to the provisions of the City Charter G.L. c. 40, section 8C | No provision. | Not less than three nor more than seven members. G.L. c. 40, section 8C | 7 |
| Council on Aging | Three years SCO 2-263 | No provision. | Eleven persons. SCO 2-62(a) | 11 |
| Design Review Committee | Members of the DRC shall serve for a term of <u>two (2) years and until successors are appointed.</u> SZO 5.6 | A meeting of at least three (3) members of the DRC shall constitute a quorum. SZO 5.6 | Seven members. SZO 5.6. | 7 |
| Election Commission | Three years Charter Division 2, Article IV, Section 3. Charter Division 1, Section 21. <u>shall serve until the expiration of their respective terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified.</u> | No provision. | Four persons. Charter, Division 2, Article IV, Section 2 | 4 |
| Ethics Commission | Three years SCO 15-2(b) | Three members of the commission shall constitute a quorum and at least three affirmative votes shall be required for any action or recommendation of the commission, unless otherwise specified in this chapter.15-2(h) | Five members. SCO 15-2(a) | 4 |
| Fair Housing Commission | Three years SCO 7-46(b) | Three members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. 7-46(d) | Five members. SCO 7-46(a) | 3 |

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| Gang Advisory Board | Two Years c. 327 of the Acts of 2004 | No provision. | 7 Members: A representative of the Somerville human right's commission to be chosen by such commission, a member of the professional standards office of the Somerville police department to be chosen by the chief of police, the city solicitor or his designee, an alderman selected by the board of aldermen, and 3 representatives of the community, at least 2 of whom shall be minority representatives. c. 327 of the Acts of 2004. | 4 |
| Historic Preservation Commission | Three years Each member and alternate shall continue in office after expiration of his or her term <u>until a successor is duly appointed and qualified</u> SCO 7-19(b) | A majority of the members of a commission shall constitute a quorum. Ord. 7-22(a). | Seven members, and seven alternates. SCO 7-19(b). | 7 members 7 alternates |
| Housing Authority | Five years. GL c. 121B, section 5. Every member, unless sooner removed, shall serve until the qualification of his successor. GL c. 121B, section 5. | three [members] shall constitute a quorum. GL ch. 121B, § 5 | Five members. GL c. 121B, section 5. | 5 |
| Human Rights Commission | Three years SCO 2-238(c) If any commissioner has more than six <u>excused absences</u> from meetings ... during a calendar year or if any commission has more than three <u>unexcused absences</u> ... the position ... <u>shall be automatically vacated upon certification to the mayor by the commission.</u> SCO 2-238(d) | Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. Ord. 2-240(c). | Twelve members. SCO 2-238(a). | 5 |
| Library Board of Trustees | Three years* Charter, Div. 1, Section 39. Charter, Div. 1, Section 21. | No provision. | Nine members. Charter, Division 1, Section 39. | 9 |

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| Licensing Commission | <p>Three years. SCO 2-24(c) (4)</p> <p>The terms of office of the members first appointed shall commence at the date of their appointment, and shall be so arranged as to expire at the end of two, four or six years from the first Monday in June in the year of their appointment, the date of expiration to be specified in their respective commissions; and thereafter a member shall be appointed for a term of six years from the first Monday in June of the year in which the previous term expires. <u>All members shall hold office until their respective successors are qualified.</u> G.L. c. 138, section 5.</p> | Two members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. GL ch. 138, § 6 | Three members. GL ch. 138, section 4. | 3 |
| Listing Board | Consists of the chief of police and the board of election commissioners | No. | 5 members: Chief of police and board of election commissioners. | 5 |
| Multicultural Affairs Commission | If a vacancy occurs prior to the expiration of the member's term, an appointment shall be made for the remainder of the term. A member of the commission may be removed for cause by the mayor but only after opportunity has been afforded for a public hearing before the mayor within ten days after written charges have been given such member by the mayor and a copy filed with the clerk of the board of aldermen. SCO 2-309.1 | No provision. | 17 members: A representative of the mayor's office appointed by the mayor for a term of two years, two members of the board of aldermen chosen by the president of the board for a term of two years, and 14 persons broadly representative of the social, economic and cultural interests of the community. SCO 2-309.1 | 5 |
| Municipal Athletics Facilities Commission | The commission shall consist of five members, serving in terms coterminous with that of the mayor . The terms of the members shall be for one, two or three years and so arranged that the terms of approximately one third of the members will expire each year, and their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years each. The commission members shall be appointed as follows: five members appointed by the mayor; approved by the board of aldermen. SCO 2-309.7(a) | No provision. | Five members. SCO 2-309.7(a) | 4 |
| Municipal Compensation Advisory Board | Coterminous with the Mayor. SCO 2-276 | No provision. | Five members. SCO 2-276. | 5 |

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| Municipal Scholarship Committee | Three years GL c. 60, section 3C | No provision. | The superintendent of the city or town schools or designee thereof, and no fewer than four residents of the city. GL c. 60, section 3C. | 4 |
| Planning Board | Five Years. SZO Planning Board Rules and Regulations, Chapter 5. G.L. c. 41, section 81A | In general, three (3) Board members shall constitute a quorum. Decisions on all matters within the Board's statutory responsibilities shall be made by majority vote of seconded motions or when only three (3) members are present, by unanimous vote, except that in matters where the Planning Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority, approval of any special permit(s) shall require a favorable vote of at least four (4) members of the five (5) member Board. SZO Planning Board Rules and Regulations, Chapter 5. | Five members and one alternate member. SZO Planning Board Rules and Regulations, Chapter 5, Section 2. | 5 members 1 alternate |

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| Police Chief Selection Committee | Unknown SCO section 10-18 | All votes taken by the selection committee shall be by majority vote of those present. SCO 10-18(c). | (1) The personnel director, who shall serve as the chair of the selection committee; (2) One member of the board of aldermen to be appointed by the president of the board of aldermen; (3) The director of the multicultural affairs commission; (4) Two members of the general public to be appointed by the president of the board of aldermen, with at least one of said members being a representative of the city's socioeconomic and racial and ethnic segments; (5) Two members of the general public to be appointed by the mayor with at least one of said members being a representative of the city's socioeconomic and racial and ethnic segments; and (6) Two sworn officers of the Somerville Police Department, one of whom shall be a member of the union representing patrol officers, elected by that body, and one of whom shall be a member of the union representing superior officers, elected by that body. SCO 10-18(a) | 9 |
| Recreations and Youth Commission | Two years SCO 2-247, SCO2-24 | No provision. | Ten citizens of the city. SCO 2-247. | 8 |
| Redevelopment Authority | Five years. G.L. c. 121B, section 5. <u>Every member, unless sooner removed, shall serve until the qualification of his successor.</u> G.L. c. 121B, section 5. | three [members] shall constitute a quorum. GL ch. 121B, § 5 | Five members. GL c. 121B, section 5. | 5 |
| Retirement Board | | | | 5 |
| Somerpromise Advisory Board | Three years with a maximum of three terms. Somerpromise Declaration of Trust (approved by the BOA 2/24/2011). | Attendance of a majority of Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board. | Eleven trustees. See Declaration of Trust. | 0 |
| Traffic Board | Three years. Charter, Division 2, Article VII, Section 6. | No provision. | Three persons. Charter, Division 2, Article VII, Section 6. | 3 |

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| Traffic Commission | One member appointed by the Mayor to serve for a term <u>coterminous with the mayor, or until the qualification of a successor.</u> Charter, Division 2, Article VII, Section 1. | No provision. | 5 members: The commissioner of public works, the chief of police or his designee, the chief engineer of the fire department or his designee, the chairman of the committee on traffic and parking of the board of aldermen and one member of the general public of the city. Charter, Division 2, Article VII, Section 1 | 5 |
| Tree Advisory Committee | Three years. SCO12-100. | No provision. | 5 members: The mayor or his or her designee; A representative selected by the board of aldermen, to serve for a term of three years; A representative of the office of strategic planning and community development; The tree warden; One member of the Somerville Garden Club, or similar organization, to serve for a term of three years, selected by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen. SCO 12-100 | 5 |
| Veterans Commission on Monuments, etc. | Three years. SCO 2-309.5. GL c. 41, section 105. | No provision. | 6 members: The mayor or his designee, and five members appointed by the mayor. SCO 2-309.5 | 6 |
| Women's Commission | Three years. If any commissioner misses three unexcused meetings of the commission during a calendar year, that position of said commissioner shall be automatically vacated upon certification to the mayor by the commission. SCO 2-283(b) Vacancies on the commission shall be filled not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs; and if a vacancy occurs prior to the expiration of the member's term, an appointment shall be made for the remainder of the term. SCO 2-283(c) | No provision. | Fifteen members. SCO 2-283(a) | 9 |

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| Zoning Board of Appeals | Any member may be removed for cause by the appointing authority upon written charges and after a public hearing. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms in the same manner as in the case of original appointments. GL c. 40A, section 12. | Four (4) Board members shall constitute a quorum. A concurring vote of four (4) members of the Board shall be necessary to reverse any order or decision of any administrative official or to effect any variance in the application of any ordinance. SZO rules and Regulations of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Section 3. | Five members and two associate members. SZO Rules and Regulations of the Zoning Board of appeals. Section 2. | 5 members 2 associates |