

CITY OF SOMERVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-_____
IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN: _____

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen, in session assembled, that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Somerville Chapter _____ is hereby amended by adding the following sections:

Section _____: **Fortunetelling**

Sec. _____. - Definitions.

(a) Fortunetelling shall mean the telling of fortunes, forecasting of futures, or reading the past, by means of any occult, psychic power, faculty, force, clairvoyance, cartomancy, psychometry, phrenology, spirits, tea leaves, tarot cards, scrying, coins, sticks, dice, sand, coffee grounds, crystal gazing or other such reading, or through mediumship, seership, prophecy, augury, astrology, palmistry, necromancy, mindreading, telepathy talisman, charm, potion, magnetism, magnetized article or substance, or by any such similar thing or act.

Sec. _____. – Board of Aldermen authorized to license.

The Board of Aldermen is authorized to issue licenses to individuals for the regulation of the business of fortunetelling.

Sec. _____. - License requirement and qualifications.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of fortunetelling in the City without a valid license issued by the Board of Aldermen. Said license shall be posted in a place that is visible to all customers during their interaction with the fortuneteller.

Sec. _____. - Application for license.

An applicant for a fortunetelling license shall file written application on a form prescribed by the City Clerk. The application form shall require the applicant to provide information regarding the existence of consumer complaints against the applicant and authorization to submit to a CORI check. The fees for such license shall be set by the Board of Aldermen.

Sec. _____. - Enforcement.

The Inspectional Services Division shall enforce this Article.

Sec. _____. - Transferability of license.

No license issued under this Article shall be transferable.

Sec. _____. – Modification, Suspension, or Revocation,

The Board may modify, suspend, or revoke fortuneteller license for cause, after reasonable notice to the licensee of the grounds for the proposed action and the time and place of the hearing regarding such proposed action.

Sec. _____. - Expiration of license.

Unless otherwise specified in this Article, each license issued under this Article shall continue in force until the following April 30, unless sooner revoked.

Sec. _____. - Renewal of license.

A license issued under this Article may be renewed by the Board of Aldermen. An individual requesting a renewal must submit an application on a form prescribed by the City Clerk. The fee for such renewal permit shall be set by the Board of Aldermen.

Sec. _____. - Penalty for violation of Ordinance

Any person violating any section of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine in accordance with Section 1-11(b) of this Ordinance. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed a separate offense.

Be it further ordained by the Board of Aldermen, that Section 1-11(b) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following:

Offense	Fine	Enforcing Personnel
Fortune Teller Ordinance	1 st offense: \$100 2 nd offense: \$200 3 rd and subsequent offense: \$300	Inspectional Services Division