



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
MAYOR JAKE WILSON

May 21, 2026

Mayor Jake Wilson
City Clerk Courtney Henderson
Somerville City Hall
93 Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02143

RE: Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users Annual Report

Honorable Mayor Wilson and City Clerk Henderson,

Please accept this document as the Department of Public Works (DPW) Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users Annual Report. This document has been prepared pursuant to City of Somerville Code of Ordinances Section 12-122(e). This report covers the reporting period of June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. Our primary focus remains ensuring that all applicable contractor vehicles are equipped with required safety features, including lateral protective devices and enhanced blind-spot visibility tools.

1. The total number of vehicles this article applied to:

The number of vehicles this article applies to is estimated to be 31 vehicles, with 24 vehicles being City vehicles.

2. The total number of inspections performed by inspectors and any subsequent violations of this article:

The total number of inspections conducted by the Fleet Manager during this period was 24 vehicles. There were no violations.

The Department is also in the final stages of scheduling vehicle inspections for the following companies:

- Motivate Co. (2 vehicles) -- scheduled for Thursday May28th
- Woodard and Curran – scheduling in progress.
- The Throne Depot – scheduling in progress.
- Scherbon Consolidated – scheduling in progress.



- BBE Corporation – scheduling in progress.
- Carli Fence – scheduling in progress.
- Casella Waste Management – scheduling in progress.
- Cassella Recycling – scheduling in progress.
- Umbro and Sons – scheduling in progress.
- Stanley Tree Service – scheduling in progress.

DPW continues to work with the Procurement Department to mandate ordinance compliance checks as a prerequisite for contract validation. We will continue to monitor all incoming contracts to ensure no vehicle Class 3 or higher over 10,001 lbs. operates without verified safety equipment.

3. The number of waivers and exemptions requested, the number granted, and the justification for each waiver or exemption requested or approved:

A total of 4 waivers were requested and granted during the period of this report as outlined below. Inspections are generally waived for vendors due to the limited, non-recurring nature of their contracts.

- Brady Plus (1 vehicle) – Waiver was requested by the School Department
- Cassidy Bros. Forge (2 vehicles) – Limited trips into the City for pick-ups (2) and drop-offs (2)
- New England Ice Cream (1 vehicle) – One-time summer program delivery
- Thurston Foods (1 vehicle) – One-time summer program delivery

Many other vendors were also contacted, but their fleets fell under the Class 3 Medium-Duty Commercial Trucks of 10,001 lbs. including the following large vendors:

- Safeway Overhead Crane Service, Inc.
- George T. Wilkinson, Inc.
- J.C. Cannistraro

4. Evaluation of safety performance on equipped vehicles from Somerville Police Department reports of incidents:

No reports of incidents were produced by the Somerville Police Department in response to motor vehicle accidents that meet the requirements of this ordinance.

5. Any financial costs to the city associated with this article:



No financial costs to the City were associated with this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Max Bitaraes
Fleet Manager, DPW