



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council Licenses and Permits Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

6:00 PM

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Burnley at 6:01 pm and adjourned at 6:35 pm on a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilors Clingan, and Burnley), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Davis). Chair Burnley noted that Councilor Davis was attending the Ward 6 Community Meeting.

Others present: John Doyle - Assistant City Clerk

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan
Absent: Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [25-1203](#)) Approval of the Minutes of the Licenses and Permits Committee Meeting of June 25, 2025.

RESULT: ACCEPTED
AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan
ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

2. Public Hearings

- 2.1. License (ID # [25-1318](#)) New Flammables License, POAH Clarendon LLC, 20 Stephenson Aman Street, storing 1,001 gallons.

The Chair opened the public hearing. Jamie Caroll, Senior Development Associate at POAH Clarendon, LLC, explained that this is for the backup fuel for the generator at the project. Chair Burnley asked if there are any other flammables on the property, and the applicant responded there are not. The Chair closed the public hearing. The Chair reminded the applicant that the full City Council must approve the item, and the applicant will be informed when the license is issued.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED TO BE APPROVED
AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan
ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

2.2. License
(ID # [25-1467](#))

New Garage License, Roman Auto Repair LLC, 45 Mystic Avenue, 5 Vehicles inside, 4 Vehicles outside, Mon-Fri: 7am-5pm, Sat: 7am-12pm, Sun: closed.

The Chair opened the public hearing. Michael Abruzzese, representing Roman Auto Repair LLC, explained that he is seeking this license to open a new business next to his existing business. Chair Burnley asked the applicant about his other businesses, and the applicant said he owns Roman Iron Works at 55 Mystic Ave and has been there for 55 years. The Chair asked if the applicant has received any violations as a business owner in Somerville, and the applicant said he has not. Chair Burnley stressed that vehicles may not be parked on sidewalks or block any public access. Councilor Clingan emphasized the importance of continuing to be a good neighbor. The Chair closed the public hearing. The Chair reminded the applicant that he cannot take action until the license is issued.

RESULT: **RECOMMENDED TO BE APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

3. License
(ID # [25-1367](#))

New Dog Kennel License, Pup Yard, 321 Somerville Avenue, 30 dogs maximum, commercial boarding/training.

The applicant, Gregory Turco, explained that he has had a dog business for approximately eight years, and many of his customers are in the Somerville area. He has worked with other rescue and kennel associations in the area and looks to continue in Somerville. Chair Burnley noted that this is not an overnight license, and asked the applicant to confirm that the space will be habitable for animals, including climate control and staffing. The applicant explained that he has a high standard for running his businesses, and expects 5-6 dogs at most in Pup Yard at any given time, which is even lower than what the new kennel law will allow. Thierry Bonheur, Mr. Turco’s partner, is a gym owner in Everett and commented that he is dedicated to supporting the well-being of the dogs. Councilor Clingan asked the applicant if the whole space will be used for the dogs, and the applicant confirmed it will be, with only a very small retail space. The Chair reminded the applicant not to begin operating before receiving the license.

RESULT: **RECOMMENDED TO BE APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

4. License
(ID # [25-1316](#))

New Extended Operating Hours License, Mint Indian Eatery, 868 Broadway, for in-store, take-out, and delivery services until 4am.

Rajesh Thapa, owner of Mint Indian Eatery, explained that he is seeking this

license to serve the neighborhood, which is near Tufts University, and where many residents order from Boston and Cambridge because most restaurants close at 10pm. Councilor Clingan stated that he thinks this area of the City is a good area for a late-night food option and that he sees no issue with this business operating there. Chair Burnley highlighted that his concern is the impact on neighbors, and traffic congestion, and asked the applicant to speak to potential noise issues. The applicant explained that he expects most of the patrons, especially late night, will be third-party delivery companies simply picking up the food. The applicant also explained that music will not be played, and that he does not anticipate it being so excessively busy to cause traffic during these hours.

The Chair sponsored Ari Iaccarino, Ward 7 resident, to speak on this item, who stated that he is in support of this extended operating hours license. Mr. Iaccarino asked the applicant about third-party delivery drivers blasting music and how the business would address that. The applicant responded that in his experience as an owner of a pizzeria in Cambridge, delivery drivers are mindful and do not blast music, and typically the delivery drivers just quickly grab the food and go. The Chair reminded the applicant that they cannot take action before receiving the license.

RESULT: **RECOMMENDED TO BE APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis