



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Land Use Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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Thursday, May 15, 2025

6:30 PM

Virtual

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#### Joint meeting with the Planning Board

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#### Roll Call

##### 1. Public Hearing

- 1.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0737](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Article 2 and Article 10 of the Zoning Ordinance to revise definitions and the green score calculation of columnar trees.

2. Order (ID # [25-0085](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Davis and Councilor Wilson That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning draft an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances for transit oriented height and density bonuses for additional affordable housing and other enumerated community benefits.

3. Order  
(ID # [25-0246](#))
- Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Mbah
- That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning discuss with this Council, Type IV heavy timber construction now permitted in the 10th edition of Massachusetts State Building Code 780 and potential impacts on inspections, development, and the Zoning Ordinance.