

CITY OF SOMERVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-_____
IN CITY COUNCIL:_____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO
AMEND ARTICLE 9 REGARDING CANNABIS RETAIL SALES**

Be it ordained by the Somerville City Council, in session assembled, that the provisions in Article 9 (Sections 9.2.4.d.i and 9.2.4.d.v) of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Somerville, be hereby amended as follows (text to be added is underlined and text to be removed is ~~crossed-out~~):

Article 9, Use Provisions.

Section 9.2, Use Definitions and Standards.

Subsection 9.2.4.d Cannabis Retail Sales. The purchasing or selling cannabis or cannabis products by and between Cannabis Establishments or the selling or provision otherwise of cannabis or cannabis products to consumers, including medical marijuana facilities. The following standards apply:

- i. Cannabis retail sales uses must be located at least three hundred (300) feet from any ~~pre-primary~~, primary, or secondary Educational Services uses or ~~any~~ Educational Services Protected by M. G.L. 40A. Sec. 3.
- ii. Cannabis retail sales uses are not permitted to occupy more than ten thousand (10,000) square feet of floor area.
- iii. Signage for cannabis retail sales uses must comply with 935 CMR 500 and M.G.L. c. 94c, §34.
- iv. In addition to the review criteria for all Special Permits specified in §15.2.1.e. Review Criteria, the review board shall make findings considering the following in its discretion to approve or deny a special permit authorizing a cannabis retail sales the review board shall make findings considering the following in its discretion to approve or deny a principal use:
 - a). Capacity of the local thoroughfare network providing access to the site and impact on pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic and circulation patterns in the neighborhood.
 - b). Location, visibility, and design of the principal entrance.
- v. The review boards may not grant a special permit authorizing a cannabis retail sales use within five- hundred (500) feet of any ~~pre-primary~~, primary or secondary Educational Services uses or ~~any~~ Educational Services Protected by M. G.L. 40A. Sec. 3, without finding that the cannabis retail sales use is not detrimental to the Education Services use.

Approved:

President, City Council