

CITY OF SOMERVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-
IN CITY COUNCIL: _____, 2026

Be it ordained by the City Council, in session assembled, that Chapter 2, Article V, Division 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Somerville is amended as follows by inserting the following Section.

Sec. 2-186. – Review of multiple-member bodies.

- (a) No later than the second regular City Council meeting in April 2026, and every ten years subsequently, the mayor and the City Council shall convene a committee for the review of multiple-member bodies, pursuant to § 8-6 of the City Charter.
- (b) The review committee shall consist of:
 - (1) the mayor or their designee;
 - (2) the president of the City Council or their designee;
 - (3) the city clerk;
 - (4) a resident of the city appointed by the mayor; and,
 - (5) a resident of the city appointed by the City Council.
- (c) The committee shall produce a report and submit it to the City Council no later than the first meeting in December in the calendar year in which the committee was convened. The report shall include:
 - (1) an assessment of the functions and relevancies of the city's current multiple-member bodies;
 - (2) a review of activities of multiple member bodies from recent years;
 - (3) the ability of the city to fill appointments to the body; and,
 - (4) recommendations for combining, terminating, or establishing new multiple-member bodies.
- (d) The City Council shall vote on the included recommendations, in the form of a resolution, no later than ninety days after submission of the committee's report.

Approved:

President

Approved:

Mayor