



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

September 6, 2011

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas F. Taylor	Chair	Absent	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Thomas Pasquarello	Chief of Police	Present	
Frank Wright	City Solicitor	Present	
Robert May	OSPCD	Present	
Barbara Rubel	Dir. of Community Relations, Tufts	Present	

191788 - Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the increase of the number of liquor licenses that the Licensing Commission may issue.:

Solicitor Wright and Mr. May addressed the committee and spoke about the experiences of other communities in dealing with license quotas. The number of licenses that a city may have is based on its population and Somerville needs to stay competitive with other communities in order to attract investments.

Alderman Gewirtz asked that the Law Department research what is happening at the state level with respect to liquor licenses.

Vice Chairman White requested a print out of all liquor licenses in the city, indication which are "all form", "beer and wine" and transferrable.

Alderman Connolly requested that a representative of the Licensing Commission be invited to appear at a future Legislative Matters Committee meeting to discuss this proposed Home Rule Petition and the various types and numbers of licenses.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

191924 - That this Board ordain the attached Nuisance Control Ordinance to protect the health, safety and welfare of the city's inhabitants.:

The committee reviewed the proposed ordinance and heard from Chief Pasquarello, who feels that the tools are already in place to address the city's concerns without the use of the proposed ordinance. Ms. Rubel discussed similar ordinances from other communities and addressed Tufts' policy governing fraternity parties.

Vice Chairman White directed the Law Department to determine if the City may require that one day licenses be required for house parties.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE
