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> > 2 December 2021

The Honorable City Council City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Honorable City Council:

In keeping with its lawful responsibilities, the Somerville Planning Board submits to your Honorable Council its recommendation on the following proposed amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (item 212471).

On 8 November 2021, at 6:30 p.m. the Planning Board and Land Use Committee of the City Council held a duly advertised virtual joint public hearing. The purpose of the hearing was to solicit public comments on the proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance and to evaluate the proposals in the context of testimony received and the findings and analysis of the Staff to the Planning Board. On 18 November 2021, the Board convened at their regularly scheduled meeting to deliberate on the agenda items. On 2 December 2021, the Board held a special meeting to discuss the remaining one agenda item.

## PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

**212471** That the Zoning Ordinances be amended by striking all language from section 8.3.1.10.c to prevent parking maximums in Master Planned Development areas being exceeded by Special Permit

Following due consideration, Chair Michael A. Capuano, Esq. made a motion to recommend that the proposed amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance **not be adopted** by the City Council with the understanding that there will be continued collaborative efforts from Staff and the Board towards developing appropriate modifications. The motion was seconded by Erin Geno, and unanimously approved by the Board, 4-0.



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