



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Thursday - January 19, 2017, 6:30 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 1/15/17 at 10:13 AM)

- 1. Approval of the December 1, 2016 Minutes**
- 2. 199934: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services create a Rental Registration Program to require owners of 6 or more rental units that are not owner-occupied to annually register those units, pay a registration fee, and provide information to facilitate inspections, notices of violations, and resolution of complaints.
- 3. 201913: Discuss** (Connolly) – That the Administration meet with Alderman Heuston and other Aldermen as necessary to prepare recommendations re: #199934 before the Legislative Matters Committee's next meeting.
- 4. 202122: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Administration present its recommendations and a draft ordinance for the proposed Rental Registration Program (#199934) to the Committee on Legislative Matters at its meeting on October 20, 2016.
- 5. 201740: Recommend** (White Jr., and the Entire Board) – Proposing an ordinance relative to a mid-fiscal year report of municipal finances, with next-fiscal year budget projections.
- 6. 201899: Discuss** (Niedergang, McLaughlin, McWatters, Lafuente, Sullivan, Davis, White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne, Connolly) – That this Board calls upon developers that receive any form of public financial support to use responsible prevailing-wage contractors that provide health insurance, worker's compensation, retirement benefits, and apprenticeship training to build their projects.
- 7. 201905: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ballantyne) – That this Board, with the City Solicitor, develop an ordinance for trees on city-owned property that extends to them the requirements

for public notices and hearings currently in place for all “public shade trees.”

8. **202457: Recommend** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201905 with a draft ordinance to extend protections for trees on city-owned property.
9. **202023: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the Administration’s plans for the Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund and jobs linkage fee for new commercial development.
10. **202360: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City Solicitor prepare a draft ordinance for jobs linkage fees.
11. **202361: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on inserting a fee in the proposed jobs linkage ordinance, prior to the next Nexus study being completed.
12. **202238: Discuss** (Rossetti, Niedergang, White Jr., Ballantyne) – That this Board review the attached policy from Cambridge regarding Globe Direct advertising and consider adopting it for Somerville.
13. **202201: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to provide relief from water and sewer charges and rates to property owners who occupy their homes, by providing an exemption similar to the residential property tax exemption.
14. **202256: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That this Board be given the powers of the Redevelopment Authority for Union Square redevelopment.
15. **202510: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition allowing residents who purchase a home from an absentee landlord the ability to claim residential tax exemption from the date of purchase.
16. **202511: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the City Solicitor advise this Board of its ability to not allow absentee landlords the continued benefit of the residential tax exemption at the time of purchase from a residential tax exempt homeowner.
17. **202523: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City Solicitor prepare a draft ordinance to amend or replace the current Condominium Conversion Ordinance, and incorporate the strongest parts of relevant state law.
18. **202689: Recommend** Requesting approval to amend Ordinance 9-1 regarding alcohol in public parks.