



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE  
Committee of the Whole

Monday - May 7, 2018, 6:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

**AGENDA**

(Posted online: 5/2/18 at 9:58 AM)

**1. Approval of the April 25, 2018 Minutes**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 2. 204954: Recommend** Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to impose a Real Estate Transfer Fee.

For background information and the text of the current working draft of the Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition, go to [www.somervillema.gov/transferfee](http://www.somervillema.gov/transferfee)

- 3. 205493: Discuss** (Scott, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Administration draft the minimally necessary language to amend the Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition to allow a separate fee on the buyer and seller based on their status as a resident/owner-occupant, and including estate protection for a decedent who has such status.
- 4. 205440: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD share options for establishing the residency status of prospective buyers, as related to exemptions and the proposed transfer fee.
- 5. 205445: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration establish a dedicated fund within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to provide direct housing assistance for municipal employees struggling to remain in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer fee.
- 6. 205446: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration establish a dedicated fund within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support community land trusts in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer fee.

7. **205492: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD prepare a report analyzing why the current 20% affordable housing requirement, the \$10.00 per sq ft linkage fee, and other city initiatives are not sufficient to meet the affordable housing needs of the city.
8. **205489: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Administration compile a report for this Board of all emails and letters received on the proposed Real Estate Transfer Fee, and work with this Board to host community forums that bring all interested parties to the table.
9. **205680: Discuss** 5 residents submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real Estate Transfer Fee.