



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Land Use Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [25-1111](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Land Use Committee Joint Meeting of June 5, 2025.
2. Order (ID # [25-0338](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning provide the Committee on Land Use with an opinion as to whether the City Council may dictate standards and materials used for outdoor bike facilities.

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3. Order
(ID # [25-0246](#))
Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning discuss with this Council, Type IV heavy timber construction now permitted in the 10th edition of Massachusetts State Building Code 780 and potential impacts on inspections, development, and the Zoning Ordinance.
 4. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-0200](#))
Referred for Recommendation: 15 registered voters requesting a Zoning Text Amendment to amend the Zoning Ordinance sections 3.1.8c, 3.1.9c, 3.1.10c, 3.1.13k, 3.1.13l, 3.2.12l. and 3.2.12m.
 5. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0131](#))
Referred for Recommendation: Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Articles 8 and 12 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish a new Arts & Innovation sub-area of the Master Planned Development Overlay District.
 6. Order
(ID # [25-0085](#))
Sent for Discussion: By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Davis and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning draft an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances for transit oriented height and density bonuses for additional affordable housing and other enumerated community benefits.
 7. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0128](#))
Referred for Recommendation: Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Articles 6, 9, and 10 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish a new Research & Development zoning district.
 8. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0129](#))
Referred for Recommendation: Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Articles 2, 3-6, and 9 of the Zoning Ordinance to revise the regulations for arts and creative enterprise, office, and residential uses.
 9. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0590](#))
Referred for Recommendation: Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Article 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the Building Official to waive certain dimensional standards for means of egress.