



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LAND USE COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - March 16, 2021, 6:00 PM  
Virtual

**AGENDA**

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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**1. Approval of the February 16, 2021 Minutes**

**Proposed Zoning Amendments**

- 2. 210940: Recommend** Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for new changes, corrections and clarifications.
- 3. 211231: Recommend** Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for new edits, corrections, and clarifications.
- 4. 211195: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD work with the City Solicitor to determine if in lieu payments for civic space along highways can be directed toward pollution mitigation.

5. **211432: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Davis, Mbah, Strezo, Clingan) – That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD perform a nexus study to determine the viability of a home rule petition requiring developers who receive special permits to make contributions to mitigate pollution.
6. **211433: Recommend** (McLaughlin, Davis, Mbah, Strezo, Clingan) – Requesting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as contained within.

#### **Unrelated Adults: Discussion**

7. **198641: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD and the City Solicitor advise this Board in writing by March 30 whether the proposed zoning ordinance complies with state law regarding the co-habitation of 4 unrelated adults and how much authority a municipality has in this regard.
8. **198777: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #198641 re: a legal opinion of the city's requirements for unrelated adults residing in a dwelling unit.
9. **201376: Discuss** MIT Graduate Student Council submitting comments re: the city's restriction prohibiting more than 4 unrelated persons from sharing a single dwelling unit.