



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Signature Report

File Number: 25-1762

Ordinance: 221046

That the Code of Ordinances be amended to prohibit the use of tax-payer funds for self-promotion.

Official Text

That the Code of Ordinances be amended by adding the following:

CITY OF SOMERVILLE ORDINANCE NO. 2025- IN CITY COUNCIL: _____, 2025

Be it ordained by the City Council, in session assembled, that Chapter 15, Article I of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Somerville is amended as follows by inserting the following section.

Sec. 15-1. - Use of tax-payer funds for self-promotion prohibited.

- (a) The name of an elected official may not be included on city owned property, including signs, plaques, buildings, or banners, or official city communication, including press releases, social media posts, or newsletters, when inclusion of the name is not necessary to accomplish a specific government function.
- (1) A specific government function includes a permanent memorialization, quotation of a municipal elected official in a press release, or description of an action taken by a municipal elected official as part of their role.

Approved:

President

Approved:

Mayor

Sponsors: Councilor Davis and Mayor Wilson

ORDINANCE APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MA AT A REGULAR MEETING ON 7/9/2026.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MA ON 7/16/2026.

Attest:

Courtney Henderson

July 16, 2026

Date Certified