



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Land Use Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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Thursday, September 4, 2025

6:30 PM

Virtual

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#### Roll Call

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| 1. | Committee Minutes<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1150</a> )    | <b>Agenda Ready:</b> Approval of the Minutes of the Land Use Committee Meeting of June 17, 2025.  |
| 2. | Public Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-0976</a> ) | <b>Sent for Discussion:</b> Bill Valetta submitting comments re: item #25-0085, an Order regarding zoning for bonuses for additional affordable housing and other enumerated community benefits.                  |
| 3. | Public Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-0975</a> ) | <b>Sent for Discussion:</b> Sublime Systems submitting comments re: items #24-1460, #25-0128, #25-0129, and #25-0131, amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for laboratory, research and development, and arts uses. |

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.