



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Rodent Issues Special Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 30, 2024

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Virtual

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes
(ID # [24-0707](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Rodent Issues Special Committee Meeting of May 14, 2024.
2. Order
(ID # [24-1277](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait
That the Environmental Health Manager prepare a written report for the next meeting of this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues, on the number of Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program requests submitted from January 1, 2024 to date, including the average waiting time for inspections and bait station installation and a plan of action to expedite the process.

3. Order **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait
(ID # [24-1276](#))
That the Directors of Constituent Services, Inspectional Services and Health and Human Services jointly prepare a written report for the next meeting of this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues, on the number of rodent complaints received from January 1, 2024 to date, including the information detailed within.

4. Order **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait
(ID # [24-1275](#))
That the City Solicitor review Ordinance 11-038 (Rodent Control) and provide opinions for the next meeting of this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues on 1. whether city inspectors may enter onto private property; 2. how much time must elapse subsequent to the issuance of a citation for the city to "cause the work to be performed and charge the owner of the property and place a lien against the property for expenses incurred"; and 3. the minimum amount of time that may be imposed pursuant to 11-038 (e).

5. Order **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # [24-1035](#))
That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect the area at the intersection of Broadway and Glen Street for rodent activity.

6. Order **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan
(ID # [24-0203](#))
That the Environmental Health Coordinator discuss the current contract with the pest control company that administers the city's rat abatement program.