

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-**  
**IN THE CITY COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021**

Be it ordained by the City Council, in session assembled, that Chapter \_\_\_\_ of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Somerville is hereby amended, by adding the following new provision:

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_, SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ : PILOT ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Section 1. Introduction

The City of Somerville shall establish a Task Force consisting of seven (7) members to review and make recommendations relative to Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements in Somerville in connection with entities or institutions owning tax-exempt property valued at fifteen (15) million dollars or more in the City of Somerville.

Section 2. Purpose

The goal of the Task Force is to make recommendations for a more equitable and consistent PILOT program compensating the City for lost revenue resulting from the portion of the city's land area that is tax exempt and reducing the subsidy of service provision to tax exempt properties by owners of taxable properties.

Section 3. Membership

The Task Force shall include:

- The Mayor or their designee;
- An Assessor or other designee, designated by the Chairman of the Board of Assessors;
- The City Council President, or their designee;
- The ~~School Superintendent~~ School Committee Chair or their designee; and
- Three community members, one to be appointed by the Mayor, one to be appointed by the City Council President, and one to be appointed by the

~~School Superintendent, School Committee Chair., provided that the appointing authorities shall prioritize appointing community members from the non-profit social service community and the business community.~~

#### Section 4. Frequency of Meetings

The PILOT Task Force shall meet not less than quarterly.

#### Section 5. Roles and Responsibilities of Task Force

The PILOT Task Force shall, within one year of appointment of a quorum of members, produce and file with the City Clerk, the Mayor, and City Council formal recommendations in connection with: (1) a standard level of contributions in programs and payments to be met; (2) a methodology for valuing community benefits; (3) the valuation and revaluation of property owned by tax exempt institutions; (4) guidelines for the provisions to be included in PILOT agreements; and (5) legislative changes needed at the state and local levels.

#### Section 6. Special Employee Status

Task force members shall be special municipal employees.

APPROVED:

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President  
City Council