



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Thursday - August 30, 2018, 6:30 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

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1. **Approval of the July 9, 2018 Minutes**
2. **206394: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City Solicitor provide update this Board on drafting a home rule petition to change the name Alderman to City Councilor.
3. **206021: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott, Hirsch) – That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to Ordinance 7-46(c) so the non-profit representative on the Fair Housing Commission has to work, but not necessarily reside, in Somerville.
4. **205464: Recommend** (Davis) – That the Ordinances be amended to provide fines for violating Ordinance 9-116 Subsection 3 (Construction) of \$100 for first offense and \$300 for each subsequent offense as described within.
5. **203822: Discuss** (Davis, White Jr.) – That this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters draft appropriate language to require this Board's approval of certain licenses entered into by the City for a term of more than 3 years.
6. **204886: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the City Solicitor and the City Arborist clarify the ordinance requiring tree removal for a new driveway or other construction project.
7. **206046: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Rossetti, Clingan) – That the City Solicitor draft a vacant properties ordinance similar to the one in Arlington.
8. **205801: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board) – That the City Solicitor draft an

ordinance to require voter registration forms to be displayed and available at Libraries, Public Schools, and the Traffic and Parking Department, and to allow high school students to arrive late to school on any election day if they present proof of voting.

9. **206368: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, Mbah, Niedergang, Clingan) – That the Administration present this Board with legal options for granting non-citizen residents the right to vote in local elections.
10. **206403: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Davis, Hirsch, Mbah) – That the City Solicitor draft a home rule petition to grant Permanent Residents the right to vote in municipal elections.
11. **199603: Recommend** Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City to appropriate funds to assist commercial properties in maintaining and improving exterior storefronts.
12. **199934: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services create a Rental Registration Program to require owners of 6 or more rental units that are not owner-occupied to annually register those units, pay a registration fee, and provide information to facilitate inspections, notices of violations, and resolution of complaints.
13. **200625: Discuss** (Rossetti, McWatters, Heuston, Ballantyne, Niedergang) – That the City Solicitor review the recently approved Home Rule Petitions for Natick and Framingham re: double pole removals and utility company fines, and report back to this Board.
14. **200793: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Clerk of Committees request that the State Delegation provide the Committee on Legislative Matters with updates on House #2885 and House #3906.
15. **202313: Recommend** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201997 with a proposed amendment of Ordinance 11-71(a) regarding requirements for the construction of conduits and lines.
16. **202401: Discuss** (Heuston, McWatters) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to regulate car rental businesses.
17. **203218: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether the city can ban gay conversion therapy and if it can, prepare a draft ordinance.
18. **205492: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD prepare a report analyzing why the current 20% affordable housing requirement, the \$10.00 per sq ft linkage fee, and other city initiatives are not sufficient to meet the affordable housing needs of the city.

19. **205789: Discuss** Housing Programs Coordinator submitting a summary of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund FY18 activity.