



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES**

September 25, 2013

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rebekah Gewirtz	Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Vice Chair	Present	
John M Connolly		Present	
Thomas F. Taylor		Present	
William A. White Jr.		Present	

191563 - That the City adopt the attached Local Hiring Ordinance.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

192104 - Requesting an amendment to the Local Historic District Map to create 1 new District (College Ave. Corridor of Faith) and add 1 property to that District, and to add 6 properties to the Hinckley-Magoun LHD, and 3 properties to the Winter Hill LHD (Group E remainder from #191744).:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

192274 - Green Cab requesting consideration from this Board and its Committees on Legislative Matters and Traffic and Parking for ways to facilitate taxi medallion financing.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

192806 - That this Board requests that the Mayor and the Director of Personnel inform the Committee on Legislative Matters of the city's intentions regarding the development of a domestic violence policy for city employees.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

193206 - That the City Solicitor review Boston's and other municipalities' ordinances to eliminate public nuisances caused by problem properties, and appear before the Committee on Legislative Matters to discuss adopting it here.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

193587 - Requesting approval of a Complete Streets Ordinance to insure equal access for all users of the public ways.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

193939 - Requesting the amendment of Ordinance 2-323 pursuant to the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board recommendations, with respect to the Board of Aldermen.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

193968 - That the City Solicitor and the Director of Health update this Board on any requirements, conditions or issues pertaining to any person seeking to open a marijuana distribution site.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

194062 - That the City Solicitor examine the proposed ordinances of Quincy, Boston and Woburn regarding absentee landlords and appear before this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters to discuss the implementation of a similar ordinance.:

Alderman White's motion *that the Administration weigh in on this matter*, was approved. (MT # 8132)

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194075 - That the City Solicitor review the proposed ordinance, referred to as Chapter 12, Article VII, Complete Streets Ordinance, to limit city liability.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194076 - That the City Solicitor review the proposed ordinance, referred to as Chapter 12, Article VII, Complete Streets Ordinance, to determine what happens in Section (6) when state guidelines change; and to determine if the cost in Section (7) is proportional to the project and how the difference would impact the city.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194102 - City Solicitor responding to #193845 and #193968 re: medical marijuana.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

194511 - Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to establish a Job Creation and Retention Trust.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

194512 - Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to establish a Project Mitigation Contribution (linkage) program for a Job Creation and Retention Trust.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

194675 - That this Board approves a Home Rule Petition to amend Section 7 of Title 2 of Division 1 of the City Charter re: filling vacancies.:

A Legislative Matters, Committee of the Whole, will hold a Public Hearing on October 17, 2013, at 6:30 PM on the issue of filling vacancies on the Board of Aldermen.

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

194756 - Lynn Weissman submitting comments re: a gender-neutral name for this Board.:

RESULT:**DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION**

194833 - That the Director of Commissions update this Board on #193203, the city's volunteer commissions, including vacancies for each commission and the number of times each commission met in 2012 and 2013 (to date).:

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RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

194849 - That the attached list of proposed methods for filling vacancies on this Board, with the exception of Method "F", be referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters for further action.:

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RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

194968 - Requesting approval of the attached Ordinance Regulating Campaign Contributions from Those Seeking Contracts, Zoning Relief, the Purchase of City Property, or Financial Assistance from the City.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

195021 - Representative Provost submitting comments re: #194849, a proposal to amend the City Charter with respect to filling vacancies on this Board.:

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RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

195024 - Requesting, with the sponsorship of Ald. Desmond, Bastardi, Sullivan, O'Keefe and Trane, approval of an Ordinance regulating "pay-to-play" public contracting and campaign contributions for municipal elected office.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

195035 - That the City Solicitor provide an opinion regarding 780CMR MA Amendments to the International Building Code 2009 Section 1001.3.2 regarding qualifications for examiners of fire escapes.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

195061 - That the Director of SPCD take steps to establish a historic designation for 197 Washington Street.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

195134 - That the City Solicitor draft language to amend Article XV of Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances to grandfather vendors who operated as food truck vendors and held hawker and peddler licenses prior to the effective date of that Article.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

195144 - That the Historic Preservation Commission consider establishing a historic designation for 197 Washington Street.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

195175 - That this Board declares the property at 315 Broadway to be a Historic District and requests that the Historic Preservation Commission prepare a study on the establishment of the Historic District.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

195246 - That the Director of Sustainability and Environment provide this Board with a plan for city-wide residential composting, to be discussed in the Committee on Legislative Matters.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

195477 - Requesting approval of amendments to Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances to establish a Mandatory Recycling Ordinance.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

195519 - That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance that all commercial gas tank replacements require permit approval by this Board.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**