



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LAND USE COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - April 13, 2021, 6:00 PM  
Virtual

**AGENDA**

**Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation.**

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- 1. Approval of the March 2, 2021 Minutes**
- 2. Approval of the March 16, 2021 Minutes**

**Small Business Overlay Amendments**

- 3. 210782: Discuss** (Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD present zoning recommendations addressing the size of ground floor commercial spaces produced by development, to ensure that street level development in certain areas maintains multiple smaller-sized commercial spaces to enhance the pedestrian experience.
- 4. 211693: Recommend** Requesting approval of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinances at Article 8.2 - Small Business Overlay District, and to the Zoning Map.

**Civic Spaces Near Highway**

5. **211433: Recommend** (McLaughlin, Davis, Mbah, Strezo, Clingan) – Requesting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as contained within.

#### **Rooftop Mechanical Height**

6. **211349: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Committee on Land Use consider regulating the height of rooftop mechanicals on commercial buildings that abut Neighborhood Residence and Urban Residence districts.
7. **211612: Recommend** Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to regulate rooftop mechanical systems and mechanical penthouses.

#### **Body Art/Tattoo Shops**

8. **211136: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD discuss with the Land Use Committee whether tattoo parlors should need a Special Permit to operate on Pedestrian Streets and in other areas.
9. **211611: Recommend** Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Body Art Services use standards and Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses.