

Description of the Condominium Review Board- September 14th, 2018

The Somerville Condominium Review Board is composed of five City residents appointed by the Mayor for three-year terms. By ordinance, members must include two homeowners; two tenants; and one elderly, disabled, or low to moderate income resident. There are currently three board members serving – two homeowners and one tenant; two of which satisfy the elderly, disabled, and/or low to moderate income requirement. We are currently seeking candidates to fill two open board member positions; one seat for a tenant and one seat for a homeowner. Based on current membership composition, applicants for vacant positions can be a homeowner, a tenant, and may or may not be elderly, disabled, and/or low to moderate income.

The Board was established by City ordinance in 1985. It has the authority and the duty to enforce the provisions of the Somerville Condominium Conversion Ordinance, which pertains to condominium conversion, and the removal of rental units from the Somerville housing market. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the Ordinance, and promulgating policies, rules and regulations as may be necessary to do so. The Board reviews applications for the conversion of rental units to condominium ownership and conducts monthly meetings to determine whether to approve condominium conversion applications.

Below you will find links to resources that provide additional information regarding the Condominium Review Board and its past decisions.

The website designated for the Condominium Review Board can be found here:

<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/condominium-review-board>

The Condominium Conversion Ordinance can be found here:

https://library.municode.com/ma/somerville/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH7HO_ARTIVCOCOREREUN

Previous agendas and meeting minutes dating back to April, 2005 can be found here:

https://www.somervillema.gov/event-documents?field_event_department_target_id=Condominium+Review+Board+%2888%29&nid

FY17 Annual Report can be found here:

<https://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/crb-annual-report-fy17.pdf>