



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1149) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee meeting of July 10, 2023.

Housing

2. Order (ID # [23-1289](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Housing and the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council regarding repeated requests to provide shelter to homeless residents.
3. Communication (ID # [23-1285](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin Conveying numerous locations suitable for temporary and long-term shelter for the homeless population.

4. Resolution (ID # [23-1284](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration update this Council regarding increases in homelessness and the direct responses taken by the city to address those increases.
5. Resolution (ID # [23-1283](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration update this Council on the progress toward providing direct homeless services to East Somerville residents in temporary and permanent locations within Ward 1.

Safety

6. Order (ID # [23-1290](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Health and Human Services engage Somerville Cares About Prevention to conduct compliance checks on establishments serving liquor to prevent over-serving of alcohol.
7. Order (ID # [23-1286](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Chief of Police conduct compliance checks on liquor stores.
8. Order (ID # [22-2111](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson
That the Chief of Police report to this Council, the percentage of requested traffic details for construction projects that have been filled by Somerville Police Department officers, filled by non-Somerville police officers, and unfilled, for the past three years.

Health

9. Order (ID # [23-1294](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on the progress of Safe Consumption sites.
10. Resolution (ID # [23-1172](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Kelly and Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration update this Council on locations of sharps collection stations and work with the Commissioner of Public Works to install sharps collection stations in all public restrooms.

11. Order
(ID # [23-0618](#))
- Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Health & Human Services work with this Council and community partners to determine if the city has a current PILOT agreement with Mass General Brigham and other healthcare providers, and how mental health services can be a component of such agreements, particularly as part of a mental health gun buyback program.