

SOMERVILLE RESIDENTS FOR SENSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

March 7, 2010

The Honorable, the Board of Aldermen
City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

RE: Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws we, the undersigned ten (10) registered voters of the city of Somerville, herewith submit for your consideration and action, the within described amendments to the Somerville zoning ordinance, as follows:

- 1.) An Ordinance Requiring the Submission of a Pro Forma Financial Analysis to the Special Permit-Granting Authority;
- 2.) An Ordinance Prohibiting the Location of Certain Residential Uses Within One Hundred-Fifty Feet of an Active Railroad Right-of-Way Grade Crossing;
- 3.) An Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Tandem Parking When Seeking Approval for Any Off-Street Parking Plan.

We submit these proposed zoning ordinances as part of our continuing effort to identify areas for improvement in Somerville's principal zoning policy document and to present you with reasonable policy proposals.

As was the case with our initial submission, we will anticipate a thorough review of our proposed ordinances by the planning board and your land use committee, followed by a vigorous debate on the merit of our proposals. We look forward to a continuing dialogue as we seek to reach common ground leading to a refined and improved zoning ordinance, which will benefit all Somerville neighborhoods and residents equally.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Somerville Residents for
Sensible Development
("SOMESENSE")

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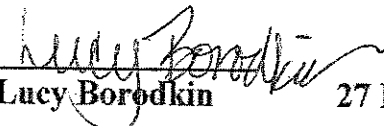
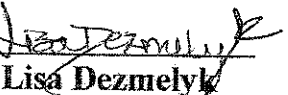

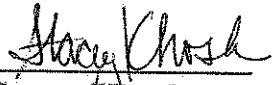
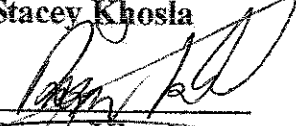
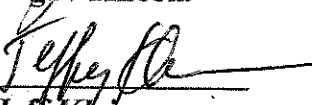

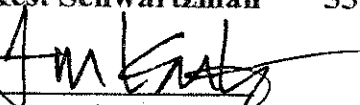
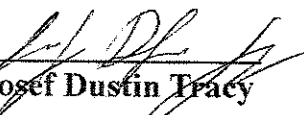

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Teresa L. Swartzel
80 Nazareno Properzi Way
Somerville, MA 02143

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ZONING ORDINANCES SUBMISSION

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	NAME	STREET	WD	PCT	DS
✓ 1.)	 Lucy Borodkin	27 Milton Street	6		3/10/10
✓ 2.)	 Lisa Dezmelyk	16 Hawthorne Street	6		3/14/10
✓ 3.)	 David Guss	72 Rev. Nazareno ^{Properzi} Way	2		3/8/10
✓ 4.)	 Stacey Khosla	7 Hanson Street	2		3/14/10
✓ 5.)	 Ragav Khosla	7 Hanson Street	2		3/14/10
✓ 6.)	 Jeff Kleinman	3 Hanson Street	2		3/14/10
✓ 7.)	 Kest Schwartzman	55 Rev. Nazareno Properzi Way	2		3/14/10
✓ 8.)	 Teresa L. Swartzel	80 Rev. Nazareno Properzi Way	2		3/14/10
✓ 9.)	 Josef Dustin Tracy	55 Rev. Nazareno Properzi Way	2		3-14-10
✓ 10.)	 Katherine Wheeler	72 Rev. Nazareno Properzi Way	2		3/8/10

WD= Ward PC=Precinct DS=Date Signed



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

March 23, 2010

John J Long
City Clerk
Somerville City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, Ma 02143

Dear Mr. Long:

We hereby certify that the petition given to us by your office contains the names of ten (10) registered Somerville voters designated as such by a red check mark to the left of the name.

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Anthony Aliberti
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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
SOUTH BOSTON, MA

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE LOCATION OF
CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL USES WITHIN ONE HUNDRED-
FIFTY FEET OF AN ACTIVE RAILROAD-RIGHT-OF WAY
GRADE CROSSING**

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen, in session assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 7 of the zoning ordinance is hereby amended by inserting, immediately after section 7.13., a new section 7.14., as follows:

Section 7.14. No dwelling unit(s) intended for occupancy exclusively by older person(s) or disabled person(s) or any combination thereof may be situated on a lot in any zoning district where the perimeter boundary of such lot is, at any fixed point, within one hundred-fifty feet of an active railroad right-of-way grade crossing.

For the purposes of this section the term "older person(s)" shall have such meaning as is set forth in Section 807 of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3607); and the term "disabled person(s)" shall have such meaning as is set forth in the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. 12101). The term "active railroad right-of-way grade crossing" shall mean any railroad track(s) situated at street level, which are owned, operated, controlled or used by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ("MBTA"), the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad ("MBCR"), or Guilford Transportation, Inc. ("Guilford"), or any subsidiaries thereof, on which passenger rail cars travel not less than four times each way, inbound to Boston and outbound from Boston, every day of the week.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage by the Board of Aldermen and approval by the mayor.