

TO:

CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
PROPOSED ORDINANCE

2019 SEP 12 A 9 10

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
SOMERVILLE, MA

RE: An Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the Purpose of:  
Zoning Map Change Request for 453 Somerville Avenue, Somerville  
Map/Block/Lot: 42/E/14 Ward/Parcel 2-3

I, the undersigned, the owner of 453 Somerville Avenue, hereby respectfully request a map change for the proposed zoning overhaul for the City of Somerville in particular the block of 453 Somerville Avenue, ("the parcel").

The current zoning for 453 Somerville Avenue and the entire block is BA. The BA zoning for the parcel and the entire block allows a mixed used residential and commercial development of 4 stories, 50 Feet high with a Floor Area Ratio of 2.

The proposed zoning classification for the block of the parcel of 453 Somerville Avenue is UR. However the proposed zoning classification of the parcel itself is "Fabrication".

I respectfully request that the proposed zoning classification of 453 Somerville Avenue be UR which would be uniform and consistent with the zoning classification of the entire block of the parcel.

This request is proper not only because it is reasonable and consistent with the block's zoning classification, not only because it would be consistent with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A Section 4 that mandates that zoning classification be uniform in each block of cities and towns that prohibits spot zoning, (attached is a copy for convenience), but it is consistent with the spirit of Somerville as champion of promoting equality and equal treatment that prohibits singling out selective treatment.

In that spirit, I urge this Body to grant this request and classify the parcel as UR in the proposed zoning amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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*ENCLOSURE*

## Section 4 Uniform districts

Section 4. Any zoning ordinance or by-law which divides cities and towns into districts shall be uniform within the district for each class or kind of structures or uses permitted.

Districts shall be shown on a zoning map in a manner sufficient for identification. Such maps shall be part of zoning ordinances or by-laws. Assessors' or property plans may be used as the basis for zoning maps. If more than four sheets or plates are used for a zoning map, an index map showing districts in outline shall be part of the zoning map and of the zoning ordinance or by-law.