



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS LAW DEPARTMENT

October 11, 2022

Honorable City Council
Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

As you know, the Code of Somerville Ordinances, Section 2-221 established the licensing process for retail marijuana licenses in Somerville. The City Council enacted an amendment of the ordinance in June 2020 establishing additional procedures for issuing licenses for Adult Use Marijuana Licenses. That amendment included an exclusive time period for certain priority applicants to obtain licenses under the ordinance. The current exemption will expire on November 8, 2022 unless the City Council amends the ordinance.

Thomas Galligani, Acting Executive Director of OSPCD has recommended, and the Mayor agrees, that the exemption period be extended for one (1) more year due to the difficulties the current licensees have experienced in trying to establish their businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic.

On behalf of the Mayor, the Law Department respectfully requests that the City Council consider the attached draft ordinance amendment for ordainment and adoption by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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