



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

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Title: Amending Section 10-102 of the Code of Ordinances, regarding the definition of biased based policing.

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Attachments: 1. Amendment to Sec. 10-102, 2. 02.14.23 LM Approved Amendments Section 10-102, 3. 03.23.23 CC Amendments Section 10-102

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
3/30/2023	1	City Council	Mayoral Approval	
3/23/2023	1	City Council	Ordinance ordained	Pass
3/14/2023	1	Legislative Matters Committee	Recommended to be approved as amended	Pass
2/14/2023	1	Legislative Matters Committee	Kept in committee	
11/10/2022	1	City Council	Referred for recommendation	Pass

Agenda Summary

Amending Section 10-102 of the Code of Ordinances, regarding the definition of biased based policing.

Official Text

That the Code of Ordinances be amended by making the change noted within.

Chapter 7 POLICE

ARTICLE IV. - PROHIBITION ON BIASED BASED POLICING AND RACIAL PROFILING

Sec. 10-102. - Definitions.

Biased based policing. The selection of an individual(s) for law enforcement action or differential treatment of an individual (s) in the performance of police services based on or influenced by a perceived trait common to a group. This includes, but is not limited to, race, ethnic background, skin color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, economic status, age, cultural group, **relationship status**, or any other identifiable group.