



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

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**Title:** Amending Section 2-7 (a) of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter text to read:  
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