

CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10  
IN CITY COUNCIL May 27, 2021

**PILOT ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

Be it ordained by the City Council, in session assembled, that Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Somerville is hereby amended by adding the following new provision:

**Chapter 2. Administration.**

**Article V. Boards, Commissions and Agencies.**

**Division 19. PILOT Advisory Task Force.**

**Section 2-309.15. PILOT Advisory Task Force.**

- (a) The City of Somerville shall establish a task force consisting of 7 members to review and make recommendations relative to Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements in Somerville in connection with entities or institutions owning tax-exempt property valued at 15 million dollars or more in the City of Somerville.
- (b) The goal of the task force is to make recommendations for a more equitable and consistent PILOT program compensating the city for lost revenue resulting from the portion of the city's land area that is tax exempt and reducing the subsidy of service provision to tax exempt properties by owners of taxable properties.
- (c) The Task Force shall include:
  - (1) The Mayor or their designee;
  - (2) An Assessor or other designee designated by the Chairman of the Board of Assessors;
  - (3) The City Council President or their designee;
  - (4) The School Committee Chair or their designee; and
  - (5) Three community members, one to be appointed by the Mayor, one to be appointed by the City Council President, and one to be appointed by the School Committee Chair.
- (d) The PILOT Task Force shall meet not less than quarterly.
- (e) The PILOT Task Force shall, within one year of appointment of a quorum of members, produce and file with the City Clerk, the Mayor, and City Council formal recommendations in connection with:
  - (1) a standard level of contributions in programs and payments to be met;
  - (2) a methodology for valuing community benefits;

- (3) the valuation and revaluation of property owned by tax exempt institutions;
- (4) guidelines for the provisions to be included in PILOT agreements; and
- (5) legislative changes needed at the state and local levels.

(f) Task force members shall be special municipal employees.

APPROVED:

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President City Council

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Mayor