



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

### RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

#### The following items are currently before this committee awaiting action:

- 209563: Discuss** That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before this Council's Rodent Issues Committee to discuss how rodent prevention measures are enforced on construction sites.
- 209646: Discuss** Conveying the results of the pilot rodent study, as summarized in the Rodent Study Report.
- 209784: Discuss** That the Environmental Health Coordinator work with the Ward 7 Councilor to arrange a community meeting to discuss methods to reduce the increase in rats in the neighborhoods.
- 209797: Discuss** That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services consider implementing a pilot program in a section of the City to deal with rat infestations and increased monitoring of properties.
- 209799: Discuss** That the Director of Inspectional Services explain the procedures for monitoring problem properties for rodent activity, as compared to waiting until more complaints are filed.
- 209800: Discuss** That the Director of Inspectional Services discuss how many resources would be required for proactive monitoring, tracking, and escalation of enforcement for all properties in known rodent outbreak areas.
- 209801: Discuss** That the Director of Inspectional Services provide a de-identified case study of a problem property in terms of how many complaints the City received, via what channel, and with what response, so as to explain what current protocols exist and what new resources may be needed.
- 209802: Discuss** That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services report on progress regarding planned internal rodent control meetings and regular joint departmental meetings.
- 209803: Discuss** That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services report on how the new sign-off administrative procedure for demolitions is progressing.

10. **209824: Discuss** That the Director of Communications utilize the CTY system, in April, to send out a high-alert to remind residents not to put out water or food for birds, as a method to help combat the rodent issue.
11. **210113: Discuss** That the Director of Health and Human Services explain how the pandemic and related closures may be affecting rodent activity or any planned eradication strategies.
12. **210250: Discuss** That this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues discuss ways for renters to address rodent issues at their residences without fear of retribution from their landlords.