

CITY OF SOMERVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. _____
IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN: _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTION 7.13.A, TO REQUIRE A SPECIAL PERMIT TO ESTABLISH GROUND FLOOR OFFICES USES IN THE CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL AND TRANSIT ORIENTED DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, office uses, while otherwise encouraged, often do not create the vibrancy that is desired along retail corridors; and,

WHEREAS, the location and design of office uses in retail storefronts are important to consider to retain or create an active streetscape; and,

WHEREAS, retail continuity is important for retail business' success as it keeps pedestrians engaged in continuing down city blocks past storefronts,

THEREFORE, be it adopted by the Board of Aldermen, in session assembled, that the below listed sections of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance are hereby amended as identified.

1. Article 7: Permitted Uses, Section 7.3, Table of Use Clusters. Applicability is hereby amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~crossed-out~~):

TABLE 7.13—TABLE OF USE CLUSTERS		
Use Cluster	Principal Uses "SP" indicates special permit required for a use to be established or expanded	By-Right Allowance
A. Office/R&D Use	<p>Office, other than medical (<u>except as noted below</u>)</p> <p>Medical office, medical or health clinic (<u>except as noted below</u>)</p> <p>Office of veterinarian (may board animals with SP) (<u>except as noted below</u>)</p> <p>Laboratory engaged in research, experimental and testing activities which may include the development of mockups and prototypes but not the manufacture of finished products (SP)</p> <p>Radio or television studio without transmitting or receiving towers</p> <p><u>Office, medical office, medical or health clinic, office of veterinarian, when located in the first occupied story of a multi story building or when located in a single-story building, regardless of size (SP)</u></p>	15,000 n.s.f

Approved:

President