

# WELCOME TO SOMERVILLE



## Business Welcome Kit

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone  
Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development



# Business Check List

Recommended steps to successfully operate your business

## **I AM PLANNING ON OPENING A BUSINESS**

- Visited the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development to learn more about financing, advocacy and available locations for my business.

## **I JUST IDENTIFIED A SPACE FOR MY BUSINESS**

- Visited the Planning Department to make sure that my plans comply with the Zoning Ordinance and that the use I intend to give to the space is allowed
- Arranged an Inspector visit from Inspectional Services to make sure that my space is “up to code”
- Visited the Planning Department, in case I received a Letter of Denial from the Inspectional Services Division

## **I WANT TO RENOVATE / ADAPT THE SPACE FOR MY BUSINESS**

- Visited the Inspectional Services Division with my Architect/Contractor to make sure my plans comply with applicable state building code and zoning ordinance
- Went to Inspectional Services for a building permit
- Visited the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development to find out about business development programs

## **MY BUSINESS PROVIDES FOOD SERVICES**

- Called the Health Inspectors at the Inspectional Services Division to ensure that my plans comply with the State Sanitation Code
- Called the Licensing Commission to apply for a Common Victualer's License
- Called the Licensing Commission if I want to apply for a Liquor License or a Beer & Wine License

## **BEFORE I OPEN MY BUSINESS**

- Visited the City's Clerk to file for a Business Certificate, if:
  - I haven't incorporated my business at the State and/or
  - I am operating under my business name, not my own name
- Visited the Assessing Department to register my business
- Confirmed with the Inspectional Services Division that I complied with all zoning requirements and was granted permits and variances from the Planning and Zoning Boards in case I needed them (Special Permit, Special Permit with Site Review, and Zoning Variances)

# Who To Contact And What For?

Dial 311 from any land line/cell phone or 617-666-3311 outside Somerville

## **Constituent Services 311**

City Hall - 93 Highland Avenue

- One Call to City Hall
- Information and Referral
- City Wide Work Order Request
- Business Recycling
- Disposal, Recycling, Hazardous Waste
- Business Parking Permits or ParkCards
- Snow Emergency Parking Procedures
- Any other non-emergency service or information request

## **City Clerk**

City Hall - 93 Highland Avenue - (617) 625-6600 ext. 4100

- Business Certificates
- Advertising, Sign or Awning Licenses
- Auction, Raffle & Bazaar Licenses
- Billiard Table/Pool Table/Bowling Alley/ Video Game Licenses
- Physician/Optometrists/Osteopath/Chiropractor Registration
- Extended Retail Hours Licenses
- Garage/Auto Repair/ Used Car Dealer Licenses
- Peddler/Vendor/Dealer Licenses
- Outdoor Parking or Seating Licenses
- Taxicab Related Licenses
- Closing out Sale Permits
- Open Air/Transient Vendor Licenses

## **Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development**

### **Planning Department**

City Hall - 93 Highland Avenue - (617) 625-6600 ext. 2500

- Zoning & Special Permits
- Planning and Zoning Board
- Zoning Variances

### **Economic Development**

City Hall - 93 Highland Avenue - (617) 625-6600 ext. 2500

- Business Development (Information Counseling, Planning, Financing, Site location)
- Business Development Programs

### **Inspectional Services**

1 Franey Road 1<sup>st</sup> floor- (617) 625-6600 ext. 5600

- Building, Demolition, Disposal Permits, Certificates of Occupancy
- Plumbing, Wiring, Gas Permits
- Health Inspectors (Ex 4330), Rodent Control & Sanitary Code Compliance

### **Fire Prevention Bureau**

255 Somerville Avenue - (617) 623- 1700, ext. 8400

- Smoke Detectors Inspection
- Fire Prevention

### **Licensing Commission**

City Hall - 93 Highland Avenue – (617) 625-6600 ext. 4107

- Liquor Licenses
- Beer and Wine Licenses
- Innholder Licenses
- Entertainment and Dance Licenses
- Common Victualer Licenses

**Or visit our website at [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov)**

# Somerville Squares

## **Davis Square**

Davis Square is one of the region's most exciting destinations. Loaded with restaurants, cafes, and entertainment venues, this Somerville community blends convenience of urban living with residential appeal. This walkable neighborhood is filled with residents, students, and business professionals who contribute to the Square's positive energy.

Davis Square has become a sought-after location for young professionals and families to live and work. Quiet tree-lined residential streets give way to a vibrant commercial corridor filled with a healthy mix of businesses and great public amenities such as the MBTA Red Line T-stop and a shared-use path. Davis Square is a prime business location with over 200 businesses including healthcare and high-tech corporations, national non-profits, and media offices. This area is also increasingly attractive to businesses of the "creative class," such as architecture firms, software, and design firms. It's a great place to find a highly educated workforce, who are eager to live and work in the same area. Davis Square is easily accessible to Boston's main employment centers including the financial district and the many colleges and universities.

## **Union Square**

Diverse, vibrant, and artistic, Union Square is alive with activity seven days a week. An eclectic variety of restaurants, ethnic markets, lively nightspots, and artists' studios create a kinetic urban experience for the area's residents and visitors. The heart of the square is at the crossroads of Somerville Avenue and Washington Street; where well-loved activities are hosted year-round, including the Union Square Farmers' Market and the famous Fluff Festival.

Union Square will soon be home to a MBTA Green Line T-stop. Scheduled for 2015, this future station will provide public transit for thousands of people and generate significant economic activity in the square. In preparing for the station, the City has invested \$24 million dollars of new infrastructure, including pedestrian-friendly streetscape along Somerville Avenue, to serve as the gateway to Union Square.

The City has also rezoned this district to increase economic opportunity and encourage laboratory, office and mixed-use development. Height maximums in some areas are 100 feet with a floor area ratio (FAR) of 4.

## **Teale Square**

Teale Square is a delightful confluence of local eateries and service-oriented businesses. Adjacent to Tufts University, Teale Square is an extremely walkable restaurant and retail center, brimming with college students and long-time Somerville natives. This neighborhood attracts young professionals who appreciate a small town feel and easy access to various job centers in Somerville and Boston. Teale Square is only a 10-minute walk to Somerville's well-known Davis Square and the MBTA Red Line stop that takes you into the heart of Boston.

Teale Square is home to a wide variety of restaurants including Rudy's (Mexican), PJ Ryan's Irish Pub, Theo's Pizza, Angelina's Pizzeria, Amelia's Kitchen (Italian), Sabur (exotic Mediterranean), Kee Kar Lau (Chinese), House of Tibet Kitchen,

## **Magoun Square**

Magoun Square is one of Somerville's classic neighborhoods, serving hubs with a distinctive urban character. Here you'll find a special mix of amenities - enjoy a tall pint of beer at Olde Magoun Saloon, purchase your basic needs at the new CVS, pick up some fresh baked Brazilian goodies at Model's Bakery, or even a parrot at the local exotic bird store.

With \$3 million recently invested in infrastructure improvements and the extension of the Green Line, slated for 2015, Magoun Square is poised for new growth. The area currently boasts new sidewalks, decorative streetscapes, and newly paved, smooth roads. The MBTA is proposing two new Green Line stations within a short walk to Magoun Square: the Lowell Street station to the east and the Ball Square Station to the west. Magoun Square is nestled within a thickly settled residential neighborhood and near Tufts University. Located at the intersection of two major streets, Broadway and Medford Street, Magoun Square offers many business and development opportunities. Office space is affordable and within close proximity to downtown Boston.

## **Ball Square**

Ball Square is a dynamic neighborhood commercial center with crowd-pleasing food, distinctive retail shops, and essential service businesses catering to the needs of local residents. The small town charm of Ball Square and its popular eateries also attract residents from all corners of the City, as well as visitors searching for hidden treasures off the beaten path.

Ball Square is located at the edge of the Tufts University neighborhood. The area is filled with a lively student and academic population, mixed with long-time neighborhood residents and families. The neighborhood scale of Ball Square encourages pedestrian activity, particularly with its wide sidewalks and sole proprietor local businesses. In addition, its dueling breakfast joints create bustling retail activity with customers lining each weekend up outside Soundbites and Ball Square Cafe for a brunch table. Ball Square is home to many well-known favorites such as Victor's Deli, Kelly's Diner, Ball Square Fine Wine and Liquors, with a wine tasting station, True Grounds an independent coffee shop, and a century old confectionery,

Lyndell's Bakery, that draws people from the wider region. The nearby Brown School on Willow Avenue is the only K-6 school bringing families together from throughout the city.

### **Assembly Square**

On the Mystic River waterfront, Assembly Square was formerly the home of the Ford Auto Plant. Located 2 miles from downtown Boston and Kendall Square in Cambridge, Assembly Square's 145-acres are today being transformed into a model of Smart Growth, transit-oriented development with a mixture of residential, commercial and retail uses and a distinct walkable character. An IKEA store is planned for the area, and a new Orange Line transit stop is scheduled for completion by 2015.

### **East Somerville**

**East Somerville** is one of Somerville's most ethnically diverse neighborhoods - reflecting a community with Irish, Italian, Portuguese, Brazilian, el Salvador, and Haitian roots. The neighborhood stretches along Broadway's commercial corridor from McGrath Highway to Boston's Sullivan Square. Hungry? Load up your plate with some Brazilian barbecue, grab some tacos or traditional Salvador pupusas (a hand-made tortilla filled with meat and cheese), feast on some Haitian jerk chicken, and finish it off with a cold beer at Casey's Irish pub. Feeling productive? Head over to Robi Tools to grab some supplies, get a haircut at any one of the neighborhood's barbershops and hair salons, and reward yourself with a canoli at Patsy's bakery or an ice cream at Louie's. This colorful and diverse community has something for just about everyone!

East Somerville's location is positioned well for a bright future. Conveniently located near the MBTA Orange Line at Sullivan Station, this community is easily accessible via public transportation and acts as a gateway into Boston.

A new Orange Line stop in nearby Assembly Square will be built by 2013. This light industrial area immediately adjacent to Sullivan Square holds potential for redevelopment, and the community will serve as a vibrant commercial corridor that links to a redeveloped Assembly Square. In addition, a new streetscape improvement plan for 2012 will increase the number of trees and bike lanes.

Please contact the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (SPCD) at 617 625 6600, x2500.

# Somerville Facts

## The City

Mayor:	Joseph A. Curtatone 93 Highland Ave – (617) 625-6600 ext 2100 – mayor@ somervillema.gov
Incorporated as a city:	1872
Location:	Middlesex County, two miles north of Boston
Surface:	Slightly over 4 square miles
Board of Aldermen:	<b>AT LARGE: John M. Connolly</b> 17 Winslow Avenue, 02144 - (617) 625-0781 - AldermanConnolly@gmail.com <b>AT LARGE: Bruce M. Desmond</b> 220A Summer Street, 02143 - (617) 666-1757 - BruceMDesmond@yahoo.com <b>AT LARGE: Dennis M. Sullivan</b> 138 Ten Hills Road, 02145 - (617) 628-1857 - AldermanSullivan@aol.com <b>AT LARGE: William A. White, Jr., Vice President</b> 125 Ten Hills Road, 02145 - (617) 625-9110 - William.A.White@verizon.net <b>WARD 1: William M. Roche</b> 17 MacArthur Street, 02145 - (617) 623-6661 - AldermanRoche@comcast.net <b>WARD 2: Maryann M. Heuston</b> 115 Beacon Street, 02143 - (617) 492-5331 - MHeuston@hotmail.com <b>WARD 3: Thomas F. Taylor, President</b> 32 Vinal Avenue, 02143 - (617) 776-1618 - TFTAld32@aol.com <b>WARD 4: Tony Lafuente</b> 137 Sycamore Street, 02145 - (617) 623-0881 - Tony@tonylafuente.com <b>WARD 5: Sean T. O'Donovan</b> 30 Warwick Street, 02145 - (617) 776-6456 - Sodonovan@somervillema.gov <b>WARD 6: Rebekah L. Gewirtz</b> 131 Morrison Avenue #1, 02144 - (617) 718-0792 - Rebekah.Gewirtz@gmail.com <b>WARD 7: Robert C. Trane</b> 70 Hooker Avenue, 02144 - (617) 623-5767 - RobertTrane@aol.com

## Demographics<sup>1</sup>

Population:	75,754 (most densely populated community in New England)
Diversity:	1/4 of Somerville residents are foreign born
Languages:	More than 50 spoken languages in Somerville schools
Median age:	31.4
Education:	High school graduate 89.4%, Bachelor's degree or higher 55.9%
Per capita income:	\$30,085
Median family income:	\$59,480
Commuters:	8.7% of Somerville residents carpool, 28.2% use public transportation, 11.5% walk to work or work at home

## Business Climate

Labor force:	47,009
Unemployment rate:	5.4% <sup>2</sup>
Commercial Tax Rate:	\$21.85 <sup>3</sup>

## Other facts

Recognition:	All America City Award 2009 National recognition as a model of innovation and efficiency for 311 customer service help line and SomerStat, a data-driven style of managing services. Best Bond Rating in Somerville History. Balanced Budgets, expanded Services and a growing Commercial Tax Base. Partnership with Tufts University to "Shape Up Somerville. Green Line Extension through Somerville to Medford. Developed the City's First-Ever Environmental Strategic Plan.
Arts:	Only New York has more artists per capita than the City of Somerville!

<sup>1</sup> Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics: 2010 U.S. Census Bureau, and U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey

<sup>2</sup> Source: Massachusetts Department of Workforce & US Bureau of Labor Statistics, November 2011.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Somerville Assessor's Office, 2012.

# City's Business Development Programs

## **Small Business Loans Program**

The City of Somerville has partner with ACCION USA to offer to business owners access to capital through the Small Business Loans Program. With business loans available up to \$50,000 for established, profitable businesses, and start-up loans up to \$30,000 for business with 6 or more months in operation, but that are not yet profitable, the program provides support businesses to ensure that Somerville's business community has access to capital.

To be eligible for the Program, participants (businesses) must have five or fewer employees (including the proprietor). To determine the eligibility of your business, or for more information about the program, please contact the Office of Strategic Planning or:

ACCION USA New England Office  
617- 616-1549

## **Brownfield Programs**

### **Brownfield Economic Development Program (BEDP)**

Under BEDP, a commercial or industrial business or developer who is interested in purchasing a Brownfield site (either known, or suspected to be contaminated) would be eligible to receive two types of assistance:

- Site Testing Services: a full round of environmental site testing services from a qualified environmental consultant, and a cost estimate for any remediation determined to be necessary. This site testing occurs prior to executing any purchase and sale agreement for purchase of a Brownfield site.
- Cost Overrun Coverage: Based on the cost estimate for site remediation, the participant may elect to enter into an environmental remediation cost overrun agreement with the City of Somerville.

### **Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF)**

Properties referred to as "brownfield" sites are parcels of land that have confirmed or suspected contamination. Brownfields often experience difficulties during real estate transactions due to prospective buyers' fears of unknown or unquantified cleanup costs. The BCRLF is a program created through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under which the City of Somerville can lend money to help finance brownfields cleanup.

The City of Somerville offers:

- Flexible loan amounts
- Flexible interest rates
- Flexible loan terms and conditions

The BCRLF can be utilized by itself or in combination with Somerville's BEDP. For more information about these programs, please contact:

Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development  
617-625-6600 ext. 2500

# City's Trends Reports

Get more understanding of what Somerville is

**All the following trends reports are available at City's website on:**

<http://www.somervillema.gov/Section.cfm?org=OSPCD&page=1509>

## **ECONOMIC TRENDS**

- Residential Employment and occupations
- Industry Employment
- Industry Wages
- Industry Establishments
- Business Locations
- Non-Market Economy

## **POPULATION TRENDS**

- Population History
- Population and Density
- Youth and Families
- Senior Population
- Race and Ethnicity
- Income and Poverty
- Education

## **TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE TRENDS**

- Sewers, water, telecommunications, utilities, tunnels and bridges, roadways and reconstruction projects, and green infrastructure.
- Vehicular traffic and accidents, commute to work, buses, rail service, Para transit, registered vehicles, car availability and car sharing, bicyclists and pedestrians, accidents, truck routes, water transportation, and parking.

## **HOUSING TRENDS**

- Housing stock
- Housing Tenure and Occupancy
- Housing Prices
- Housing Pressures
- Public Support for Housing

# Local Business Associations

## **SOMERVILLE LOCAL FIRST**

Somerville Local First, formed in March 2008, is a network of locally owned and independent businesses to build a robust Somerville economy and a vibrant community.

PO Box 402  
Somerville, MA 02143  
Phone: 617-669-9861  
E-mail: [somervillelocalfirst@gmail.com](mailto:somervillelocalfirst@gmail.com)  
<http://www.somervillelocalfirst.org/>

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## **GO GREEN SOMERVILLE**

GoGreen Somerville is a coalition of businesses and non-profit organizations that leverage relationships, knowledge, and resources to green the Somerville businesses community.

Email: [vanessarule@gmail.com](mailto:vanessarule@gmail.com)  
<http://www.gogreensomerville.org/>

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## **UNION SQUARE MAIN STREETS**

Local economic development organization committed to increasing the vibrancy of this Somerville neighborhood by enhancing the Union Square business district and surrounding neighborhoods through active community collaboration.

66-70 Union Square  
Suite 103  
Somerville, MA 02143  
Phone: 617-955-0080  
E-mail: [USMS@unionsquaremain.org](mailto:USMS@unionsquaremain.org)  
<http://www.unionsquaremain.org/>

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## **EAST SOMERVILLE MAIN STREETS**

Volunteer-driven organization dedicated to developing community initiatives and events that reflect and promote the true character of East Somerville as a vibrant place to live, visit, and do business.

East Somerville Main Streets

114 Broadway – Suite 112

Somerville, MA 02145

Phone: 617-623-3869

E-mail: [info@eastsomervillemainstreets.org](mailto:info@eastsomervillemainstreets.org)

<http://www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org/>

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## **DARBI - DAVIS SQUARE AREA RESIDENTS-BUSINESS INITIATIVE**

Local non profit organization to promote Davis Square as an attractive place to live, visit, shop and conduct business.

E-mail: [info@yourdavissquare.com](mailto:info@yourdavissquare.com)

<http://www.yourdavissquare.com/>

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## **SOMERVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce is the pre-eminent voice of its local business community and the leading network of employers, business owners, and managers.

2 Alpine Street

Somerville, MA 02144

Phone: 617-776-4100

[www.somervillechamber.org](http://www.somervillechamber.org)

# Financing Resources

## **ACCION USA**

56 Roland Street, Suite 300  
Boston, MA 02129  
Phone: 617-625-7080  
[www.accionusa.org](http://www.accionusa.org)

ACCION USA is a private, nonprofit organization that provides micro loans and other financial services to low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs who are unable to access bank credit for their small businesses.

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## **COMMONWEALTH CORPORATION**

529 Main Street, Suite 110  
Boston, MA 02129  
Phone: 617-727-8158  
[www.commcorp.org](http://www.commcorp.org)

The Economic Stabilization Trust (a program within the Commonwealth Corporation) lends working capital to small and medium sized value-added businesses in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## **MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION (MCDFC)**

155 Federal Street, Suite 202  
Boston, MA 02110  
Phone: 617-523-6262  
[www.mcdfc.com](http://www.mcdfc.com)

MCDFC provides financing to small businesses in Massachusetts to which private capital is not readily available with the purpose of creating or preserving jobs and promoting economic development.

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## **MASSDEVELOPMENT**

160 Federal Street  
Boston, MA 02110  
Phone: 617-451-2477  
[www.massdevelopment.com](http://www.massdevelopment.com)

MassDevelopment works with businesses and local officials to address blighted areas, help create jobs, and address overarching issues that impact economic development.

# Business Information and Counseling

## **CENTER FOR WOMEN AND ENTERPRISE (CWE)**

24 School Street, Suite 700  
Boston, MA 02108  
Phone: 617-536-0700  
[www.cweboston.org](http://www.cweboston.org)

CWE offers education, training, technical assistance, women's business enterprise certification and access to both debt and equity capital to entrepreneurs at every stage of business development.

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## **MASSACHUSETTS SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (MSBDC) NETWORK STATE OFFICE**

227 Isenberg School of Management  
University of Massachusetts  
121 Presidents Drive  
Amherst, MA 01003-9310  
Phone: 413-545-6301  
[www.msbdc.org](http://www.msbdc.org)

A network of Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) throughout the Commonwealth providing free business advisory services, workshops, and business services for pre-venture, start-up and existing firms. Business centers are located throughout Massachusetts. Please visit [www.msbdc.org/alphabytown.html](http://www.msbdc.org/alphabytown.html) to locate the center nearest to you.

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## **MIT ENTERPRISE FORUM**

Building E32-328  
28 Carleton Street  
Cambridge, MA 02139  
Phone: 617-253-8240  
<http://enterpriseforum.mit.edu/>

The Enterprise Forum produces a series of educational programs about entrepreneurship through a network of 24 worldwide chapters.

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## **SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES (SCORE)**

10 Causeway Street  
Boston, MA 02222-1093  
Phone: 617-565-5591  
[www.score.org](http://www.score.org)

SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business" is a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs on the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide.

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## **SOMERVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

2 Alpine Street  
Somerville, MA 02144  
Phone: 617-776-4100  
[www.somervillechamber.org](http://www.somervillechamber.org)

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce is the pre-eminent voice of its local business community and the leading network of employers, business owners, and managers.

*MSBDC business advisors are available. Please call at 617-287-7750 for more information.*

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## **STATE OFFICE OF MINORITY & WOMEN BUSINESS ASSISTANCE (SOMWBA)**

10 Park Plaza, Suite 3720  
Boston, MA 02116  
Phone: 617-973-8692  
[www.somwba.state.ma.us](http://www.somwba.state.ma.us)

SOMWBA promotes the development of business enterprises and non-profit organizations owned or operated by minorities and women. One of the services provided by SOMWBA is certification, which is a marketing tool used to enhance a firm's ability to do business in public markets.

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## **U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)**

10 Causeway Street, Room 265  
Boston, MA 02222  
Phone: 617-565-5590  
[www.sba.gov/localresources/district/ma/index.html](http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/ma/index.html)

The SBA provides financial, technical and management assistance to help Americans start, run, and grow their businesses.

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## **MASSACHUSETTS EXPORT CENTER**

10 Park Plaza, Suite 4510  
Boston, MA 02116  
Phone: 617-973-8664  
[www.mass.gov/export](http://www.mass.gov/export)

The Massachusetts Export Center offers a range of targeted, customized services to Massachusetts businesses at any stage in the export process. Whether you are a small business just thinking about exporting or an experienced exporter, the Massachusetts Export Center stands ready to help with services suited to your needs.

# Legal Resources

There are a multitude of legal issues to think about when it comes to starting and operating your business. Everything from your business name to its structure to its operation has legal implications. The following legal resources might offer you insight and perspective in one of the most candid areas that entrepreneurs have to deal with: business law. They cover a spectrum of services like type of business entity, financing considerations, leasing, insurance, immigration issues, health care requirements, taxes, employees, among others topics.

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## **ECONOMIC JUSTICE PROJECT (EJP)**

c/o The Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights  
294 Washington Street, Suite 443  
Boston, MA 02108  
Phone: 617-482-1145  
[www.lawyerscom.org](http://www.lawyerscom.org)

Through the EJP, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights provides business training and advice to individuals who are considering starting a business and to existing businesses, in confronting a variety of concerns, by offering legal workshops and legal counseling.

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## **BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION**

16 Beacon Street  
Boston, MA 02108  
Phone: 617-742-0615  
[www.bostonbar.org](http://www.bostonbar.org)

The Boston Bar Association offers a Lawyer Referral Service.

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## **COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE PROJECT (CEP)**

c/o WilmerHale Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School  
122 Boylston Street  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130  
Phone: 617-522-3003  
[www.law.harvard.edu/academics/clinical/lsc/help/index.htm](http://www.law.harvard.edu/academics/clinical/lsc/help/index.htm)

CEP's mission is to contribute to the economic vitality of local communities by providing legal services to small businesses, non-profits organizations, and other entities involved in business, real estate, and economic development activities.

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## **MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION (MBA)**

20 West Street  
Boston, MA 02111  
Phone: 617-338-0500  
[www.massbar.org](http://www.massbar.org)

Lawyer Referral Service Phone: 617-645-0400  
[www.massbar.org/for-the-public/need-a-lawyer](http://www.massbar.org/for-the-public/need-a-lawyer)

MBA is a non-profit organization that serves the legal profession and the public by promoting the administration of justice, legal education, professional excellence, and respect for the law. The MBA also has a Lawyer Referral Service, which is one of the largest referral services of its kind in the nation.

**The City of Somerville does not control, monitor, or guarantee the information contained in the referrals to other external parties, and does not endorse any views expressed or products or services offered therein.**

Source: MSBDC Boston Regional Office & Minority Business Center