

Applying for a Junk Dealer License

Pursuant to City Ordinance 8-60, you must obtain a license before operating as a Junk Dealer in Somerville. Generally, a license is required for anyone who buys, sells, collects, or stores used items for commercial purposes. Pawnbroking is not allowed in Somerville.

TERM:

- The license expires on April 30 and is awarded for no more than one year.

APPLICATION CONDITIONS:

- You must apply online.
- The premises must be suitable pursuant to the zoning code.
- You must be deemed a suitable entity by the Police Department.
- You must have paid all taxes, fees or fines owed to the City of Somerville.
- The license is not transferrable.

FEE:

- \$50.00 nonrefundable application fee.
- \$275.00 annual license fee, paid after the application is approved.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

The City requires that you upload the following documents as part of your application. The City will not process your application until these documents are included:

- The Workers' Compensation Insurance Affidavit (download the form when you apply).
- Lease or other documentation of your access to the premises.
- A CORI Form (download the form when you apply).
- Two professional letters of reference.

HOW TO APPLY:

Go to <http://www.somervillema.gov/citizenserve>.

- Click the **citi~~is~~enserve** logo.
- Click "My Account."
- Log in, or, if this is your first online application, click "REGISTER NOW" to create an account.
- Scroll down and click "APPLY FOR A LICENSE."
- At Application Type, select "Business License."
- At Sub Type, select "Junk Dealer."
- Enter your Business Name.
- At "Is this application for a new or existing business location?":
 - Select "A new business location" if this is your first application in CitizenServe.
 - Enter the Somerville address of your proposed business, and click "FIND ADDRESS."
 - If CitizenServe doesn't identify your address, select "USE THIS ADDRESS."
 - OR
 - Select "An additional license for an existing business" if your business is licensed in Citizenserve.
 - At "License #" select a license you've received before.
- Answer the remaining questions.
- At Contacts, select a contact you've already entered, or, if you want the license mailed to a different address, select "Enter a new contact" and enter the mailing name and address.
- Upload the required documents, Accept all terms and conditions, Submit the form, and Pay the required fee.

LICENSE CONDITIONS:

- No junk dealer may operate as a pawnbroker.
- Only one junk dealer may operate at any one location.

- Every junk dealer must keep every item purchased for at least 30 days before offering it for sale.
- Every junk dealer must report on a monthly basis, to the Police Department, every item purchased, exchanged, or sold, including a description of the item, the price paid, the date and time of the transaction, and the name, age and residence of the seller/buyer.
- No junk dealer may store items anywhere in the City except at the location(s) named in this application.
- No junk dealer may primarily engage in the picking, sorting or storage of rags or waste papers.
- No junk dealer may primarily engage in the use of a vehicle for the collection of junk, old metals, or other secondhand articles.

QUESTIONS?

- If you have questions, contact the City Clerk at cityclerk@somervillema.gov.