

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4035**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Christine P. Barber*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to establish a net zero emissions standard for new constructed buildings and major renovation projects.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/9/2025</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/11/2025</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/9/2025</i>

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By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4035) of Christine P. Barber, Erika Uytterhoeven and Mike Connolly (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a net zero emissions standard for zoning of new constructed buildings and major renovation projects. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to establish a net zero emissions standard for new constructed buildings and major renovation projects.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Pursuant to Chapter 179, Section 84 of the Acts of 2022 An Act Driving  
2 Clean Energy And Offshore Wind, and notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or  
3 regulation to the contrary, the City of Somerville is authorized to adopt or amend general or  
4 zoning ordinances that require new building construction or major renovation projects to be  
5 fossil fuel-free, and enforce restrictions and prohibitions on new building construction and major  
6 renovation projects that are not fossil fuel-free, including through the withholding or  
7 conditioning of building permits.

8           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.