



City of Somerville
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 49 Davis Square
PERMIT NUMBER: HP25-000079
OWNER: B. F. Somerville Properties LLC
OWNER ADDRESS: 220 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02474
APPLICANT: Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 1441 Main Street, Suite 1100, Springfield, MA 01103
DECISION: Certificate of Appropriateness
DECISION ISSUED: September 11, 2025

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the Local Historic District property at 49 Davis Square.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Removal and replacement of existing antennas on the roof of the property.
- Installation of EME barriers on the roof

DETERMINATION

Under the Somerville Historic Districts Ordinance (HDO) proposed alterations of Local Historic District (LHD) properties must conform to specific criteria set out in the *Design Guidelines*. In the instance of 49 Davis Square, the proposal meets the following criteria set out in *Design Guideline Section II, Specific Guidelines, B. Roofs, Item 7*, which reads as follows:

7. Utility equipment, such as television antennae, air conditioners, solar collectors and other mechanical units should be restricted to the rear of the property or on portions of the roof that are not visible from a public way. If no other placement is possible, air conditioning and other cooling units on street facades should be of the slim-line type or set flush with the surface of the building and painted the same color as the window trim.

The Applicant has provided photos showing the existing and proposed rooftop equipment, which demonstrates that there will be no change with regard to the antennas, and that the proposed EME barriers will be minimally visible.

Due to the description of the work, the images of the proposed work submitted by the Applicant, and the provisions set forth in the Historic District Ordinance (HDO) and related Design Guidelines, the Applicant is granted a **Certificate of Appropriateness**.

Issued on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

Eric Parkes, *Chair*
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