



City of Somerville

PLANNING BOARD

City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

TO: Planning Board
FROM: OSPCD Staff
SUBJECT: 8 Medford Street, ZP24-000091, ZP24-000092
POSTED: September 9, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: No change

This memo is supplemental to the Planning Staff Memo dated August 13, 2026, linked [here](#).

BACKGROUND

During the August 20, 2026 Planning Board meeting, the Board requested additional information on the availability of parking around the property. The applicant has submitted a supplemental memo with information about parking options in the area.

Staff have confirmed that residents of this building are eligible for residential parking passes.

ANALYSIS

Mobility Staff have noted that they are supportive of the proposed loading zone as this building does not propose any on-site parking. As designed and conditioned, this proposal meets the requests of the Mobility Division and mitigates any pedestrian safety impacts.

Staff have noted one additional recommended condition related to the placement of the entrances. Per SZO 4.2.8.d., the maximum distance between ground story entrances is 30 feet, measured from the centerline of entrances. The proposed condition requires that this must be met before a building permit can be obtained. This change should not meaningfully impact the design of the building or substantially derogate from the approved façade design.

CONSIDERATIONS & FINDINGS

No change in considerations and findings from previous staff memo.

PERMIT CONDITIONS

Should the Board approve the required Site Plan Approval for a general building in the MR4 Zoning District, Planning Staff recommends the following **additional** conditions:

1. Per SZO 4.2.8.d., the maximum distance between ground story entrances for this building is 30' measured from the centerline of the entrances. This provision will be met and updated plans will be sent to Inspectional Services Department and Planning Staff for review prior to the issuance of a building permit.