

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL26-000019

File #: 26-007878

Event Name: Fireworks Celebration

Business Name: Somerville Arts Council (Fireworks)

Application Type: Public Event License

Location: 541 BROADWAY

APPLICANT

Company Name: Somerville Arts Council

Contact Name: Iaritza Menjivar

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of days: 1

Does this event occupy a public space or significantly affect nearby residents?: Yes

Are you the party applying for the Public Event License?: Yes

Describe the location in detail: All of Trum Fields, playground, basketball courts will be reserved. The event festivities will occur on Broadway between Cedar Street and Medford Street. The fireworks displays will be launched from Trum Field.

In the last 5 years, have you been found guilty, liable, or responsible, in any judicial or administrative proceeding, for any violation of the City Wage Theft Ordinance or any State or Federal laws or regulations regulating the payment of wages? [City Wage Theft Ordinance](#): No

Date: 06/30/2026

Event Setup Begins: 02:00 PM

Start Time: 05:30 PM

End Time: 10:00 PM

Event Cleanup Ends: 12:00 AM

Do You Have a Proposed Rain Date for Your Public Event?: Yes

Date: 07/01/2026

Start Time: 02:00 PM

End Time: 12:00 AM

Organization name; if none, your name: Somerville Arts Council

Describe any social or cultural benefits of this event for Somerville residents : Hosting a fireworks event provides social and cultural benefits by creating space for community engagement, bringing people together in a shared celebration. It enhances civic pride, strengthens local traditions, and supports cultural expression through music and festivities. Additionally, it boosts the local economy by attracting visitors who support businesses, while creating a sense of joy and unity among residents.

Describe any financial benefits of this event for Somerville businesses or organizations: Hosting this event provides financial benefits by boosting the local economy through increased tourism and visitor spending at restaurants and shops. It creates business opportunities for vendors and food trucks. Increased foot traffic can also lead to long-term economic gains by promoting local businesses and encouraging repeat visits.

What is the budget for this event?: 18,000

Complete Mailing Address : 50 Evergreen Ave Somerville, MA 02145

Contact name for follow-up questions (Will be available to the public): laritza Menjivar

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Phone (Will be available to the public): 857-270-4988

Event Name : Fireworks Celebration

Describe the Event: The City's Fireworks Celebration is a vibrant community event that brings residents and visitors together for an evening of entertainment, music, and dazzling fireworks. This festive gathering fosters civic pride, strengthens local traditions.

Describe any Entertainment at the Event (if none, type None): The entertainment includes food vendors, live performances, and a spectacular fireworks display.

Describe any tents, inflatables, or other temporary structures to be used (if none, type None): Food trucks will be parked and also a vendor with a 10x10 tent. We will also have metal barricades with seats for seniors and chairs.

Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants: There is a designated seating area, surrounded by barricades, to provide a safe and comfortable space for seniors and attendees in need of assistance. Additionally, a few designated parking spots are available in the municipal lot near the event area.

Estimated maximum attendance at one time : 1,000

Estimated total number of people attending: 3,000

Estimated total number of Somerville residents attending : 2,500

Maximum number of attendees you will accommodate: 3,000

Attendee fees or suggested donations : free

Will this event be open to the public?: Yes

Describe your outreach/publicity: Newsletter, Press Release, posters, social media

Will food be served?: Yes

If yes, describe:: A couple food trucks selling fried dough and subs, italian sausages. There is also a food vendor selling pupusas. We will disclose this information on the Coordinator Checklist.

Will the event be catered?: No

Will a grill/open-flame device be used? : Yes

If yes, describe:: Likely one vendor will have a grill, they will disclose this information on the temporary food permit.

Will any streets be blocked? : Yes

If yes, describe:: Broadway will be closed from Medford St to Boston Ave. There will be no access to Franey Road or Charles E. Ryan Road. This will all be disclosed in Incident Action Plan. The map attached shows this in better detail.

Road to be closed: Broadway

Cross street where road closure will start: Medford St

Cross street where road closure will end: Boston Ave

Will any sidewalks be blocked? : No

Will any public parks be used? : Yes

If yes, name of park(s) : Trum field, all fields including basketball courts, baseball fields and pavillion.

Has this event occurred in the last two years? : Yes

If yes, prior dates : June 27th, 2024, June 25, 2025

Police Detail : Yes

If yes, describe:: Since roads will be closed and this is a Fireworks Display event, we will need police presence. The details of this will be disclosed in the Incident Plan.

Parking for Attendees : Yes

If yes, describe: We usually request a few accessible parking spots in the municipal lot near Medford St for individuals with disabilities and for vendors.

Restrooms : Yes

If yes, please describe the restrooms being provided, and if you are providing portable toilets, state how they will be delivered and removed: We work with the DPW to drop porta-potties.

Liability Insurance : No

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Maureen Lee, ISD Health, Complete

Reviewer: Kevin Roche, Engineering, Approved

Reviewer: Eric Weisman, Public Works, Approved

Reviewer: Yianny Tsirigotis, Recreation, Approved

Reviewer: Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved

Reviewer: Suzanne Rinfret, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: Mackenzie Richardson, Police, Approved

Reviewer: Kimberly M. Wells, City Clerk, Approved

Reviewer: Jesse Moos, Engineering, Complete