

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL26-000064

File #: 26-016025

Event Name: Portugal Day Flag-Raising Ceremony

Business Name: SOIA - Office of Immigrant Affairs

Location: 93 Highland AVE

Application Type: Public Event License

APPLICANT

Company Name: SOIA - Office of Immigrant Affairs

Business Address:

Work Phone:

Email: krzzaz@somervillema.gov

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: City Hall Concourse - 93 Highland Ave, Somerville

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: 06/13/2026

Event Setup Begins: 12:30 PM

Start Time: 01:00 PM

End Time: 03:00 PM

Event Cleanup Ends: 03:30 PM

Do You Have a Proposed Rain Date for Your Public Event?: No

Organization name; if none, your name: SOIA / MAPS / Consulado-Geral de Portugal em Boston

Describe any social or cultural benefits of this event for Somerville residents : The Portugal Flag Raising Ceremony celebrates the vibrant Portuguese-speaking community in Somerville and recognizes the important contributions that Portuguese immigrants and their families have made to the city's cultural, economic, and social fabric. The event provides an opportunity for Portuguese-speaking residents to see their language, heritage, and traditions publicly honored and valued. It also reinforces the City's commitment to language access, inclusion, and ensuring that all communities feel represented and welcomed in civic life.

Describe any financial benefits of this event for Somerville businesses or organizations: N/A

What is the budget for this event?: N/A

Complete Mailing Address : 42 Cross St., Somerville 02145

Contact name for follow-up questions (Will be available to the public): Karim L. Razzaz

Email: krzzaz@somervillema.gov

Phone (Will be available to the public): 857-270-4740

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Describe the Event: The event will include remarks from community leaders and City officials, the raising of the Portuguese

flag, and an opportunity for residents to gather in recognition of the rich cultural traditions and history of the Portuguese community.

Describe any Entertainment at the Event (if none, type None): N/A

Describe any tents, inflatables, or other temporary structures to be used (if none, type None): Two Tents / 25 Chairs

Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants: Interpretation services are available upon request

Estimated maximum attendance at one time : 50-100

Estimated total number of people attending: 100

Estimated total number of Somerville residents attending : 50-100

Maximum number of attendees you will accommodate: 100

Attendee fees or suggested donations : N/A

Will this event be open to the public?: Yes

Describe your outreach/publicity: The event will be promoted through the City of Somerville's communication channels, including the City website, social media platforms, community newsletters, and multilingual outreach efforts. Information will also be shared with local Portuguese-speaking organizations, community leaders, cultural groups, and residents through partner networks and direct community engagement.

Will food be served?: No

Will a grill/open-flame device be used? : No

Will any streets be blocked? : No

Will any sidewalks be blocked? : Yes

If yes, describe:: City Hall Concourse sidewalk will be occupied, as well as part of the City Hall parking lot

Will any public parks be used? : No

Has this event occurred in the last two years? : No

Police Detail : No

Parking for Attendees : Yes

If yes, describe:: Will coordinate with the Parking Department to explore whether parking restrictions around City Hall can be relaxed during this two-hour event period.

Restrooms : No

Liability Insurance : No

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Kevin Roche, Engineering, Approved

Reviewer: Eric Weisman, Public Works, Approved

Reviewer: Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved

Reviewer: Suzanne Rinfret, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: Mackenzie Richardson, Police, Approved

Reviewer: Courtney Henderson, City Clerk, Approved

Reviewer: Jesse Moos, Engineering, Complete