

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL25-000162

File #: 25-027278

Event Name: 102nd Anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye – Flag Raising Ceremony

Business Name: SOIA - Office of Immigrant Affairs

Application Type: Public Event License

Location: 42 CROSS ST

APPLICANT

Company Name: SOIA - Office of Immigrant Affairs

Contact Name: Karim L. Razzaz

Business Address:

Home Address:

42 Cross St
Somerville, MA 02145

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Email: krazzaz@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: Somerville City Hall Plaza, 93 Highland Ave

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: 10/29/2025

Event Setup Begins: 02:30 PM

Start Time: 03:00 PM

End Time: 04:00 PM

Event Cleanup Ends: 04:30 PM

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

Organization name; if none, your name: New England Turkish Student Association (NETSA)

Describe any social or cultural benefits of this event for Somerville residents : Emphasize friendship and cultural ties between Somerville, USA and the Turkish community. Celebrate 102 years of the Republic of Türkiye and the shared democratic values of unity, freedom, and civic pride.

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, MA 02145

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

Email: krazzaz@somervillema.gov

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

Event Name : 102nd Anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye – Flag Raising Ceremony

Describe the Event: A community ceremony commemorating the 102nd Anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye. Turkish and American community members, students, and local officials will come together to celebrate the founding of the Republic, raise the Turkish flag, and honor the shared values of democracy and friendship between Türkiye and the City of Somerville.

The ceremony will feature remarks from Didem Buner, Consul General of the Republic of Türkiye in Boston, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne of the City of Somerville (invited), and Nee Lortlar Ünlü, a distinguished member of the Turkish-American community. The program will include the flag-raising ceremony and the performance of the Turkish National Anthem (stiklal Mar).

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): 2 Tents

Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants: Interpretation is available for attendees upon request

Estimated maximum attendance at one time : 20-30

Estimated total number of people attending: 50-100

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: Promote the Turkish flag-raising event through social media and local community partners, including Turkish cultural organizations and businesses. Share a brief press release with local media and place flyers at key community locations to reach residents offline.

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? : No

Will any public parks be used? : No

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

Police Detail : No

Parking for Attendees : No

Restrooms : No

Liability Insurance : No

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Kevin Roche, Engineering, Approved

Reviewer: CS Traffic and Parking, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: Eric Weisman, Public Works, Approved

Reviewer: Jesse Moos, Engineering, Complete

Reviewer: Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved

Reviewer: Mackenzie Richardson, Police, Approved

Reviewer: Kimberly M. Wells, City Clerk, Approved