

# PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL24-000040

File #: 24-004820

**Application for:** Public Event

**Organization name:** Independent Film Society of Boston

**Description:** Film Festival

**Date(s):** May 1-6

**Setup starts at (time):** 10am on 5/1

**Cleanup after the event ends at (time):** noon on 5/7

**Entertainment:** Films

**Attendees:**

Max attendance at one time: 1000

Maximum attendees accommodated: 10000

**Attendee fees or suggested donations:** General Admission tickets for most films are \$16

**Social or cultural benefits:**

We bring a diverse variety of films and filmmakers to Somerville to share their stories with the community.

**Event Contact:** Brian Tamm

**Event name:** Independent Film Festival Boston

**Location:** In and around the Somerville Theatre (55 Davis Square)

**Rain date(s):** N/A

**Event starts at (time):** 7pm on 5/1

**Event ends at (time):** 11:59pm on 5/6

**Temporary Structures:** None

Total people attending: 8000

Total Somerville residents attending: 6000

**What is your budget for this event:** \$200,000

**Financial benefits:**

Many festival attendees patronize the shops and restaurants in Davis Square.

**Event Contact Phone:** 617-596-2484

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Event Information	Yes/No	If yes, Describe
Open to the public?	Yes	posters, social media, ads on WBUR
Food served?	No	
Caterer used?		
Alcohol served?	No	
Grill/open-flame device used?	No	
Streets blocked?	No	
Sidewalks blocked?	Yes	In and around the Somerville Theatre (55 Davis Square)
Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants		Accessible seats are available in all theaters. Closed captioning will be provided for as many films as possible
<b>Arrangements:</b>		
Police Detail:	Yes	If we need extra security for high-profile guests
Parking (for Attendees)?	No	
Restrooms?	No	
Liability Insurance?	Yes	We will have event insurance over and above what the Somerville Theatre has.
Will any public parks be used?	No	
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	Yes	Although we were virtual in 2020 and 2021, as the Somerville Theatre was closed due to Covid, the festival took place every April from 2003 to 2019, then returned in 2022

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**Approval Conditions:**

**Approved By:**

**CS Mayor, Approved**

**Kevin Roche, Approved**

**Charles Breen, Approved with Conditions**

Fire Alarm and fire sprinkler systems are to remain fully functional. No parts of these systems shall be disabled.

**CS Traffic and Parking, Approved**

**Eric Weisman, Approved**

**Timothy Mitsakis, Approved**

**Kimberly M. Wells, Approved**