

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL25-000033

File #: 25-007369

Application for: Public Event

Organization name: Independent Film Society of Boston, Inc.

Description: Film Festival

Date(s): 04/23/2025 04/24/2025 04/25/2025 04/26/2025 04/27/2025 04/28/2025

Setup starts at (time): 12:00PM

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: Inside and around the Somerville Theatre (55 Davis Square)

Rain date(s): N/A

Event ends at (time): 12:00AM

Temporary Structures: Barriers

Total people attending: 8000

Total Somerville residents attending: 6000

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

Financial benefits:

Attendees to the festival often eat in local restaurants and shop in local stores.

Event Contact Phone: 617-596-2484

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?	No	
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
Arrangements:		
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	2024: May 1-6; 2023: April 26-May 2. 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

Approved By:

CS Mayor, Approved

Kevin Roche, Approved with Conditions

APPROVAL CONDITION KTR 250314: Sidewalk occupancy in Davis Square is approved. No street occupancy is proposed or approved.

CS Traffic and Parking, Approved

Eric Weisman, Approved

Charles Breen, Approved

Rico Isidoro, Approved

Kimberly M. Wells, Approved