

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL26-000081

File #: 26-019888

Event Name: Somerville Nepali Street Food Festival

Business Name: SOIA - Office of Immigrant Affairs

Application Type: Public Event License

Location: 93 Highland AVE

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: The Somerville City Hall Concourse, along with the sidewalk and parking - 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: 09/05/2026

Event Setup Begins: 11:30 AM

Start Time: 12:00 PM

End Time: 09:00 PM

Event Cleanup Ends: 09:30 PM

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

Date: 09/06/2026

Start Time: 12:00 PM

End Time: 09:00 PM

Organization name; if none, your name: SOIA - Office of Immigrant Affairs / Non-Resident Nepali Association - MA

Describe any social or cultural benefits

of this event for Somerville residents : The Nepali Food Festival will celebrate Nepali culture through food, traditions, and community connections while creating opportunities for residents to learn from each other, build relationships, and celebrate Somerville's diversity.

Describe any financial benefits of this event for Somerville businesses or organizations: The Nepali Food Festival will support Somerville local businesses by attracting visitors, creating opportunities for vendors, and promoting cultural businesses while strengthening community partnerships and economic activity in Somerville.

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

Complete Mailing Address : 42 Cross St. Somerville, MA

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

Event Name : Somerville Nepali Street Food Festival

Describe the Event: The Nepali Food Festival is a community celebration featuring traditional Nepali cuisine, music, and activities that showcase Nepal's rich heritage. The event will bring together Somerville residents and community members to enjoy authentic food, connect with one another, and celebrate cultural diversity.

Describe any Entertainment at the Event (if none, type None): Nepali Music

Describe any tents, inflatables, or other temporary structures to be used (if none, type None): We will need 15 tables / 30 chairs

Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants: Interpretation services are available in multiple languages upon request. Persons with disabilities can request accommodations by contacting the ADA Coordinator at 617-625-6600 x 2059 or ADA@somervillema.gov

Estimated maximum attendance at one time : 1000

Estimated total number of people attending: 1200

Estimated total number of Somerville residents attending : 800

Maximum number of attendees you will accommodate: 1200

Attendee.fees.or.suggested donations: Free and Open to the Public - Food will be available for purchase

Will this event be open to the public?: Yes

Describe your outreach/publicity: The event will be promoted through multilingual city communication channels, community outreach, social media, local networks, and partner organizations to reach a broad and diverse audience in Somerville.

Will food be served?: Yes

If yes, describe:1: Through Somerville local Businesses

Will the event be catered?: Yes

Provide the name and address of each caterer: Through Somerville local Businesses, we can share the names and addresses later once we confirm the caterers

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

Will any streets be blocked? : No

Will any sidewalks be blocked? : Yes

If yes, describe:5: The City Hall Concourse sidewalk / Parking

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:8: We will request that the Parking Department relax parking restrictions around City Hall

Restrooms : No

Liability Insurance : No

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: Maureen Lee, ISD Health, Approved with Conditions

1. ISD Health has approved with the condition the applicant submits a Coordinators Checklist 30 days prior to the event. If assistance is needed, please contact Arturo Vazquez. Arturo can be contacted at avazquez@somervillema.gov.

Reviewer: Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved with Conditions

1. Maintain a fire lane through the event area so that fire apparatus will have access to City Hall and the 1895 building.

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Kevin Roche, Engineering, Approved

Reviewer: Eric Weisman, Public Works, Approved

Reviewer: Suzanne Rinfret, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: Mackenzie Richardson, Police, Approved

Reviewer: Courtney Henderson, City Clerk, Approved

Reviewer: Jesse Moos, Engineering, Complete

Reviewer: Emergency Management, Office of Emergency Management, Approved