

# PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL25-000019

File #: 25-006635

**Event Name:** 29th Annual Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race

**Business Name:** Somerville Road Runners

**Application Type:** Public Event/Special Alcohol License

**Location:** 0 DAVIS SQ

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## APPLICANT

**Company Name:**

**Contact Name:** Derek Lo

**Business Address:**

**Home Address:**

78 Winchester St

Medford, MA 02155

**Work Phone:**

**Home Phone:**

**Email:** dereklo555@gmail.com

**# of days:** 1

**Public Event:** Yes

**Does this event occupy a public space or significantly affect nearby residents?:** Yes

**Are you the party applying for the Public Event License?:** Yes

**Does this event include alcohol service?:** No

**Describe the location in detail:** The road race starts and finishes in Davis Square. Runners start on Holland St near Cameron Avenue, travel through Teele, Powderhouse and Ball Square and return to Davis Square via Summer Street, finishing in front of the Burren at 247 Elm St

**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:** 11/27/2025

**Event Setup Begins:** 06:00 AM

**Start Time:** 06:00 AM

**End Time:** 12:00 PM

**Event Cleanup Ends:** 01:00 PM

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

**Organization name; if none, your name:** Somerville Road Runners

**Describe any social or cultural benefits of this event for Somerville residents :** This is a fun, family-oriented Thanksgiving-day event. It is always well attended by Somerville residents. It raises money for several local charities and organizations.

**Describe any financial benefits of this event for Somerville businesses or organizations:** The race donates to Somerville charities and organizations including the Somerville Homeless Coalition, SHS Track PAC, and the Dilboy VFW Veterans' Fund. Over the past 10 years these donations have totaled over \$380,000 with \$50,000 in 2024.

**What is the budget for this event?:** 2024 expenses: \$51,849, gross income: \$129,393

**Complete Mailing Address :** PO Box 442048 West Somerville, MA 02144-0018

**Contact name for follow-up questions (Will be available to the public):** Derek Lo

**Email:** dereklo555@gmail.com

**Phone (Will be available to the public):** 978-496-8428

**Event Name :** 29th Annual Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race

**Describe the Event:** A four-mile Thanksgiving-Day foot race through the streets of Somerville

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

**Describe any tents, inflatables, or other temporary structures to be used (if none, type None):** Approx. 15 "EZUp" style 10x10 tents for pre-race activities in Seven Hills Park and 3-4 10x10 tents along Elm Street between Grove Street and Chester Street.

**Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants:** None

**Estimated maximum attendance at one time :** 3300

**Estimated total number of people attending:** 3000

**Estimated total number of Somerville residents attending :** 800

**Maximum number of attendees you will accommodate:** 3300

**Attendee fees or suggested donations :** \$40 registration fee

**Will this event be open to the public?:** Yes

**Describe your outreach/publicity:** We partner with local charities to promote the event and advertise in local running magazines and online. We post flyers and signage locally to let residents know about the race.

**Will food be served?:** No

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

**Will any streets be blocked? :** Yes

**If yes, describe::** Elm Street (in Davis Square only): Finish Line Holland Street: Starting Line near Cameron Street

**Road to be closed:** See attached course map

**Cross street where road closure will start:** See attached course map

**Cross street where road closure will end:** See attached course map

**Will any sidewalks be blocked? :** No

**Will any public parks be used? :** Yes

**If yes, name of park(s) :** Seven Hills Park

**Has this event occurred in the last two years? :** Yes

**If yes, prior dates :** Every Thanksgiving day since 1997.

**Police Detail :** Yes

**If yes, describe::** We work with SPD to determine the proper number of detail officers for traffic and crowd control. In recent years this has been 10-12 officers.

**Parking for Attendees :** No

**Restrooms :** Yes

**If yes, please describe the restrooms being provided, and if you are providing portable toilets, state how they will be delivered and removed::** We typically have one portable toilet per 100 runners so we expect to get 33 for 2025. At least one portable toilet will be wheelchair accessible. They typically arrive Wednesday morning and are picked up Friday morning.

**Liability Insurance :** Yes

**If yes, describe::** Somerville Road Runners maintains a policy with Road Runners Club of America

### **Approval Conditions:**

**Reviewer:** Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved with Conditions

1. Will require fire details as per past races.

**Reviewer:** CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

**Reviewer:** Albert Bargoot, ISD Building, 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:** Susan Yerkes, Recreation, Approved

**Reviewer:** Timothy Mitsakis, Police, Approved

**Reviewer:** Kimberly M. Wells, City Clerk, Approved