

# PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL22-000019

File #: 22-004644

**Application for:** Public Event

**Organization name:** Vernon Street Artists

**Description:** As part of the annual Somerville Open Studios event, the artists at Vernon Street Art Studios would like to block off part of Vernon Street to host an outdoor art block party. This would give some artists who are not comfortable opening their studios to the public for COVID health and safety reasons another way to interact.

**Date(s):** Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st

**Setup starts at (time):** 9:00am

**Cleanup after the event ends at (time):** 7:30pm

**Entertainment:** None

## Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: 400

Maximum attendees accommodated: 600

**Attendee fees or suggested donations:** No fees

## Social or cultural benefits:

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**Event Contact:** Heather Balchunas

**Event name:** Somerville Open Studios Vernon Street Artists Block Party

**Location:** Vernon Street from Central Street to Miner Street.

**Rain date(s):** None

**Event starts at (time):** 11am

**Event ends at (time):** 6pm

**Temporary Structures:** There will be 10x10 pop up tents, some tables and chairs.

Total people attending: 600

Total Somerville residents attending: 400

**What is your budget for this event:** Unknown

## Financial benefits:

This is part of a larger event that brings a lot of residents and non-residents out to visit artists, purchase and support artists, as well as local cafes, restaurants, and other businesses.

**Event Contact Phone:** 617-398-0346

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Event Information	Yes/No	If yes, Describe
Open to the public?	Yes	Outreach will be done through Somerville Open Studios
Food served?	No	
Caterer used?		
Alcohol served?	No	
Grill/open-flame device used?	No	
Streets blocked?	Yes	We'd like to block a part of Vernon Street from Central Street to Miner Street.
Sidewalks blocked?	No	
<b>Arrangements:</b>		
Police Detail:	Yes	Typically, we have had police detail for both days of the event as a way to monitor activities in the event of an emergency
Parking (for Attendees)?	Yes	Parking is available both in the Rogers Foam parking lot and on the street
Restrooms?	Yes	Restrooms will be available in the Vernon Street Building at 6 & 20 Vernon St
Liability Insurance?	No	
Will any public parks be used?	No	

Has the event occurred in the last two years? Yes

Somerville Open Studios happened last year on May 1st and May 2nd, but this arrangement is new because of COVID.

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**Approved By:**

**CS Mayor, Approved with Conditions**

Close Vernon St. from Miner St to Dorenzo Terr. to preserve access to Dorenzo.

**Albert Bargoot, Approved**

**Kevin Roche, Approved with Conditions**

**Dennis Sullivan, Approved with Conditions**

Whatever barrier is used to block off the streets, it must be movable in the situation where a fire apparatus needs to get through.

**CS Traffic and Parking, Approved**

**Sean Sylvester, Approved with Conditions**

**Eric Weisman, Approved**

**Kimberly M. Wells, Approved**