

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL26-000009

File #: 19-011316

Event Name: Easter Vigil

Business Name: St Benedict Parish

Application Type: Public Event License

Location: 23 HATHORN ST

APPLICANT

Company Name: St Benedict Parish

Contact Name: Yessenia Lopez

Business Address:

25 Arlington St
Somerville, MA 02145

Home Address:

8 Wisconsin Ave
Somerville, MA 02145

Work Phone: (617) 625-0029

Home Phone: (617) 625-0029

Email: business@stbenedictps.org

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: Easter Vigil Fire- Will have a grill in front of 23 Hathorn Street (front Church building), occupying the parking spaces in front of the church building.

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: 04/04/2026

Event Setup Begins: 07:30 PM

Start Time: 08:00 PM

End Time: 08:30 PM

Event Cleanup Ends: 08:30 PM

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

Organization name; if none, your name: St Benedict Parish

Describe any social or cultural benefits of this event for Somerville residents : Religious Event- Start of the Easter Vigil celebration-need open fire to light the Paschal Candle used for Easter Vigil Celebration.

Describe any financial benefits of this event for Somerville businesses or organizations: None

What is the budget for this event?: 0.00

Complete Mailing Address : 25 Arlington Street Somerville, MA 02145

Contact name for follow-up questions (Will be available to the public): Yessenia Lopez

Email: business@stbenedictps.org

Phone (Will be available to the public): 6176250029

Event Name : Easter Vigil

Describe the Event: The start of the Easter Vigil celebration, the lighting of the Paschal Candle, the official start of the Easter Vigil celebration in front of the church building located at 23 Hathorn Street

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

Describe any tents, inflatables, or other temporary structures to be used (if none, type None): Will use a wood grill for the fire

Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants: open to the public

Estimated maximum attendance at one time : 250

Estimated total number of people attending: 250

Estimated total number of Somerville residents attending : 200

Maximum number of attendees you will accommodate: 450

Attendee fees or suggested donations : None

Will this event be open to the public?: Yes

Describe your outreach/publicity: Social media, parish bulletin, posters on church premises and parish website

Will food be served?: No

Will a grill/open-flame device be used? : Yes

If yes, describe:: The Easter Vigil celebration begins with the blessing of the fire-open wood fire to light the Easter Paschal Candle. Fire ceremony is only a very small part of the celebration but extremely important. It only takes about 5 minutes and after the Paschal Candle is lit, the grill fire is put out and the celebration is moved inside the church to continue with the celebration

Will any streets be blocked? : No

Will any sidewalks be blocked? : Yes

If yes, describe:: only for the 5-10 minutes of the fire blessing

Will any public parks be used? : No

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

If yes, prior dates : April 19, 2025 March 30, 2024

Police Detail : No

Parking for Attendees : No

Restrooms : No

Liability Insurance : No

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved with Conditions

1. same comments as public event license

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Albert Bargoot, ISD Building, 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: Kimberly M. Wells, City Clerk, Approved