

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL26-000012

File #: 26-005779

Event Name: Greek Independence Day Celebration 2026

Business Name: Dormition of the Virgin Mary

Application Type: Public Event License

Location: 93 HIGHLAND AVE

APPLICANT

Company Name: Dormition of the Virgin Mary

Contact Name:

Business Address:

Home Address:

29 Central Street
Somerville, MA 02143

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Email: amstef98@gmail.com

Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants: This event will be held at Somerville City Hall which has railings to help people get up the steps and an elevator to help people go up and down levels of the building.

Estimated maximum attendance at one time : 50

Estimated total number of people attending: 50

Estimated total number of Somerville residents attending : 50

Maximum number of attendees you will accommodate: 50-75?

Attendee fees or suggested donations : N/A (this is a free event)

Will this event be open to the public?: Yes

Describe your outreach/publicity: N/A

Will food be served?: Yes

If yes, describe:: This will be a potluck lunch with pastries provided and donated by members of the church.

Will the event be catered?: No

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

Will any streets be blocked? : No

Will any sidewalks be blocked? : No

Will any public parks be used? : No

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

If yes, prior dates : March 22, 2025 March 30, 2024

Police Detail : No

Parking for Attendees : Yes

If yes, describe:: Attendees can park in the parking lot at Somerville City Hall

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:: Attendees can use the bathrooms located inside Somerville City Hall.

Liability Insurance : No

of days: 1

Does this event occupy a public space or significantly affect nearby residents?: No

Describe the location in detail: We will hold the event at Somerville City Hall, beginning with the raising of the Greek and American flags near the flagpoles. We will then walk to the George Dilboy statue for a brief memorial service led by our parish priest. Afterward, we will return to City Hall and gather in the City Council chambers for a short program.

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: 03/28/2026

Event Setup Begins: 10:00 AM

Start Time: 11:00 AM

End Time: 12:30 PM

Event Cleanup Ends: 01:30 PM

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

Organization name; if none, your name: Dormition of the Virgin Mary

Describe any social or cultural benefits of this event for Somerville residents : A Greek Independence Day celebration at city hall provides important social and cultural benefits by preserving traditions connected to Greece and allowing Greek Americans to share their heritage with the wider community. It promotes cultural awareness, diversity, and mutual respect among residents while strengthening community unity and civic pride. The event also helps pass traditions to younger generations and recognizes the contributions of the Greek community, often connected to institutions like the Greek Orthodox Church, enriching the city's overall cultural identity.

Describe any financial benefits of this event for Somerville businesses or organizations: Although the event is small, it can still provide modest financial benefits to local businesses in Somerville. Residents and visitors coming to city hall for the celebration may choose to visit nearby restaurants, cafés, or shops before or after the event, increasing foot traffic and potential sales. Even a small increase in visitors helps support local businesses and strengthens the connection between community events and the local economy.

What is the budget for this event?: N/A, no money needs to be spent on this event

Complete Mailing Address : 29 Central Street Somerville MA, 02143

Contact name for follow-up questions (Will be available to the public): Anna Mercina Stefanou

Email: amstef98@gmail.com

Phone (Will be available to the public): 617-955-6569

Event Name : Greek Independence Day Celebration 2026

Describe the Event: Attendees can expect to learn about Greek American heritage and learn about the contributions of the Greek community. The event will start with the raising of the American and Greek flags along with the singing of the American and Greek national anthems. This will be followed by an honorary memorial service for George Dilboy held by our parish priest, to recognize him and what he did for the Greek-American community. This will be followed by a ceremony in the City Hall Council Chambers that will include guest speakers, the presentation of the Dilboy Humanitarian Award, and a special presentation by the Dormition Greek School.

Describe any Entertainment at the Event (if none, type None): The event will have the raising of the American and Greek flags along with the singing of the American and Greek national anthems. We will also have an honorary memorial service for George Dilboy held by our parish priest. This will be followed by a ceremony in the City Hall Council Chambers that will include guest speakers, the presentation of the Dilboy Humanitarian Award, and a special presentation by the Dormition Greek School.

Describe any tents, inflatables, or other temporary structures to be used (if none, type None): None

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: Maureen Lee, ISD Health, Approved with Conditions

1. ISD Health has approved with the condition that participants at the event must be informed that neither the food nor the facilities have been inspected by the state or by a local public health agency.

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Kevin Roche, Engineering, Approved

Reviewer: Eric Weisman, Public Works, Approved

Reviewer: Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved

Reviewer: Suzanne Rinfret, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: Mackenzie Richardson, Police, Approved

Reviewer: Kimberly M. Wells, City Clerk, Approved

Reviewer: Jesse Moos, Engineering, Complete