

City of Somerville Licensing Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday March 18, 2025 6:00 p.m. City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

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Communications

- 1. Minutes of the Regular Licensing Commission Meeting of 2/18/2025.
- 2. City Clerk conveying proposed changes to Section 1.08(k) of the Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations to reflect an update to the Massachusetts General Laws.

k. Any licensee, or agent or employee thereof, who reasonably relies on any form of identification permitted under M.G.L. c. 138, § 34B, for proof of a person's identity and age shall not suffer any disciplinary action or any criminal liability for delivering or selling alcohol or alcoholic beverages to a person under twenty-one years of age. Such licensee shall be presumed to have used due care in making the sale, but such presumption shall be rebuttable. The information on the card or license must clearly match the photograph and description of the card or license holder and there should be no obvious signs of tampering upon reasonable inspection. (3/18/25)

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Violations

3. Hearing for Galwegan Inc. d/b/a The Burren, 247 Elm Street, AL17-000037, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 138 §§ 23 and 64, to show cause as to why their All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, 2AM Closing License, Common Victualer License, Outdoor Public Seating License, 10AM Sunday Opening License, and Entertainment by Devices, Patrons, and Performers Licenses should not be modified, suspended, revoked or forfeited, or the hours during which alcoholic beverages be reduced, for alleged violations of the following Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations:

Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09(a) –

It shall be the obligation of licensees to ensure that a high degree of supervision is exercised over the conduct of the licensed establishment at all times. Each licensee will be held accountable for all violations that are related to the licensed premises to determine whether or not the licensee acted properly in the given circumstances.

Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09(e) –

When any noise, disturbance, misconduct, disorder, act or activity occurs in the licensed premises, or in the area in front of or adjacent to the licensed premises, or in any parking lot provided by the licensee for the use of its patrons, which in the judgment of the Commission adversely affects the protection, health, welfare, safety or repose of the residents of the area in which the licensed premises are located, or results in the licensed premises becoming the focal point for police attention, or is offensive to public decency, the licensee may be held in violation of the license and subject to proceedings for suspension, revocation or modification of the license.

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New Common Victualer License

4. Compass Group USA Inc d/b/a Capital One Café, 425 Revolution Drive, requesting approval of a Common Victualer License.

Hours of operation:

Mon-Fri: 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sat: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sun: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Indoor seats: 60 (AL23-000029)

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Existing Common Victualer License Alteration of Premises

5. Modelo Butcher Market Inc. d/b/a Modelo Butcher Market, 501 Medford Street, requesting approval of Alteration of Premises.

Current Indoor Seats: 16 Proposed Indoor Seats: 24

(ALM24-000043, amending AL19-000006)

Existing Marijuana Establishment License Change of Hours

6. Sira Naturals, Inc. d/b/a AYR, 240 Elm Street, requesting approval of a Change of Hours. Current Hours: Mon-Sun: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Proposed Hours: Sun-Weds: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Thurs-Sat: 10:00 a.m to 11:00 p.m (MEA25-000001, amending ME20-000008)

Special Alcohol Licenses

- 7. St. Anthony Parish, 12 Properzi Way Somerville, requesting the approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Baile das Maes (Mother's Day), to be held indoors at 12 Properzi Way, on 5/10/25 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000020)
- 8. St. Anthony Parish, 12 Properzi Way Somerville, requesting the approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Festa Junina 2025, to be held outdoors at 12 Properzi Way parking lot, on 6/21/25 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000021)

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- 9. Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Music at WXI, to be held indoors at 11 Sanborn Court, on 3/16/25, 3/18/25, 3/21/25. 3/22/25, and 3/23/25 from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000013)
- 10. Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Warehouse XI Music, to be held indoors at 11 Sanborn Court, on 3/28/25. 4/3/25, 4/4/25, 4/6/25, and 4/8/25 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000027)
- 11. Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Music at Warehouse, to be held indoors at 11 Sanborn Court, on 4/10/25, 4/11/25, 4/17/25, and 4/18/25 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000028)

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