

City of Somerville Licensing Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday October 21, 2025 6:00 p.m. Remote Participation ONLY

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Communications

- 1. Minutes of the Licensing Commission Regular Meeting of 9/16/2025.
- 2. Minutes of the Licensing Commission Special Meeting of 9/23/2025.
- 3. Communication from the Chair that the 2025 Outdoor Dining Program on public property (sidewalks and parklets) ends on November 30, 2025. Licensees must remove all furniture and accessories no later than midnight on November 30.
- 4. Communication from the Licensing Operations Manager regarding changes to the 2026 Licensing Commission annual license renewal process.
- 5. Communication from the Chair regarding complaint received for Mike's Bar Inc. d/b/a Mike's Bar, 97 Washington Street, AL17-000049.
- 6. Licensing Commission requesting a status report from Somerville City Club Inc., d/b/a Somerville City Club, 20 Inner Belt Road, AL17-000025, regarding the use of their All Forms Alcohol Service License.

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7. Licensing Commission requesting a status report from Distinct Beer and Wine, Inc., d/b/a Distinct Beer and Wine, 14 McGrath Highway, AL17-000323, regarding use of their Wine and Malt Package Store License.

Special Alcohol Licenses

- 8. The Lawn Bar Inc., 300 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for The Lawn Bar at Club Volo, to be held outdoors at 300 Assembly Row, from 10/18/2025 through 10/31/2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (SAL25-000017)
- 9. Boston Bouldering Project, 12A Tyler Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Malt Only) for Boulderfest, to be held indoors at 12A Tyler Street, on 11/1/2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (SAL25-000016)
- 10. Dormition of the Virgin Mary, 29 Central Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Wedding Celebration, to be held indoors at 29 Central Street, on 11/22/2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (SAL25-000018)

Special Farmer Winery Licenses

- 11. Blisspoint Meadery, 1 Fox Run Road, Bedford, requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License for Somerville Winter Farmers Market, to be held indoors at 191 Highland Avenue, on Saturdays from 11/1/2025 through 4/11/2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (SFW25-000006)
- 12. Saltbox Cidershop, 22 North Broadway, Haverhill, requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License for Somerville Winter Farmers Market, to be held indoors at 191 Highland Avenue, on Saturdays from 11/1/2025 through 4/11/2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (SFW25-000007)

New Common Victualer License

13. Mikura Group LLC d/b/a Kokoro Don Café, 66 Summer Street, requesting approval of a common victualer license. Hours of Operation:

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Monday-Sunday: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Indoor Seats: 5 (AL25-000027)

Existing All Forms Restaurant License Change of Location

14. Ebi Sushi Inc. d/b/a Ebi Sushi, 290 Somerville Avenue, requesting approval of a change

of location.

Current location: 290 Somerville Avenue Proposed location: 10 Prospect Street (AL25-000010, amending AL17-000109)

This is a Notice of Public Hearing for this item. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard.

Existing All Forms Restaurant License Alteration of Indoor and Outdoor Premises

15. Soba Ya LLC d/b/a Sugidama, 234 Elm Street, requesting approval of an alteration of indoor and outdoor premises.

Current number of seats: 36 (Indoors)
Current number of seats: 16 (Outdoors)
Proposed number of seats: 57 (Indoors)
Proposed number of seats: 0 (Outdoors)

(ALM25-000028, amending AL22-000010)

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Existing All Forms Restaurant License Change of Manager

16. Earl's Restaurant (Somerville, MA) Inc. d/b/a Earl's Kitchen and Bar, 698 Assembly

Row, requesting approval of a change of manager.

Current manager: Wesley Zambrano Proposed manager: Sarah Rosenstein

(ALM25-000031, amending AL17-000098)

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17. RSCH Operations Inc. d/b/a Ruth's Chris Steak House, 375 Revolution Drive, requesting

approval of a change of manager. Current manager: Srdan Bajas Proposed manager: Scott Swintek

(ALM25-000030, amending AL19-000026)

18. Somerville BBQ Co LLC d/b/a Smoke Shop BBQ, 325 Assembly Row, requesting

approval of a change of manager. Current manager: Aimee Magner Proposed manager: Joseph Depina

(ALM25-000032, amending AL17-000304)

Existing All Forms Package Store License Change of Stock Interest and DBA Name

19. Mahantguru Corporation d/b/a Liquor World, 225-231 Elm Street, requesting approval of a change of stock interest and change of DBA name.

Current stock interest: Shivam Patel: 30% Harmit Raval: 70% Proposed stock interest: Shivam Patel: 0% Harmit Raval: 100%

Current d/b/a name: Liquor World Proposed d/b/a name: Liquor Hub

(ALM25-000029, amending AL23-000022)

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Transfer of License and Pledge of License All Forms 7 Day Package Store License Sunday Hours License

20. VJRP LLC d/b/a Joe's Liquor, 168 Broadway, requesting approval of a transfer of an All Forms Package Store License and Pledge of License from Joe's Liquor Inc. d/b/a Joe's Liquor.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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(AL25-000026, transferring from AL18-000014)

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