



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Regular Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday
November 18, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

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Communications

1. Minutes of the Licensing Commission Regular Meeting of 10/21/2025.
2. Communication from Commissioner Lynch in his capacity as Chair conveying the 2026 Licensing Commission meeting dates.
3. Communication from Commissioner Lynch, in his capacity as Chair, to allow Wine and Malt establishments to open until 1 AM on New Year's Eve, conditioned on providing notice to the City Clerk's office.

4. 2025 Licensing Commission Licensee Status



2AM Closing Establishments:

Business Name	Address
The Independent	75 Union Square
Casey's	171 Broadway
Vera's	70 Union Square
Olde Magoun Saloon	518 Medford Street
Foundry on Elm	255 Elm Street
The Burren	247 Elm Street
Trina's Starlight Lounge	3 Beacon Street
El Potro	61 Union Square
Earl's Kitchen and Bar	698 Assembly Row #102
La Posada Restaurant	505 Medford Street
Holiday Inn	30 Washington Street
Premiere on Broadway	519 Broadway
The Tall Order	70 Beacon Street
PJ Ryan's	239-241 Holland Street
Lucky Strike	325 Revolution Drive
Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine	102 Broadway

Issued Licenses:

Common Victualer (without alcohol)	153
Restaurants (All Forms)	96
Restaurants (Wine and Malt)	18
Package Stores (All Forms)	20
Package Stores (Wine and Malt)	9
Inns (with Alcohol)	3
Inns (without Alcohol)	3
Clubs	10
Farmer Pourer	3
Educational Institution	1

Returned Alcohol Service Licenses:



Business Name	Address
Rudy's Café	248 Holland Street
Southern Kin Cookhouse and Bar	500 Assembly Row
The Basement	1133B Broadway
Taco Party	711 Broadway
The Thirsty Scholar	70 Beacon Street
Frank	400 Assembly Row
Papa Sushi	499 Broadway

5. 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.
Continued from October 21, 2025, Licensing Commission meeting.
6. Civility Inc d/b/a Civility Social House, 490 Foley Street, AL22-000016, conveying removal of public parklet seating; maintaining private patio seating, ALM23-000001.
7. H and P Restaurant Group Inc d/b/a Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine, 102 Broadway, AL24-000025, conveying removal of public sidewalk and parklet seating.
8. Lt. Francis Otting, Somerville Fire Department, Fire Prevention, conveying to the Commission fire safety violations at Kongdog Somerville Inc d/b/a Kong Dog Somerville, 236 Elm Street, AL23-000033.

2026 ABCC License Renewals

9. Requesting approval of all 2026 ABCC license renewals.

Violations



10. Hearing for Mike's Bar Inc d/b/a Mike's Bar, 97 Washington Street, AL17-000049, 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, Common Victualer License, Entertainment by Devices and Performers Licenses, and 10AM Sunday Opening License, 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(b) –

Licensees shall maintain compliance with all health and safety laws for the areas outside and contiguous to the licensed premises.

Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09 (d) –

Licensees shall take such steps as are necessary to ensure that patrons or employees do not leave the premises with alcoholic beverages. Such steps may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Having an employee stationed at the door to watch patrons as they leave;
- (2) Refusing to serve beer in bottles;
- (3) Refusing to serve alcohol beverages in disposable cups. When the Commission's agents observe patrons leaving the premises with beer bottles, beer cans, or cups or glasses filled with liquids that smell like alcoholic beverages, it shall be presumed that the vessels contain alcoholic beverages...

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, the licensee may be held in violation of the license and subject to proceedings for suspension, revocation or modification of the license.

Special Alcohol Licenses



11. Warehouse XI, 255 Washington Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Live at WXI, to be held indoors at 255 Washington Street, on 11/21/2025, 11/22/2025, 11/28/2025, 12/5/2025, 12/6/2025, 12/8/2025, 12/12/2025, 12/13/2025, 12/15/2025, 12/19/2025, 1/9/2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and 12/31/2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (Alcohol Service)
(SAL25-000023)
12. Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Road, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine Only) for Annual Holiday Party and Opening Exhibition “Crating the Mind,” to be held indoors at 1 Westwood Road, on 12/12/2025 and 1/15/2026 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service)
(SAL25-000024)
13. St. Anthony Parish, 12 Properzi Way, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Reveillon 2026, to be held indoors at 12 Properzi Way, on 12/31/2025 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (Alcohol Service)
(SAL25-000021)
14. Dormition of the Virgin Mary, 29 Central Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for New Year’s Eve Party, to be held indoors at 29 Central Street, on 12/31/2025 from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (Alcohol Service)
(SAL25-000022)

Special Farmer Winery Licenses

15. 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 11/22/2025 through 4/11/2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SFW25-000006)
Continued from October 21, 2025, Licensing Commission meeting.

New **Common Victualer License and Entertainment by Devices Indoors**



16. Goodgrain Inc d/b/a Wildgrain, 29 Properzi Way, requesting approval of a common victualer license and entertainment by devices indoors.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Indoor Seats: 23

(AL25-000034)

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

Private Club (Without Alcohol)

Entertainment by Devices, Performers, and Patrons Indoor and Outdoor

17. King's Court Comedy LLC d/b/a King's Court Comedy, 71 Union Square, requesting approval of a private club license (without alcohol) and entertainment by devices, performers, and patrons indoors and outdoors.

Hours of Operation:

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

Thursday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Indoor Seats: 0

(AL25-000030)

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

Existing All Forms Club License

Change of Manager

18. Dante Club Inc d/b/a Dante Club, 5 Dante Terrace, requesting approval of a change of manager.

Current manager: James Aufiero

Proposed manager: Kevin C. Hanifin

(ALM25-000036, amending AL17-000016)

Existing All Forms Restaurant License

Entertainment by Devices Outdoors

19. Atelier PRB LLC d/b/a Café Saint Germain, 120 Beacon Street, requesting approval of entertainment by devices outdoors.



(ALM25-000033, amending AL24-000007)

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

Existing All Forms Restaurant License
Change of DBA and Change of Ownership Interest

20. MCKD LLC d/b/a Novel, 1153 Broadway, requesting approval of change of DBA and change of ownership interest.

Current DBA: Novel

Proposed DBA: Liars

Current Ownership Interest:

Mary Kurth (100%)

Proposed Ownership Interest:

Mary Kurth (80.5%)

Martha Campbell (12.5%)

Aubrey Harris (7.0%)

(ALM25-000035, amending AL24-000014)

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

Existing All Forms Restaurant License
Change of DBA, 2AM License, Outdoor Dining, and Entertainment by Performers Indoors

21. Ebi Sushi Inc. d/b/a Ebi Sushi, 10 Prospect Street, requesting approval of a change of DBA, 2AM License, outdoor dining, and entertainment by performers indoors.

Current DBA: Ebi Sushi

Proposed DBA: Ebi Sushi and Dashizen



Current Hours:

Sunday-Thursday: 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 5:00p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday: 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Proposed Hours:

Sunday- Thursday: 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Friday-Saturday: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Public Sidewalk Outdoor Seating:

Seats: 14

Square Feet: 252

(ALM25-000034, amending AL25-000010)

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

New
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License
Common Victualer, Outdoor Private Dining, and Entertainment by Devices
Outdoors

22. The Lawn Bar Inc d/b/a The Lawn Bar, 300 Assembly Row, requesting approval of an all forms 7-day restaurant license, common victualer, private outdoor dining, and entertainment by devices outdoors.

Hours of Operation (Outdoors only):

Monday-Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Indoor Seats: 0

Outdoor Seats: 168

(AL25-000006)

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

New
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License
Common Victualer and Entertainment by Devices Indoors

23. L'Emporio Inc d/b/a Olivia's Kitchen, 711 Broadway, requesting approval of an all forms 7-day restaurant license, common victualer, and entertainment by devices indoors.

Hours of Operation

(Alcohol Service):

Monday: Closed



Tuesday-Friday: 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
(Food Service):
Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Indoor Seats: 34
(AL25-000029)

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

New
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License
Entertainment by Devices Indoors

24. AYT Foods LLC d/b/a The Blue Elephant, 719 Broadway, requesting approval of an all forms 7-day restaurant license and entertainment by devices indoors.
Hours of Operation (Alcohol and Food Service):
Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Indoor Seats: 44
(AL25-000031)

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