

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2015-021

*Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Columbia's Annual Blues Festival
in Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park on October 24, 2015*

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WHEREAS, Word of Mouth Productions ("Organizer") is sponsoring Columbia's Annual Blues Festival in Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and the 2200 block of Greene Street between Pine Street and Oak Street adjacent to Martin Luther King, Jr. Park on Saturday, October 24, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Organizer has requested permission to use Martin Luther King, Jr. and for the temporary closing and use of the portion of the 2200 block of Greene Street between Pine Street and Oak Street adjacent to Martin Luther King, Jr. Park from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2015, for preparation of the event, staging of the event, crowd control and overflow during the event to be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.; and for patrons to consume beer and wine beverages only at the event on October 24, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such an event would be in the public interest; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council this 5th day of May, 2015, that the sale of beer and wine beverages only is authorized between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2015; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that possession and consumption of alcoholic liquors or alcoholic beverages other than beer and/or wine beverages only within the event area is prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that VIP tents or VIP areas for the possession and consumption of alcoholic liquors or alcoholic beverages, other than beer or wine beverages only, within the event area are prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that organizer is responsible or shall make arrangements for the cleanup of all trash and debris within the festival area and within the designated area of impact as shown on the attached drawing, and shall place same in the roll carts provided by the City. Any overflow of trash and debris shall be placed in garbage bags with the top securely closed and placed beside the City roll carts. The number of roll carts needed for the event shall be determined by organizer and the City Solid Waste Division prior to the event and placed throughout the event area to ensure that trash and debris are well contained. Roll carts and bagged trash and debris shall be returned to the collection point designated by the City in a timely manner. If the organizer has not opted to use City services to clean up the festival area and within the designated area of impact as shown on the attached drawing, any costs incurred by the City in removing loose trash and debris within the festival area and within the designated area of impact as shown on the attached drawing, which the organizer has failed to clean up, shall be billed to and paid by the organizer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all vendors be restricted to stationary location; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that outdoor possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages only, all outdoor musical performances and use of sound-amplifying devices shall end by 10:00 p.m. due to the proximity of the event to residential properties; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only pedestrian traffic will be allowed within the area. All other traffic, including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, skate boards, and horses, except police horses, is prohibited. Canines and felines are allowed, provided that current leash laws are observed as are set out in the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, as amended. Coolers, glass bottles, breakable glasses and/or cups, large bags and backpacks shall be prohibited; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated time the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park area and the closed portion of the 2200 block of Greene Street between Pine Street and Oak Street, with the exception of the parking area and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic beverages, shall be declared to be a Public Park and provisions of Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, 15-2 and 15-3, Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina are in effect. Pursuant to Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV, Offenses Against the Public Peace and Order, Sec. 14-99, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, that the Martin Luther King, Jr., Park area and the 2200 block of Greene Street between Pine Street and Oak Street, with the exception of the parking area and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic beverages, is deemed to be the site of a public festival at which alcoholic beverages may be consumed and the prohibition against possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages set forth in Sec. 14-99 shall not apply. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted only in containers provided by vendors within the areas designated.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the event organizer shall provide the names and cell phone numbers of a least two contact persons who can receive complaints during the event, including any set up and breakdown times. The cell phones shall remain on at all times during the event and during any set up and breakdown time.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that failure of the event organizer to strictly comply with the time frames and other requirements and responsibilities set forth in this resolution may result in a denial of subsequent requests to allow the event.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no solicitation or transactions be made in violation of Sec. 14-32, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event of inclement weather on Saturday, October 24, 2015, the City Manager is authorized to approve the rescheduling of the event for another date within one (1) week from the date of the originally scheduled event upon receiving twenty-four (24) hours written notice requesting the rescheduling of the event. The hours of operation for the event, service of beer and wine at the event and closing of streets for set up, clean up and crowd control of the event shall remain as outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the organizer reschedule the event for another date beyond one (1) week from the date of the originally scheduled event, a request for a resolution of City Council approving the new date of the event shall be required.

Requested by:

Senior Assistant City Manager Baker



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Introduced: 5/5/2015
Final Reading: 5/5/2015