

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2000-054

*Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages
and Group Therapy's Thirteenth Annual Chili Cookoff*

WHEREAS, Group Therapy is sponsoring the Thirteenth Annual Chili Cookoff on Saturday, November 4, 2000, proceeds from which will be donated to the Babcock Center; and,

WHEREAS, Group Therapy has requested permission for the temporary closing and use of the 2100 block of Greene Street adjacent to its building from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. for preparation of the area for an outdoor event, and for patrons to consume alcoholic beverages at the event during the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 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 4th day of October, 2000, that the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2000; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all vendors be restricted to stationary location; 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. All pets, including snakes, shall be prohibited. Coolers, glass bottles and breakable glasses and/or cups shall be prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated time the closed portion of the 2100 block of Greene 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

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and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, 15-2 and 15-3, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina are in effect. Pursuant to 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, the 2100 block of Greene 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 area designated.

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

Requested by:



Mayor

Approved by:



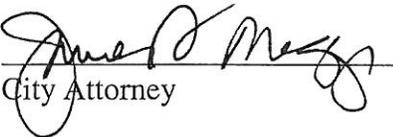
City Manager

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

Introduced: 10/4/2000

Final Reading: 10/4/2000



GROUP THERAPY, INC.

September 19th, 2000

Mr. Michael Bierman
City Manager
City of Columbia
P.O. Box 147
Columbia, SC 29217



RE: Request for closure of the 2100 block of Greene Street on Saturday, November 4, 2000

Dear Mr. Bierman and City Council:

I am writing to you and City Council on behalf of Group Therapy and the fourteenth annual Chili Cookoff. In tradition, the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Babcock Centre, a charity that Group Therapy has now supported for fourteen years in an ongoing commitment to community development.

We thoroughly appreciate the cooperation of the Columbia City Council for helping make last years event possible and are again, respectfully requesting the support of the Council.

As with past events, we wish to secure the 2100 block of Greene Street in front of Group Therapy on Saturday, November 4, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. to accommodate a projected crowd of approximately fifteen hundred in a safe and manageable fashion. These hours will also provide a safe set-up and breakdown of equipment. We also request that Council designate this area for the sale and consumption of alcohol. Although this event is primarily a food attraction, we do offer beverages to our guests and these sales constitute a large portion of our donation to the Babcock Centre.

Enclosed, please find the letter of consent provided by Group Therapy's adjacent business neighbors, which may help alleviate any natural concerns.

We the organizers understand how incredibly busy City Council must be and thank you for taking the time to review this request, and in advance for your support. I am available to answer questions for Council at any time so please feel free to contact me for any reason (256-1203 or 603-3671).

Sincerely,

Scott Linaberry
General Manager
Group Therapy, Inc.