

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2002-073

*Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages at
University Neighborhood Association Block Party*

WHEREAS, the University Neighborhood Association ("UNA") is sponsoring a block party in the 900 block of Laurens Street between Pendleton Street and College Street, on Thursday, November 14, 2002 from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.; and,

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WHEREAS, UNA has requested permission for the temporary closing and use of the portion of the 900 block of Laurens Street between Pendleton Street and College Street, from 5:00 until 9:30 p.m. for preparation of the event; and from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for attendees to consume beer and wine beverages at the event, and for crowd control and overflow; 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 6th day of November, 2002, that consumption of beer and wine beverages is authorized between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2002 within the 900 block of Laurens Street between Pendleton Street and College Street; 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 shall be prohibited. Coolers, glass bottles, breakable glasses and/or cups, large bags and backpacks shall be prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated time the closed portion of Laurens

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 Part 2, Article D, Division II, Sections 2-2052 through 2-2054, 1979 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina are in effect. Pursuant to Section 2-2047(2)(b), 1979 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, that portion of the 900 block of Laurens Street between Pendleton Street and College 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 Section 2-2047 shall not apply. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted only in containers provided by vendors within the areas designated.

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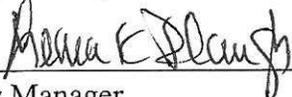
PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no solicitation or transactions be made in violation of Code Section 2-2046, et. seq., 1979 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

Requested by:



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

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Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2002 12:57 PM
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Subject: Request for Street Closing

Pam,

On behalf of the University Neighborhood Association (UNA), I would like to petition City Council for permission to close the 900 block of Laurens St. (between Pendleton and College Streets) on Thursday, November 14, between the hours of 5:30pm and 9:00pm.

The City's Traffic Engineering Dept. and UNA are running a pilot study to test the new outdoor lighting system that will be installed in our neighborhood. We would like to have a block party that evening to invite City Council and City staff, members of the Citizens Committee that will be evaluating this lighting system for possible use in other neighborhoods, and our partners from USC, the National Advocacy Center, and the Five Points Association to come down that evening to meet our neighbors and see the lights for themselves.

Please submit this request to Council at their November 6 meeting.

As there is normally a good bit of traffic on Laurens St., including an RTA bus route, I will need to speak with the appropriate City staff to discuss the best way to re-route traffic for this 3 and half hour period and where to place the detour signs and arrows. Please have the appropriate person contact me.

It occurred to me that I may have left out a very crucial detail regarding our proposed "block party" on Nov.14 -- to wit: that we want to serve wine (and maybe beer) as part of the refreshments. I think this falls under the category of an "open container on public property" which has to be sanctioned by Council as a part of the "street closing" resolution.

If you have any questions about this request or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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