

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2003-24

*Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages at
Riverfest Celebration at Riverfront Park*

WHEREAS, the Epilepsy Foundation of South Carolina is sponsoring a Riverfest Celebration at Riverfront Park to raise funds for the Epilepsy Foundation on Saturday, May 3, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee has requested permission for merchants to operate sale booths as part of the celebration; 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 ___ day of _____, 2003, that between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2003, merchants are authorized to operate sale booths for items normally sold in their course of business, except alcoholic beverages, beer and wine, within the Riverfront Park area; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sales of arts and crafts items (to be defined as items which are in whole or in part handmade and not items purchased for resale) and food and beverage items and game booths be permitted and that the Committee be authorized to determine and allocate available space to vendors and to charge reasonable fees to recover its costs in promoting and operating the festival. The Committee may limit the number of vendors based on space available. Beer sales are authorized between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Food

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sales will stop at 9:00 p.m. The Committee shall prescribe the required application form and appropriate deadline for receiving applications; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all vendors be restricted to stationary location and the Committee shall approve or disapprove all amplified entertainment activities; 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 at the Riverfest Celebration except dogs participating in the dog show. Coolers, glass bottles, breakable glasses and/or cups, backpacks and large bags shall be prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated time the Riverfront Park area, 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, the Riverfront Park area, 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, HOWEVER, that no solicitation or transactions be made in violation of Sec.

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14-32, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should rain postpone the event, it shall be allowed on Saturday, May 10, 2003.

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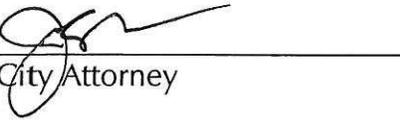
Mayor

Approved by:



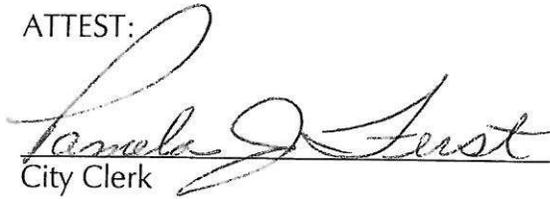
City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Introduced: 4/16/2003

Final Reading: 4/16/2003

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