

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2003-041

*Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages
and Group Therapy's 25th Anniversary Street Party*

WHEREAS, Group Therapy is sponsoring its 25th Anniversary Street Party on Saturday, August 23, 2003, proceeds from which will be donated to the Harvest Hope Food Center and Five Points Committee; 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 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. for preparation and staging of the area for an outdoor event to be held between 1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., and for patrons to consume alcoholic beverages at the event during the hours of 1:00 p.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 16th day of July, 2003, that the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, 2003; 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, 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 the 2100 block of Greene Street, with the exception of the parking area and any other areas posted as to not allow

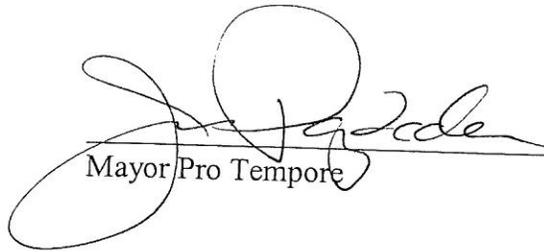
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alcoholic beverages, shall be declared to be a Public Park and provisions of Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, 15-2 and 15-3, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina are in effect. Pursuant to declared to be a Public 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, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m on Saturday, August 23, 2003, 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:



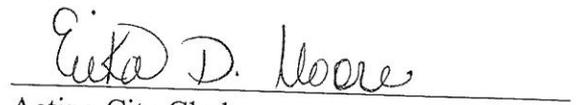
Mayor Pro Tempore

Approved by:



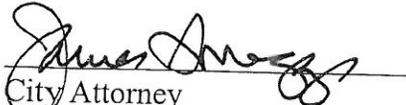
Interim City Manager

ATTEST:



Acting City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

Introduced: 7/16/2003

Final Reading: 7/16/2003



GROUP THERAPY, INC.

May 1, 2003

Mr. Charles P. Austin
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, August 23, 2003

Dear Mr. Charles P. Austin and City Council:

I am writing to you and City Council on behalf of Group Therapy and the 25th Anniversary Street Party. Our commitment to community development will be satisfied with one half of our proceeds donated to Harvest Hope Food Center. Due to the recent events in the five points area, we have decided to donate the second half of our proceeds to the Five Points Committee.

We thoroughly appreciate the cooperation of the Columbia City Council for helping make our 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, August 23, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. to accommodate a projected crowd of approximately one thousand in a safe and manageable fashion. These hours will also provide for a safe set-up and breakdown of equipment. We also request that Council designate this area for the sale and consumption of alcohol from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.. We will offer beverages to our guests and these sales constitute a large portion of our donation to the Five Points Association and Harvest Hope. *10:00 event ends*

Enclosed, please find the letter of consent provided by Group Therapy's adjacent business neighbors and a letter of consent from the Five Points Association, 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 466-6722).

Sincerely,

Kelly LaFreniere
Special Events Coordinator
Group Therapy, Inc.

