

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2004-056

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

WHEREAS, Group Therapy is sponsoring its Annual Chili Cookoff on Saturday, October 23, 2004, 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 11:00 p.m. for preparation and staging of the area for an outdoor event to be held between 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., and for patrons to consume alcoholic beverages at the event during the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 10:30 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 15th day of September, 2004, that the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2004; 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 alcoholic beverages, shall be declared to be a Public Park and provisions of Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec.

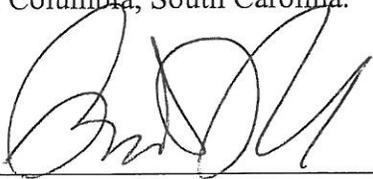
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15-1, 15-2 and 15-3, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina are in effect. Pursuant to declared to be a Public Park and provisions of Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, 15-2 and 15-3, Code of Ordinances of the City 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 11:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2004, 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.

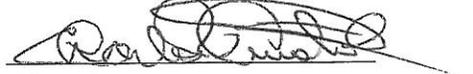
PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no solicitation or transactions be made in violation of Code Sec. 14-32, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

Requested by:



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

Introduced: 9/15/2004

Final Reading: 9/15/2004

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GROUP THERAPY, INC.

August 25, 2004

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, October 23, 2004

Dear Mr. Charles P. Austin and City Council:

I am writing to you and City Council on behalf of Group Therapy and the eighteenth annual Chili Cook-off. In tradition, the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Babcock Center, a charity that Group Therapy has now supported for eighteen 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 the past events, we wish to secure the 2100 block of Greene Street in front of Group Therapy on Saturday, October 23rd, 2004 from 9:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. to accommodate a projected crowd of approximately fifteen hundred 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. 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 Center.

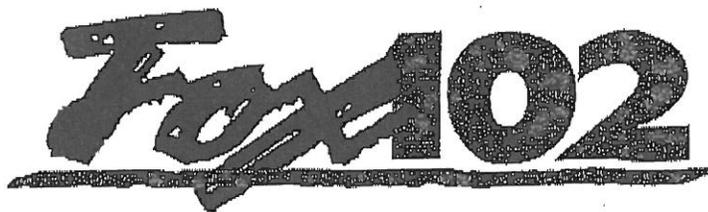
Enclosed, please find the letter of consent provided by Group Therapy's adjacent business neighbors and a letter of consent from the Five Points Association, which may help alleviate any natural concerns.

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 414-6477)

Sincerely,

Jason Johnson
Special Events Coordinator
Group Therapy, Inc.





May 5, 2004

Scott Fleming
Group Therapy, Inc.
P.O. Box 5241
Columbia, SC 29250

RE: Group Therapy's 18th Annual Chili Cook Off!!

Dear Scott:

WMFX-FM/FOX 102 would like to pledge the full support of our radio station for Group Therapy's 18th Annual Chili Cook Off. WMFX supports your request to the City of Columbia to close the 2100 block of Greene Street on Saturday, October 23, 2004 from 9AM-11PM.

Sincerely,

Kerry Powers
Senior Marketing Consultant
WMFX-FM/FOX 102



Five Points Association

August 12, 2004

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Group Therapy
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Columbia, South Carolina 29250

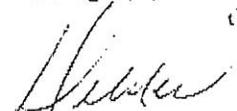
RE: 18th Annual Chili Cook-Off

Dear Scott:

The Five Points Association is pleased to support you request to Columbia City Council to close the 2100 block of Greene Street near Group Therapy for the above referenced event. It is my understanding that this event will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to Five Points and our community. Please don't hesitate to call if you have questions or concerns.

Best regards,



Debbie Parker]
Executive Director

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