

RESOLUTION NO.: 2006-045

Authorizing annual Vista Lights celebration in the Congaree Vista

WHEREAS, the Congaree Vista Guild is sponsoring its annual Vista Lights celebration in the Congaree Vista on Thursday, November 16, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Guild has requested permission for Vista area merchants to operate sales booths as part of the celebration; and,

WHEREAS, the Guild has requested that Gervais Street between Assembly Street and Gadsden Street, Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street, Lincoln Street between Lady Street and Senate Street and the Longhorn's driveway area be closed to automotive traffic; 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 November, 2006, that between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2006, merchants are authorized to operate sale booths for items normally sold in their course of business, except alcoholic beverages, beer and wine, within the area of Gervais Street between Assembly Street and Gadsden Street, Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street, Lincoln Street between Lady Street and Senate Street and the Longhorn's driveway area; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sale of beer and wine beverages is authorized between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2006;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that street 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 Guild 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 Guild may limit the number of vendors based on space available. The Guild 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 Guild shall approve or disapprove all amplified entertainment activities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only pedestrian traffic will be allowed within the area. All

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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,

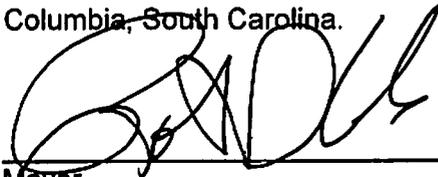
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated time the area of Gervais Street between Assembly Street and Gadsden Street, Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street, Lincoln Street between Lady Street and Senate Street and the Longhorn's driveway area, with the exception of the parking areas and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic beverages, shall

be declared to be a Public Park and the 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 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 area of Gervais Street between Assembly Street and Gadsden Street, Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street, Lincoln Street between Lady Street and Senate Street and the Longhorn's driveway area, with the exception of the parking areas 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 Sec. 14-32, et. seq., 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

Requested by:



Mayor

Approved by:

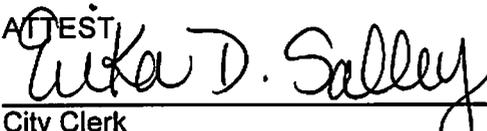


City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

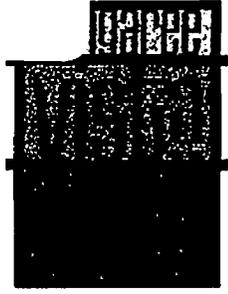
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City Clerk

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November 8, 2006

Ms. Sherry Ardis
City of Columbia
By fax to 737-4250

701 Gervais Street
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Columbia, SC
29201

803.269.5946

www.vistacolumbia.com

Dear Ms. Ardis:

Vista Lights takes place November 16 from 5PM to 10PM. On October 3, we received permission to close Gervais Street from Assembly to Gadsden, Park Street from Lady to Senate, Lincoln Street from Lady to Senate, and Longhorn's driveway. We respectfully request permission from the city to allow participants to walk with plastic open containers containing alcoholic beverages during those hours. I will ask Vista restaurants not to serve beverages to be drunk on the street after 9:30PM.

Please see the following letter, which we sent to City Manager Austin on Sept. 27, 2006. We did request permission for open containers at that time.

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Mardon
Executive Director



Sept. 27, 2006

Mr. Charles Austin
City Manager
City of Columbia
P O Box 147
Columbia, SC 29217



Dear Mr. Austin:

Please accept this as our formal request for the closing of streets in the Vista on Thursday, November 16, 2005, for the 21st Annual Vista Lights celebration.

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On behalf of the Congaree Vista Guild, I am requesting that Gervais Street be closed from Assembly to Gadsden, Park Street from Lady to Senate, Lincoln Street from Lady to Senate, and Longhorn's driveway. We need to bag the meters this year in all of those areas at noon. We would like the streets closed to all automotive traffic between the hours of 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM. The exception would be for emergency vehicles. We will provide flashing barricades for Gervais Street (four at each end) as we have done the past few years. www.vistacolumbia.com

In addition, we are requesting that on those closed streets, people may walk with plastic open containers during those same hours.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance. I can be reached at PrideStaff. The number is 782.0082.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Sincerely,

Jeanne Lirola
President
Congaree Vista Guild



Cc: Erika Moore, City Clerk
Valerie Smith, City Manager's Office
Captain Harold Reaves, City of Columbia Police Department
Sgt. Brian Goff, Special Events Coordinator, City of Columbia Police Department
Chief Bradley Anderson, City of Columbia Fire Department
Major Eric Grabski, University of South Carolina Law Enforcement