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**RESOLUTION NO.: R-2022-096**

*Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the South Carolina Oyster Festival in the 1600 block of Blanding Street on Sunday, November 27, 2022 with a rain contingency of Saturday, December 3, 2022*

WHEREAS, Liquid Assets ("Sponsor") is sponsoring the South Carolina Oyster Festival in the 1600 block of Blanding Street between Pickens Street and Henderson Street adjacent to the Robert Mills House and Hampton Preston Mansion from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 27, 2022, with a rain contingency of Saturday, December 3, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Sponsor has requested permission for the temporary closing and use of the 1600 block of Blanding Street between Pickens Street and Henderson Street adjacent to the Robert Mills House and Hampton Preston Mansion from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for set up, clean up, and staging of the event to be held from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; for patrons to consume beer and wine beverages only during the event hours of 11:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and for crowd control and overflow; and,

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety of attendees, Organizer understands and agrees as follows:

1. Firearms shall be prohibited in the 1600 block of Blanding Street between Pickens Street and Henderson Street for the Oyster Festival, regardless of whether such firearm is carried openly or concealed, and regardless of whether the individual carrying such firearm is a valid concealed weapons permit holder, on Sunday, November 27, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. *See* Resolution No. 2021-099 (Sept. 7, 2021).
2. Organizer shall establish a boundary line around the event space at the 1600 block of Blanding Street between Pickens Street and Henderson Street and the Organizer shall ensure all entrance points into the permitted event area are posted with signage stating "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED" that complies with the size and formatting requirements of section 23-31-235 of the South Carolina Code.
3. When publicizing the event in the community, Organizer shall include the statement: "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED" to ensure the public has prior notice of this restriction.
4. Organizer shall work with the City to develop a written plan and design a footprint of the event area that adheres to COVID-19 pandemic safety and social distancing protocols, as published by the CDC and SCDHEC, and Organizer shall modify the plans and footprint as safety protocols published by the CDC and SCDHEC are updated.
5. The City may cancel the event at any time based upon public safety and/or public health concerns. The City shall not be financially responsible for any costs associated with the cancellation of the event.
6. Organizer shall display signs (physical and/or electronic) throughout the event area that discourage physical contact, such as hugs, handshakes, fist bumps, and high-fives during the event.
7. Organizer shall require its agents, employees, vendors, contractors, and event attendees to adhere to all COVID-19 safety protocols in effect at the time of the event, to include, but not be limited to, wearing of face coverings, social distancing, and frequent washing of hands.
8. To the extent the event occurs during a time in which the City has in effect any emergency ordinance or ordinance requiring face coverings or adherence to social distancing requirements, Organizer shall require that its agents, employees, vendors, contractors, and event attendees comply with the requirements of such ordinance(s).
9. The City strongly encourages Organizer to require that its agents, employees, vendors, contractors, and event attendees provide proof that they have been fully vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus prior to being granted permission to enter the event.

10. Organizer shall provide portable restroom facilities at the event unless it can substantiate the sufficient availability of both ADA accessible and non-accessible facilities in the immediate area of the event site which will be available to attendees during the event. Organizer shall provide a minimum of four (4) chemical or portable toilets and two (2) wash stations for every 250 people, or portion thereof, who attend the event. Ten percent (10%) of these facilities shall be ADA accessible. This figure is based upon the maximum number of attendees at the event during peak time. The City may determine the total number of required restroom facilities on a case-by-case basis. Organizer shall post signs or markers to prohibit lines or crowds forming near the event's restroom facilities without maintaining a distance of at least six (6) feet from other people.

11. Organizer shall coordinate with food vendors to offer touchless payment options, if possible and available, or provide a tray for the exchange of payment to avoid hand-to-hand contact. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned after each customer and customers are encouraged to use their own pens.

12. At no cost to the City, Organizer shall be responsible for hiring no fewer than two (2) off-duty City of Columbia police officers during the hours of 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, that the sale of beer and wine beverages only is authorized between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 27, 2022, with a rain contingency of Saturday, December 3, 2022 and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all vendors be restricted to stationary location; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that outdoor possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages only, all outdoor musical performances and use of sound-amplifying devices shall end by 10:00 p.m. due to the proximity of the event to residential properties; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that possession and consumption of alcoholic liquors or alcoholic beverages other than beer and/or wine beverages within the event area is prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that VIP tents or VIP areas for the possession and consumption of alcoholic liquors or alcoholic beverages, other than beer and/or wine beverages only, within the event area are prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that organizer is responsible or shall make arrangements for the clean up of all trash and debris within the festival area and shall place same in the roll carts provided by the City. Any overflow of trash and debris shall be placed in garbage bags with the top securely closed and placed beside the City roll carts. The number of roll carts needed for the event shall be determined by organizer and the City Solid Waste Division prior to the event and placed throughout the event area to ensure that trash and debris are well contained. Roll carts and bagged trash and debris shall be returned to the collection point designated by the City in a timely manner. If the organizer has not opted to use City services to clean up the festival area, any costs incurred by the City in removing loose trash and debris within the festival area, which the organizer has failed to clean up, shall be billed to and paid by the organizer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that outdoor possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages only, all outdoor musical performances and use of sound-amplifying devices shall end by 10:00 p.m. due to the proximity of the event to residential properties; 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 cats, dogs (except police K-9s), horses, birds, lizards, and snakes are 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 that the closed portion of the 1600 block of Blanding Street between Pickens Street and Henderson Street adjacent to the Robert Mills House and Hampton Preston Mansion, 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 closed portion of the 1600 block of Blanding Street between Pickens Street and Henderson Street adjacent to the Robert Mills House and Hampton Preston Mansion, 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 beer and wine beverages only 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 beer and wine beverages only shall be permitted only in plastic cups, plastic or aluminum bottles or aluminum cans provided by vendors within the areas designated.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the event organizer shall provide the names and cell phone numbers of a least two contact persons who can receive complaints during the event, including any set up and breakdown times. The cell phones shall remain on at all times during the event and during any set up and breakdown time.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that failure of the event organizer to strictly comply with the time frames and other requirements and responsibilities set forth in this resolution may result in a denial of subsequent requests to allow the event.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event of inclement weather on Sunday, November 27, 2022, that the closed portion of the 1600 block of Blanding Street between Pickens Street and Henderson Street adjacent to the Robert Mills House and Hampton Preston Mansion, with the exception of the parking area and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic beverages, shall be closed on Saturday, December 3, 2022. The hours of operation for the event, service of beer and wine at the event and closing of streets for set up, clean up and crowd control of the event shall remain as outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the organizer reschedule the event for another date beyond one (1) week from the date of the originally scheduled event, a request for a resolution of City Council approving the new date of the event shall be required.

Requested by:

Assistant City Manager Shealy

Approved by:

  
City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

Introduced: 11/15/2022

Final Reading: 11/15/2022

Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

DATE OF REQUEST	01/27/2022	REQUESTOR'S NAME/CONTACT INFORMATION (E-MAIL/PHONE/FAX#)	Steve Ironon/Liquid Assets SC, LLC Steve@liquidSC.com 803-603-7618 cell No fax service
EVENT NAME/PURPOSE (i.e., St. Patrick's/Charity Fund-raiser)	SC Oyster Festival		
DATES OF EVENTS: (monthly can be on one request)	01/27/2022	02/13/2022	
RAIN CONTINGENCY DATE: (Rescheduling due to inclement weather is allowed once within one week from the date of the originally scheduled event upon 24-hours written notice to the City, without a new request. The time of event operation shall remain the same.)			
LOCATION OF EVENT (i.e., Amphitheater area of Inley Park; 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street between Early Street and Hampton Street)	615 Blanding Street/Hampton-Preston Mansion between Pickens Street and Henderson Street		
STREETS OR PARK AREA TO BE CLOSED (i.e., 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street between Early Street and Hampton Street; Amphitheater area of Inley Park; Royal Plaza)	615 Blanding Street between Pickens Street and Henderson Street, one block closure.		
HOURS FOR STREETS OR PARK AREA TO BE CLOSED (i.e., 5:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.) ALLOW TIME FOR SET UP/CLEAN UP	01/27/2022 0700-1800		
HOURS OF EVENT (i.e., 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.)	1100-1800		

**HOURS OF SERVICE OF BEER/WINE BEVERAGES ONLY (NO LIQUOR)\*\***  
(Service should end one-half hour prior to end of event, i.e., event is 6-10 p.m., beer/wine service is 6-9:30 p.m.)  
Requests should be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax at least **NINE (9) days in advance of the event** to allow for preparation and review of the Resolution and scheduling on Council's agenda. Requests may be sent by e-mail (shan.ardis@columbiasc.gov), fax (803-737-4250) or mailed to City Attorney's Office, ATTN: Shan Ardis, POB 607, Columbia, SC 29202. A draft Resolution will be prepared and forwarded for review to the event organizer, as well as to the City departments for coordination of City services and requirements (i.e., Police, Solid Waste, Parks and Recreation, etc.) Approval from the adjoining business/property owners must be obtained before your request will be submitted to City Council. If streets are to be closed off during business hours, the event organizer is responsible for obtaining a permit or license if required by the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

Beer and wine service from 1100-1730

**\*Outdoor possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages only, all outdoor musical performances and use of sound-amplifying devices shall end by 10:00 p.m. due to the proximity of events to residential properties.**

**\*\*POSSESSION OF LIQUOR IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. VIP tents or VIP areas for possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages or alcoholic liquors within the event area are PROHIBITED.**

**NOTE: This form should only be used for public events where beer and/or wine are to be sold and consumed on City property (i.e., Main Street Latin Festival, St. Patrick's Festival, Vista Lights, Rocky Shoals Spider Lily Festival, etc.).**

This form should not be used to request use of City property for private events (birthday, retirement, anniversary parties, etc.) nor for sidewalk sales or neighborhood block parties. Requests for private events at City parks should be made through the Parks and Recreation Department. Requests for sidewalk sales should be made to the City Manager. Requests for street closings for private neighborhood block parties should be made to the Police Department Special Events and Public Safety.

Fire Marshal George N. Adams, Jr., 803-545-3703, george.adams@columbiasc.gov  
Legal Department - Shan Ardis; 803-737-4242; shan.ardis@columbiasc.gov or fax 803-737-4250 - resolution preparation  
Parking Services - Jessica Argos; (803) 545-0287, jessica.argos@columbiasc.gov - meter bagging  
Police Department Special Events - Officer Robert Hall; 803-545-3535; robert.hall@columbiasc.gov - parade permit, police  
Parks and Recreation - Pearl Osborne; 803-545-3103; pearl.osborne@columbiasc.gov - park reservations  
Police Department Community Services - Branda Murphy; 803-545-3507, branda.murphy@columbiasc.gov - street closing  
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