

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2022-075

Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at the Gervais Street Bridge Dinner at the Gervais Street Bridge on Sunday, October 9, 2022

WHEREAS, Carolina Together, ("Sponsor") is sponsoring the Gervais Street Bridge Dinner on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at the Gervais Street Bridge from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Sponsor has requested permission for the temporary closing and use of the Gervais Street Bridge from Alexander Street in West Columbia to Huger Street in Columbia from 6:30 a.m. until midnight for set up, clean up, and staging of the event to be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; for patrons to consume beer, wine and liquor beverages at the event during the hours of 3:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.; and for crowd control and overflow; and,

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

1. Firearms shall be prohibited at the Gervais Street Bridge, 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, October 9, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. See Resolution No. 2021-099 (Sept. 7, 2021).
2. Organizer shall establish a boundary line around the event space at the Gervais Street Bridge, 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 applicable COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, as published by the CDC and SCDHEC, and Organizer shall modify the plans and footprint as such guidelines 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 that its agents, employees, vendors, contractors, and event attendees adhere to all applicable COVID-19 health and safety guidelines in effect at the time of the event.
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 post signs or markers to prohibit lines or crowds forming near food vendors and should encourage attendees to bring their own water. Liquor, beer and/or wine shall be prohibited at the event without approval of a written resolution of City Council and without the proper permits or licenses, if required, issued by the SCDOR for the possession and/or consumption of such alcoholic beverages.

12. 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.

13. 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 6:30 a.m. until midnight.

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 20th day of September, 2022, that the sale of liquor, beer and wine beverages in plastic containers or cans only is authorized between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 9, 2022; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all vendors be restricted to stationary location and that the sponsor shall approve or disapprove all amplified entertainment activities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that organizer is responsible or shall make arrangements for the cleanup 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 liquor, beer, wine beverages unless the appropriate permits or licenses, if required are issued by the SCDOR and 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, police golf carts, and horse-drawn carriages, 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 Gervais Street Bridge from Alexander Street in West Columbia to Huger Street in Columbia, with the exception of the parking areas, adjacent off-street parking areas and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic liquors or alcoholic beverages is deemed to be the site of a public festival at which liquor, beer and wine beverages may be consumed and the prohibition against possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages set forth in Sec. 14-99 shall not apply as to the possession and consumption of liquor, beer and/or wine beverages. Possession and consumption of liquor, beer and wine beverages 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.

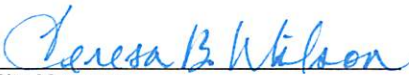
PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no solicitation or transactions be made in violation of Sec. 14-32, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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: 9/20/2022
Final Reading: 9/20/2022


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

DATE OF REQUEST 8.10.22

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ATTENDEES ANTICIPATED: 1448

REQUESTOR'S NAME/CONTACT INFORMATION (E-MAIL/PHONE#/FAX#)

Stephanie Amaker
Executive Director - Carolina Together
s.amaker@carolinatogether.org
803-210-5550

EVENT NAME/PURPOSE (i.e., St. Patrick's/Charity Fund-raiser)

Gervais Street Bridge Dinner

DATE(S) OF EVENTS: (multiple day can be on one request)

Oct. 9, 22

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 Finlay Park; 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street between Lady Street and Hampton Street)

Gervais Street Bridge

STREET(S) OR PARK AREA TO BE CLOSED

(i.e., 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street between Lady Street and Hampton Street; Amphitheater area of Finlay Park; Boyd Plaza)

Gervais Street Bridge from Alexander St. in West Columbia to Huger Street in Columbia

HOURS FOR STREET(S) OR PARK AREA TO BE CLOSED

(i.e., 5:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.) ALLOW TIME FOR SET UP/CLEAN UP

6:30am - 12am Midnight

HOURS OF EVENT

(i.e., 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)*

3:00pm - 8:00pm

HOURS OF SERVICE OF BEER/WINE/LIQUOR BEVERAGES

(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.)*

3pm - 7:30pm

Do you intend to serve liquor in addition to beer and wine? Yes ☒ No ☐

Batched Cocktails

***DUE TO COVID-19 THERE ARE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES THAT MUST BE IN PLACE TO INSURE PUBLIC SAFETY. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR SAFETY PLAN/PROTOCOL WITH DRAWING DEPICTING CLEANING/SANITIZATION AREAS WITH YOUR SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST FORM* When publicizing the event in the community, the Organizer shall include the statement: "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED" to ensure the public has prior notice of this restriction.**

Requests should be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax at least **NINETY (90) days in advance of the event** to allow for preparation and review of the Resolution and scheduling on Council's agenda. Requests should be faxed to (803-737-4250) or mailed to City Attorney's Office, ATTN: Special Event Request, POB 667, 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.). Written approval from the neighborhood president and adjoining business/property owners must be provided before requests will be submitted to City Council. The event organizer is responsible for obtaining a permit or license if required by the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

***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. VIP tents or VIP areas for possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages within the event area are PROHIBITED.**

NOTE: **This form should only be used for public events where beer and/or wine and/or liquor 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 which exclude the sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages 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. Possession, distribution and consumption of any type of alcoholic beverage at neighborhood block parties shall be restricted to private property and is prohibited on sidewalks, streets and parks.

Fire Marshal George N. Adams, Jr.; 803-545-3703; george.adams@columbiasc.gov
Legal Department - Jennifer L. Hendrix; 803-737-4242; fax 803-737-4250 - resolution preparation
Parking Services - Tori Salvant; (803) 545-0287; tori.salvant@columbiasc.gov - meter bagging
Parks and Recreation - Pearl Osborne; 803-545-3100; pearl.osborne@columbiasc.gov - park reservations
Police Department Special Events - Sgt. Jennifer L. Jordan; (803) 545-3514; jennifer.jordan@columbiasc.gov - parade permit, police, safety protocol
Police Department Community Services - Brenda Murphy; 803-545-3507; brenda.murphy@columbiasc.gov - street closing

Last revised: 8/18/2022



CITY OF COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT
1 JUSTICE SQUARE
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201
(803) 545-3500
SPECIAL DUTY REQUEST FORM



I, Carolina Together, request the services of the City of Columbia Police
(Individual/Business)

Department to perform law enforcement duties at Gervais Street Bridge Dinner
(Location for Assignment)

for the time period of Sunday, October 9 2022 6:30am-12:00am
(Date(s) / Hours)

I understand when performing Special Duty Assignments, officers are subject to all directives and procedures of the City of Columbia Police Department, and will act only under the Chief's authority to enforce all applicable State and Local Laws.

I understand that officers are subject to calls in the immediate area of the Special Duty Location and will respond to any situation deemed necessary by the police department, officers or dispatch.

I understand this request for services is with the City of Columbia Police Department which will assign officers to perform Special Duty assignments. Payment for services is Thirty-Five (\$35.00) dollars per hour for each assigned officer. There is a three (3) hour minimum on working special duty and no cash payments are allowed.

By signing below and upon final approval of this request, the parties hereto, their administrators, assigns Legal representatives, affiliated companies, agents, officers, directors, shareholders and partners (hereinafter "party" or "parties") agree that any dispute, claim, controversy or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement, and/or including payment or failure thereof for services rendered by the City of Columbia Police Department shall be tried and litigated exclusively in the State and Federal courts located in the County of Richland/Lexington, State of South Carolina. The aforementioned choice of venue is intended by the parties to be mandatory and not permissive in nature, thereby precluding the possibility of litigation between the parties with respect to or arising out of this Agreement in any jurisdiction other than that specified in this paragraph. Each party hereby waives any right it may have to assert the doctrine of forum non conveniens or similar doctrine or to object to venue with respect to any proceeding brought in accordance with this paragraph, and stipulates that the State and Federal courts located in the County of Richland/Lexington shall be in personam jurisdiction and venue over each of them for the purpose of litigating any dispute, claim, controversy or proceeding arising out of or related to this Agreement.

The completed form must be signed and returned to the Special Duty Coordinator who will forward to the Office of the Special Operations Major for final approval.

THE CHIEF OF POLICE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DISCONTINUE PROVIDING SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENTS AT HIS DISCRETION.

APPROVED: SPECIAL OPERATIONS MAJOR

DATE

PRINT NAME OF ASSIGNED OFFICER

CONTACT NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER'S SUPERVISOR

Stephanie Amaker
SIGNATURE OF REQUESTOR

5-3-2022

DATE

803-210-5550

CONTACT NUMBER OF REQUESTOR

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. OF REQUESTOR

TAX I.D. NO. OF REQUESTOR (IF APPLICABLE)