

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2023-008

Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the Columbia Mardi Gras Festival at City Roots Urban Farm in the 1000 block of Airport Boulevard between Jim Hamilton Boulevard and the north side of the entrance into Hunter Gatherer on Saturday, February 18, 2023

WHEREAS, Benevolent Krewe de Columbi-ya-ya ("Sponsor") is sponsoring the Columbia Mardi Gras Festival at City Roots Urban Farm and in a portion of the 1000 block of Airport Boulevard between Jim Hamilton Boulevard and the north side of the entrance into Hunter Gatherer from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Sponsor has requested permission for the temporary closing and use of a portion of the 1000 block of Airport Boulevard between Jim Hamilton Boulevard and the north side of the entrance into Hunter Gatherer from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for set up, clean up, and staging of the event to be held from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.; for patrons to consume beer and wine beverages only during the event hours of 10:00 a.m. until 6:30 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 at City Roots Urban Farm in the 1000 block of Airport Boulevard between Jim Hamilton Boulevard and the north side of the entrance into Hunter Gatherer 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 Saturday, February 18, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. See Resolution No. 2021-099 (Sept. 7, 2021).
2. Organizer shall establish a boundary line around the event space at City Roots Urban Farm in the 1000 block of Airport Boulevard between Jim Hamilton Boulevard and the north side of the entrance into Hunter Gatherer 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 that its agents, employees, vendors, contractors, and event attendees 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 masks, 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 post signs or markers to prohibit lines or crowds forming near food vendors and should encourage attendees to bring their own water. Alcohol, beer and/or wine shall be prohibited at the event without approval of a written resolution of City Council.

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 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 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 7th day of February, 2023, that the sale of beer and wine beverages only is authorized between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2023; 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, 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 or wine beverages, within the event area are prohibited; 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 within the designated area of impact as shown on the attached drawing, 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 and within the designated area of impact as shown on the attached drawing, any costs incurred by the City in removing loose trash and debris within the festival area and within the designated area of impact as shown on the attached drawing, which the organizer has failed to clean up, shall be billed to and paid by the organizer; 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. Canines are allowed, provided that current leash laws are observed as are set out in the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, as amended. 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 1000 block of Airport Boulevard between Jim Hamilton Boulevard and the north side of the entrance into Hunter Gatherer, 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 1000 block of Airport Boulevard between Jim Hamilton Boulevard and the north side of the entrance into Hunter Gatherer, 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 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 Saturday, February 18, 2023, the City Manager is authorized to approve the rescheduling of the canceled event for another date within one (1) week from the date of the originally scheduled event upon receiving twenty-four (24) hours written notice requesting the rescheduling of the event. The hours of operation for the event, service of beer and wine only 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:

Ceresia B. Wilson
City Manager

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
City Attorney

Mayor

ATTEST:

Luka D. Hammond
City Clerk

Introduced: 2/7/2023

Final Reading: 2/7/2023

DATE OF REQUEST	01/10/2023	REQUESTOR'S NAME/CONTACT INFORMATION (E-MAIL/PHONE#/FAX#)	Kaitlin Beck beckkaitlin@gmail.com 740-703-5018
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EVENT NAME/PURPOSE (i.e., St. Patrick's/Charity Fund-raiser)	2023 Columbia Mardi Gras Festival
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DATE(S) OF EVENTS: (monthly can be on one request)	Saturday, February 18, 2023
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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.)	N/A festival will be cancelled
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LOCATION OF EVENT (i.e., Amphitheater area of Finlay Park; 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street between Lady Street and Hampton Street)	City Roots Farm, 1005 Airport Blvd., Columbia, SC 29205
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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)	A portion of Airport Blvd. Specifically just South of Jim Hamilton Blvd. to just north of Hunter Gather's driveway in front of City Roots Farm. See attached map from previous years.
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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	8AM to 8PM
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HOURS OF EVENT (i.e., 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)*	10AM to 7PM
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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.)*	10AM to 6:30PM
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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 may be sent by e-mail (shari.ardis@columbiasc.gov), fax (803-737-4250) or mailed to City Attorney's Office, ATTN: Shari Ardis, 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.). 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.

***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 - Shari Ardis; 803-737-4242; shari.ardis@columbiasc.gov or fax 803-737-4250 - resolution preparation
Parking Services - Jessica Argoe; (803) 545-0287; jessica.argoe@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; 803-545-3100; pearl.osborne@columbiasc.gov park reservations
Police Department Community Services - Brenda Murphy; 803-545-3507; brenda.murphy@columbiasc.gov - street closing
Last revised: 12/2019



Both Sides of the Street

Legend

-  City Roots Festival
-  Perimeter Clean-up Boundary
-  Roadway Closed

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