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RESOLUTION NO.: R-2026-013

Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at the “St. Pat’s in Five Points Festival” and authorizing the City Manager and the Parks and Recreation Director to sign Park Rules for the St. Pat’s in Five Points Festival on Saturday, March 14, 2026

WHEREAS, the Five Points Association is sponsoring the “St. Pat’s in Five Points Festival” to raise funds for charity and beautification and revitalization of the Five Points area on Saturday, March 14, 2026

WHEREAS, the Association has requested the temporary closing and use of the 2100 block of Greene Street from 8:00 a.m. Friday, March 13, 2026 until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2026; the 600 block of Harden Street, from 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2026 until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2026; the 700 block of Saluda Avenue from 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2026 until 11:59 p.m., Saturday, March 14, 2026; the 700 block of Santee Avenue from 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2026 until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2026; Blossom Street between Pickens Street and Heidt Street; Greene Street between Laurens Street and Heidt Street; Devine Street between Laurens Street and Millwood Avenue; Saluda Avenue between Greene Street and Blossom Street; Harden Street between Blossom Street and Pendleton Street, Santee Avenue from Blossom Street to Heidt Street, College Street from Laurens Street to Pine Street; Maxcy Gregg Park at 1806 Blossom Street on Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 2:00 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. for preparation and staging of the area for an outdoor event to be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026 between 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and for patrons to consume liquor, beer and wine beverages at the event during the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Association has requested permission to conduct sidewalk sales as part of the celebration; and,

WHEREAS, the Association has requested that the City Manager and the Parks and Recreation Director be authorized to sign the attached “Park Rules for the Five Points Association and merchants to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for St. Pat’s in Five Points Festival” so that the rules may be posted at all entrances into the event area; and,

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

1. Firearms shall be prohibited within the festival footprint outlined above on Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 2:00 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. 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.

2. The Organizer shall establish a boundary line around the event space of the festival footprint 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, the 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 is required to 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 the public during the event. Organizer is to provide a minimum of four (4) chemical or portable toilets and two (2) wash stations for every 250 people, or portion thereof who attends 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 of Columbia 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 restroom 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. 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 2:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2026.

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 17th day of February, 2026, that Maxcy Gregg Park at 1806 Blossom Street; Blossom Street between Pickens Street and Heidt Street; Greene Street between Laurens Street and Heidt Street; Devine Street between Laurens Street and Millwood Avenue; Saluda Avenue between Greene Street and Blossom Street; Harden Street between Blossom Street and Pendleton Street, Santee Avenue from Blossom Street to Heidt Street, College Street from Laurens Street

to Pine Street the merchants in Five Points are authorized to operate sale booths for items normally sold in their course of business on the sidewalks immediately in front of their places of business between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and that the sale of liquor, beer and wine beverages in plastic containers or cans only is authorized between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2026; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Organizer is responsible or shall make arrangements for the clean-up of all trash and debris within the event 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's Solid Waste Division prior to the event and placed throughout the event area to ensure that trash and debris are well contained. Organizer shall return the roll carts and bagged trash and debris 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 event area, any costs incurred by the City in removing loose trash and debris within the event 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 event area. All other traffic, including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, skate boards, and horses, (except police golf carts or ATVs), and horse-drawn carriages, is prohibited. All pets, including cats, dogs (except police K-9s), horses, birds, lizards, and snakes, are prohibited. Coolers, glass bottles, breakable drinking glasses and/or cups, large bags, and backpacks shall be prohibited inside the event area; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated time the area shown on the attached map, with the exception of the parking area 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, the street and sidewalk sale shall be allowed during either of these dates and hours of operation as listed above.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the event organizer shall provide the names and cell phone numbers of a least two contact persons who can receive and address complaints during the event, including any set up and breakdown times. The cell phones shall remain on, with ringers and alerts functioning 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 sidewalks shall not be obstructed for pedestrian traffic in violation of Sec. 22-72, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and that no solicitation or transactions be made in violation of Sec. 14-32, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and that no vendor locations be allowed on any street not closed by the Mayor and Council during the period of celebration.

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