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RESOLUTION NO.: R-2026-057

Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at NEON Joy in Five Points on 747 Saluda Avenue, the perimeter around the Fountain Plaza and 727 Harden Street Parking Lot on Friday, November 20, 2026

WHEREAS, the Five Points Association (hereinafter "Sponsor" or "Organizer") is hosting the NEON Joy in Five Points on 747 Saluda Avenue, the perimeter around the Fountain Plaza and 727 Harden Street Parking Lot from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the Sponsor has requested permission for the temporary closing of parking lot located at 727 Harden Street from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saluda Avenue around the Fountain Plaza located at 747 Saluda Avenue, the perimeter of the fountain plaza and loading zone between the fountain plaza and the parking lot from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for preparation and staging of the area and for crowd control and overflow at the outdoor event to be held on Friday, November 20, 2026, between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; and for patrons to consume beer and wine only at the event during the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; and,

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

1. Firearms shall be prohibited on 747 Saluda Avenue, the perimeter around the Fountain Plaza and 727 Harden Street Parking Lot, 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 Friday, November 20, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. *See* Resolution No. 2021-099 (Sept. 7, 2021).

2. Organizer shall establish a boundary line around the event space at 747 Saluda Avenue, the perimeter around the Fountain Plaza and 727 Harden Street Parking Lot; 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 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.

7. 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).

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

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 4:00 p.m. on November 20, 2026 until 10:00 p.m. on November 20, 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 18th day of August, 2026, that the sale of beer and wine beverages only in plastic containers or cans only is authorized between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on November 20, 2026; and,

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that possession and consumption of alcoholic liquors or alcoholic beverages other than beer and/or wine beverages only 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 wine beverages only, 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 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, 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 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026, 747 Saluda Avenue, the perimeter around the Fountain Plaza and 727 Harden Street Parking Lot, sidewalks in Five Points hospitality district; serves as the designated event area, 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 the provisions of Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, 15-2, and 15-3, of the 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, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, the designated event area of 747 Saluda Avenue, perimeter around the Fountain Plaza and 727 Harden Street Parking Lot and sidewalks in Five Points hospitality district 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 to the possession or consumption of beer and wine within the designated event area. Possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages shall be permitted only in containers provided by vendors within the areas designated, and such containers provided by vendors for the sale of beer and wine may only be in plastic containers or cans.

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 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:

William Holbrook, Police Chief

Approved by:

City Manager

Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Introduced: 08/18/2026
Final Reading: 08/18/2026

Park Rules for the Five Points Association to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for NEON Joy in Five Points (R-2026-057)

WHEREAS, Columbia City Council adopted Resolution R-2026-057 on August 18, 2026, allowing the Five Points Association to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for the NEON Joy in Five Points to be held on Friday, November 20, 2026 in the area commonly known as the Vista; and,

WHEREAS, certain areas of the public rights of way and public property have been designated as a public park for the event as more particularly set forth in Resolution R-2026-057, which is incorporated herein by specific reference thereto; and,

WHEREAS, the City's Parks and Recreation Department hereby authorizes the use of the public park designated by R-2026-057 for the Five Points Association to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for NEON Joy in Five Points; and,

WHEREAS, City Ordinance Sec. 15-1 (12) and Sec. 15-3 permit the Director of Parks and Recreation to promulgate rules and regulations within a public park, subject to the approval of the City Manager; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that a large number of City of Columbia citizens and visitors will attend the event and will be allowed to consume beer and wine within the public park; and,

WHEREAS, in order to promote the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Columbia and visitors attending the event, I find it necessary to promulgate rules and regulations to apply within the public park established pursuant to Resolution R-2026-057; NOW, THEREFORE

The following additional park rules are hereby promulgated for the Five Points Association to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for NEON Joy in Five Points and shall apply within the area designated as a public park and a violation thereof is unlawful:

1. Official festival tokens are required for the purchase of food and beverages within the designated park area.
2. Over age twenty-one (21) wristbands from the identification check station are required for patrons to consume beer or wine in the designated park area.
3. All persons under the age of sixteen (16) must be accompanied by an adult.
4. No glass containers are allowed.
5. No coolers, outside food or beverages (including alcohol) are allowed.
6. No backpacks or bags are allowed.
7. Only beer and wine are permitted. No other alcoholic beverages of any kind are allowed, unless within an area permitted by an existing encroachment ordinance which permits the serving of beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages during its normal course of business.
8. All beer and wine must be served and consumed from a plastic cup, a plastic bottle, an aluminum can or an aluminum bottle.
9. No pets are allowed.
10. No concealable weapons allowed.
11. No firearms allowed.

Violation of these rules may result in criminal prosecution. The aforesaid rules shall be prominently displayed on signage which shall be located at all entrances into the designated park area.

City of Columbia

BY: _____ Date: _____
ITS: Parks and Recreation Director

I hereby approve the foregoing park rules this ____ day of _____, 2026.

City of Columbia

BY: Teresa B. Wilson
Teresa B. Wilson
ITS: City Manager