

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2003-033

Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages and Main Street Latin Festival

WHEREAS, Coqui Coqui Productions ("Coqui") is sponsoring the Main Street Latin Festival in the 1400 block of Main Street between Washington Street and Hampton Street on Saturday, September 6, 2003 from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, Coqui has requested permission for the temporary closing and use of the portion of the 1400 block of Main Street between Washington Street and Hampton Street on Saturday, September 6, 2003 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. for staging and preparation of the event; and from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for patrons to consume beer and wine beverages at the event, and for crowd control and overflow; and,

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 June, 2003, that the sale of beer and wine beverages is authorized between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all vendors be restricted to stationary location; 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 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 Gadsden Street, with the exception of the parking area and any other areas posted as to not

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allow alcoholic beverages, shall be declared to be a Public Park and provisions of Part 2, Article D, Division II, Sections 2-2052 through 2-2054, 1979 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina are in effect. Pursuant to Section 2-2047(2)(b), 1979 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, that portion of the 1400 block of Main Street between Washington Street and Hampton Street, 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 alcoholic beverages may be consumed and the prohibition against possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages set forth in Section 2-2047 shall not apply. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted only in containers provided by vendors within the areas designated.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no solicitation or transactions be made in violation of Code Section 2-2046, et. seq., 1979 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

Requested by:



Mayor

Approved by:



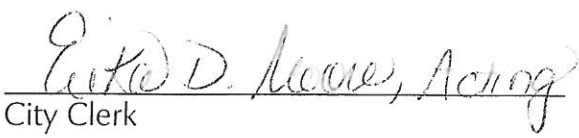
City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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February 25, 2003

The Honorable Robert Coble, Mayor
City of Columbia
P.O. Box 147
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mayor Coble:

Coquí Coquí Productions respectfully requests that City Council consider the following street closing for an event to be produced by Coquí Coquí Productions.

We request that the portion of Main Street between the Hampton Street intersection and Washington Street be closed to vehicular traffic from 7:00am until 9pm on Saturday, September 6, 2003 for the Main Street Latin Festival. An additional request is being made for the selling of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) *from 12-5 pm .*

event ends @ 6

There will be a gala at the Adam's Mark Hotel the day before the festival. The Main Street Latin Festival will be an all day Saturday affair in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. There will be an admission fee of \$5. From 12:00am until 1pm we will feature several different groups performing cultural Latin dances. Also there will be foods, arts, and crafts to entertain the entire family. From 1pm until 6pm we will feature music concerts consisting of various types of Latin music. In order to help the Columbia community this festival we will recruit vendors from existing downtown businesses and the Columbia metropolitan area.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. If you or your staff has any questions, please contact me at 803-414-6921 or at 803-765-0560.

Sincerely,

Luis G. Rosario
CEO

