

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2003-055

*Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages
and Young Democrats of South Carolina Event at Mac's on Main*

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of South Carolina and Mac's on Main ("Sponsors") are sponsoring an event in the 1700 block of Main Street between Laurel Street and Blanding Street on Saturday, September 27, 2003 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Sponsors have requested permission for the temporary closing and use of the portion of the 1700 block of Main Street between Laurel Street and Blanding Street from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. for preparation of the event; and from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for 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 20th day of August, 2003, that the sale of beer and wine beverages is authorized between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2003 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 the 1700 block of Main Street between Laurel Street and Blanding Street, with the exception of


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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, that portion of the 1700 block of Main Street between Laurel Street and Blanding 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 Sec. 14-99 shall not apply. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted only in containers provided by vendors within the areas designated.

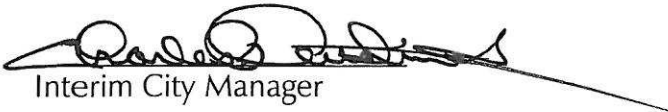
PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no solicitation or transactions be made in violation of Sec. 14-32, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

Requested by:



Mayor

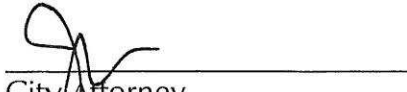
Approved by:


Interim City Manager

ATTEST:


Acting City Clerk

Approved as to form:


City Attorney
Introduced: 8/20/2003
Final Reading: 8/20/2003

July 21, 2003
The Honorable Robert Coble, Mayor
City of Columbia
P.O. Box 147
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Dear Mayor Coble:

The Young Democrats of South Carolina respectfully requests that City Council consider the following street closing for an event to be produced by the Young Democrats of South Carolina and Mac's on Main.

We request that the 1700 block of Main Street be closed to vehicular traffic from 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM on Saturday, September 27th, 2003 for an inexpensive, open to the public, first of its kind Young Democrats event that will engage the body politic and galvanize support for the South Carolina Democratic Presidential Primary to be held February 3rd, 2003. *alcohol from 7-9:30, event 7-10*

This cost for admission will cover our costs to produce the event and additional proceeds will go to our service organization. We will hopefully attract from 600 to 1000 enthusiasts to Main Street and attract national news media to our great city. In addition, we will recruit activists from across the state, boosting hotel sales for that weekend. We will provide an optimal opportunity for patrons to engage with local, state, and national political leaders in metropolitan Columbia for an evening of energy and excitement.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you or your staff has any questions, please contact me at 309-5421.

Sincerely,



Katie Fowler
Acting Chair, South Carolina Young Democrats

Cc: Charles Austin, Sr.
Erika Moore
Libby Gober

