

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2019-077

Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Vista Lights 2019 on November 21, 2019

WHEREAS, the Congaree Vista Guild ("Guild") is hosting Vista Lights on Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Guild has requested permission for the temporary closing and use of the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Lincoln Street between Senate Street and Lady Street, and the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street from 4:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., and the 800 through 1000 blocks of Gervais Street between Gadsden Street and Assembly Street, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for preparation and staging of the area for an outdoor event to be held between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., and for patrons to consume beer and wine beverages only at the event during the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Guild has requested that the City Manager and the Parks and Recreation Director be authorized to sign the attached "Park Rules for the Congaree Vista Guild" so that the rules may be posted at all entrances into the event area; 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, 2019, that the sale of beer and wine beverages only in plastic containers or cans only is authorized between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2019; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and Parks and Recreation Director are hereby authorized to sign the attached Park Rules for the Congaree Vista Guild to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for Vista Lights and that the rules shall be posted at all entrances into the event area; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City's Parking Services Division shall have all parking meters within the designated festival area bagged by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2019; and,

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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated time the closed portion of the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Lincoln Street between Senate Street and Lady Street, and the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., and the 800 through 1000 blocks of Gervais Street between Gadsden Street and Assembly Street from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., 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 1100 and 1200 blocks of Lincoln Street between Senate Street and Lady Street, and the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., and the 800 through 1000 blocks of Gervais Street between Gadsden Street and Assembly Street from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., 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 only shall be permitted only in containers 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 November 21, 2019, the City Manager is authorized to approve the rescheduling of the 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 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



Mayor

Approved by:




City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Introduced: 8/20/2019
Final Reading: 8/20/2019

**Park Rules for the Congaree Vista Guild to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for Vista Lights
(R-2019-077)**

WHEREAS, Columbia City Council adopted Resolution R-2019-077 on August 20, 2019, allowing the Congaree Vista Guild to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for the Vista Lights to be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 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-2019-077, 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-2019-077 for the Congaree Vista Guild to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for Vista Lights; 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 only 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-2019-077; NOW, THEREFORE

The following additional park rules are hereby promulgated for the Congaree Vista Guild to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for Vista Lights 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.

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: 
Randy Davis

ITS: Parks and Recreation Director

Date: August 26, 2019

I hereby approve the foregoing park rules this 26th day of August, 2019.

City of Columbia

BY: 
Teresa B. Wilson

ITS: City Manager

DATE OF REQUEST

11/24/19

REQUESTOR'S NAME/CONTACT INFORMATION (E-MAIL/ PHONE#/FAX#)

Congaree Vista Guild
meredith@vistacolumbia.com
803-730-3223 (cell)

EVENT NAME/PURPOSE (i.e., St. Patrick's/Charity Fund-raiser)

Vista Lights
annual holiday festival

DATE(S) OF EVENTS:

Thursday, November 21, 2019

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.)

None

LOCATION OF EVENT

(i.e., Amphitheater area of Finlay Park; 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street between Lady Street and Hampton Street)

Heart of the Vista
Gervais Street from Assembly to Gadsden
Lincoln Street from Lady to Senate
Park Street from Lady to Senate

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)

1100 & 1200 blocks of Lincoln Street (between Lady and Senate)
1100 & 1200 blocks of Park Street (between Lady and Senate)
800 through 1000 blocks of Gervais Street (between Gadsden and Assembly)

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

4:30-10:00 PM

HOURS OF EVENT

(i.e., 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)*

5:00 - 10:00 PM

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.)*

5:00 - 9:30 PM

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 (slardis@columbiasc.net), 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.**

****With the exception of the parks listed in Sec. 15-1 Prohibited acts in parks (8), 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., Five After Five, St. Patrick's Festival, Concerts in Finlay Park, etc.).

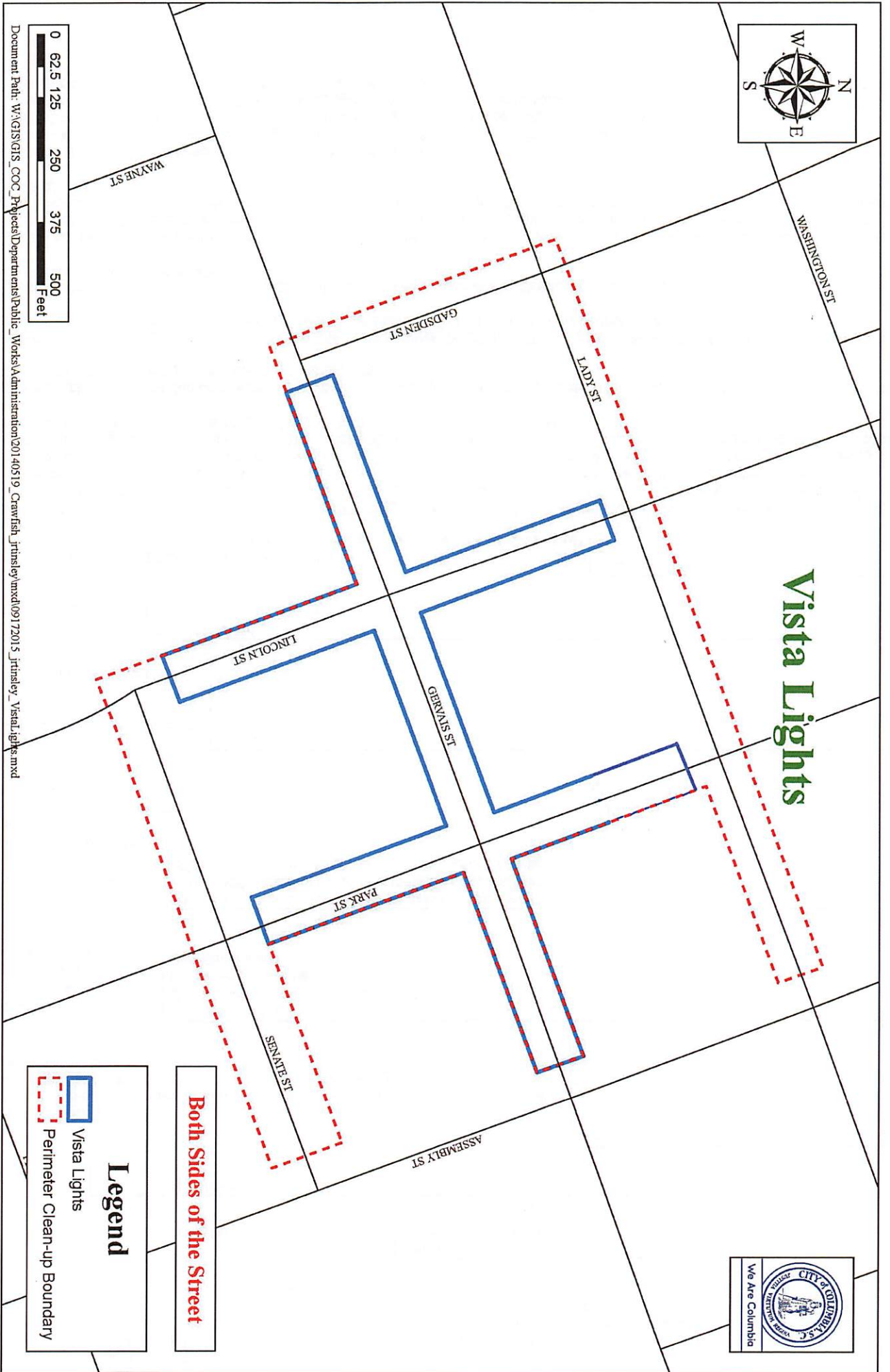
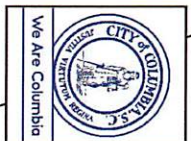
This form **should not** be used to request use of City property for **private** events (birthday, retirement, anniversary parties, etc.) nor for sidewalk sales or neighborhood block parties. Requests for private events at City parks should be made through the Parks and Recreation Department. Requests 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; cfdgadams@columbiasc.net
Legal Department - Shari Ardis; 803-737-4242; slardis@columbiasc.net or fax 803-737-4250 - resolution preparation
Police Department Special Events - Officer Robert Hall; 803-545-3535; rjhall@columbiasc.net parade permit, police
Parks and Recreation - Pearl Osborne; 803-545-3100; peosborne@columbiasc.net park reservations
Police Department Community Services - Brenda Murphy; 803-545-3507; bmmurphy@columbiasc.net - street closing

Last revised: 1/2017





Vista Lights



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Legend

-  Vista Lights
-  Perimeter Clean-up Boundary

Both Sides of the Street