



RESOLUTION NO.: R-2021-013

Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Gervais Street Bridge Dinner on Sunday, May 2, 2021

WHEREAS, Carolina Together ("Sponsor") is hosting the Gervais Street Bridge Dinner on Sunday, May 2, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, Sponsor has requested permission for the temporary closing and use on Sunday, May 2, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until midnight the portion of the Gervais Street bridge located within the jurisdiction of the City of Columbia and a portion of the 100 block of Gervais Street west of the entrance to the Columbia Power Plant Dam to allow for ingress and egress into the power plant, for set up, clean up, and staging of the event to be held on Sunday, May 2, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; for patrons to consume beer and wine beverages only at the event during the hours of 3:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 2, 2021, and for crowd control and overflow; and,

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

1. 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 shall modify the plans and footprint as safety protocols published by the CDC and SCDHEC are updated.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Organizer shall require all attendees of the event to adhere to all COVID-19 safety protocols to include but not be limited to wearing of face masks, social distancing and frequent washing of hands.
5. 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 should 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 contact. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned after each customer and customers are encouraged to use their own pens.
8. At no cost to the City, Organizer shall be responsible for providing private security during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until midnight of no less than two (2) private security officers.

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 16th day of March, 2021, that the sale of beer and wine beverages only in plastic containers or cans only is authorized between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 2, 2021; 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,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated time the closed portion of the portion of the Gervais Street bridge located within the jurisdiction of the City of Columbia and a portion of the 100 block of Gervais Street west of the entrance to the Columbia Power Plant Dam to allow for ingress and egress into the power plant, 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 portion of the Gervais Street bridge located within the jurisdiction of the City of Columbia and a portion of the 100 block of Gervais Street west of the entrance to the Columbia Power Plant Dam to allow for ingress and egress into the power plant, 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 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: 3/16/2021
Final Reading: 3/16/2021

DATE OF REQUEST 2-4-2021
REQUESTOR'S NAME/CONTACT INFORMATION (E-MAIL/PHONE#/FAX#)
Stephanie Amaker
Carolina Together
s.amaker@carolinatogether.org
803-210-5550

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

DATE(S) OF EVENTS: (multiple day can be on one request) May 2, 2021

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.)

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

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) Gervais Street Bridge from Alexander Street to Huger Street

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 9:00am-12:00am

HOURS OF EVENT (i.e., 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)* 3:00pm - 8:00pm

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.)* 3:00pm - 7:30

****DUE TO COVID-19 THERE ARE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES THAT MUST BE IN PLACE TO INSURE PUBLIC SAFETY. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR APPROVED SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPLICATION AND SAFETY PLAN/PROTOCOL WITH DRAWING DEPICTING CLEANING/SANITIZATION AREAS WITH YOUR SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST FORM.****

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 (shari.ardis@columbiasc.gov), 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.

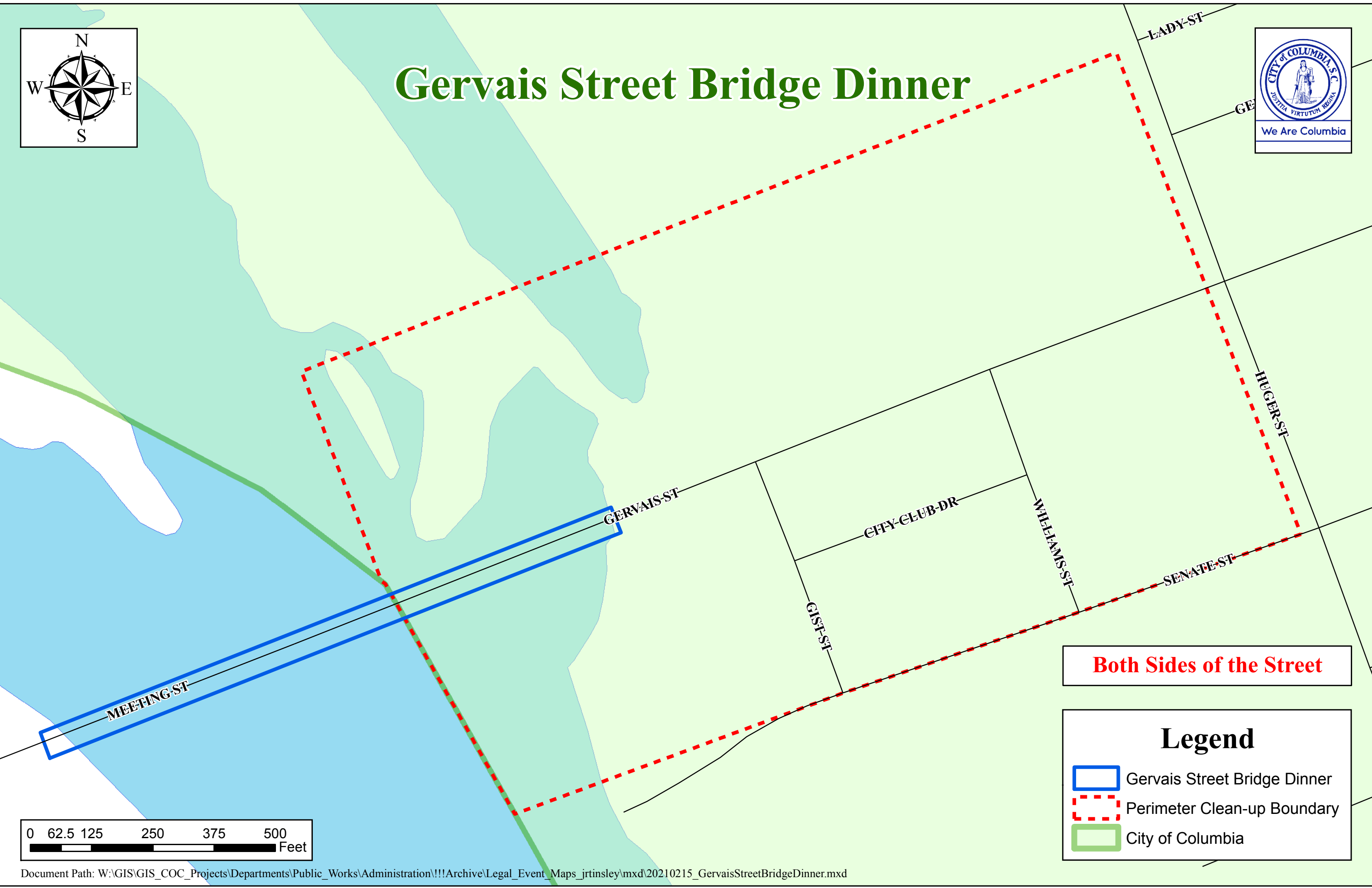
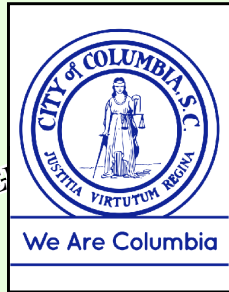
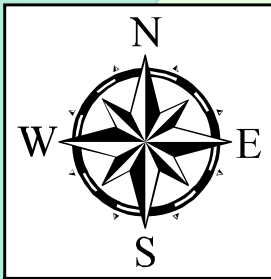
****Outdoor possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages only, all outdoor musical performances and use of sound-amplifying devices shall end by 10:00 p.m. due to the proximity of events to residential properties.***

*****ONLY BEER AND WINE BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON CITY PROPERTY. POSSESSION OF LIQUOR IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. VIP tents or VIP areas for possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages within the event area are PRHOHIBITED.***

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., Main Street Latin Festival, St. Patrick's Festival, Vista Lights,, Rocky Shoals Spider Lily Festival, etc.).



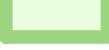
This form **should not** be used to request use of City property for **private** events (birthday, retirement, anniversary parties, etc.) nor for sidewalk sales or neighborhood block parties. Requests for private events at City parks should be made through the Parks and Recreation Department. Requests 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; george.adams@columbiasc.gov
Legal Department - Shari Ardis; 803-737-4242; shari.ardis@columbiasc.gov or fax 803-737-4250 - resolution preparation
Parking Services - Jessica Argoe; (803) 545-0287; jessica.argo@columbiasc.gov - meter bagging
Parks and Recreation - Pearl Osborne; 803-545-3100; pearl.osborne@columbiasc.gov park reservations
Police Department Special Events - Sgt. Jennifer L. Jordan; (803) 545-3514; jennifer.jordan@columbiasc.gov - parade permit, police
Police Department Community Services - Brenda Murphy; 803-545-3507; brenda.murphy@columbiasc.gov - street closing

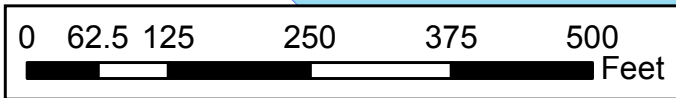
Gervais Street Bridge Dinner



Both Sides of the Street

Legend

-  Gervais Street Bridge Dinner
-  Perimeter Clean-up Boundary
-  City of Columbia



To whom it may concern,

Carolina Together seeks permission to close the Gervais Street Bridge on May 2nd, 2021 from 9am until midnight for the Gervais Street Bridge Dinner. The Gervais Street Bridge Dinner is an annual sunset fundraiser to benefit multiple local charity organizations. A set dinner menu catered by Southern Way Catering will be provided for socially distanced groups at individual tables distanced along the Gervais Street Bridge. The event will feature a staged band in the center of the bridge during the event. The Gervais Street Bridge Dinner will begin hosting guests at 3pm and end promptly at 8pm. Carolina Together is asking permission to close the street at 9am and reopen at 12am to allow enough time for set up and breakdown of the event.

Carolina Together will ensure the safety of patrons, performers, and staff by adhering to the following safety protocols:

- Masks will be required for the event. Masks must be worn at all times unless eating, drinking, or performing. If a guest arrives without a mask, one will be provided.
- Temperature checks will be performed upon entry.
- Sanitizer stations will be located across the bridge, hand sanitizer bottles on every dining table, and hand wash stations in the food prep tents.
- Staggered arrival and departure times as well as assigned seating. Check-in areas will be located at either end of the bridge, opening 30 minutes prior to the event to alleviate lines.
- Carolina Together will allow a maximum capacity of eight people from the same social group per table. Attendees must buy table or table portions to attend the event. No individual tickets will be sold.
- The event will be capped at 1,000 people.
- Food will be served table side. Once attendees are seated, they will be discouraged from moving about unless using the restroom.
- Bar service will be provided in two locations, one at either end of the bridge to alleviate congestion and close proximity. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will only be served on the City of Columbia side of the bridge.
- Southern Way Catering servers will follow all hospitality safety guidelines and will be wearing masks and gloves when preparing food. All food will be prepared inside their restaurant then transported to the prep kitchens on site at either end of the bridge and served by their masked staff.
- Mobile restrooms will be available on site and will include hand washing stations as well as hand sanitizer.
- Carolina Together will offer a refund policy for those exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms to discourage those feeling sick from attending.

While the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic continues, Carolina Together strives to create a safe outdoor fundraiser for our community. This fundraiser is imperative to assist multiple local non-profits during their time in need. Proceeds raised through ticket sales, sponsorships, and donations will be dispersed among multiple Midlands charities. Patrons are encouraged to invite their regular close friends/ coworkers for a socially distanced evening of fine dining and live entertainment on the Columbia region's most iconic landmark.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Amaker

Executive Director
Carolina Together
s.amaker@carolinatogether.org

February 23, 2021

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in reference to your desire to close the Gervais Street Bridge for your upcoming event. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has reviewed your submittal. *Pending written notification from the City of Columbia indicating their participation in traffic control and detour routes for the road closure*, we offer no objection to the proposed use of the SCDOT maintained road(s) as indicated on the ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST form and supplemental documents.

Your signature on the enclosed form indicates you have read and agree to follow the procedures of the ROAD CLOSURE FOR PARADE, FESTIVALS, OR OTHER EVENTS AGREEMENT.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-6660 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this event.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Dickinson, P. E.
District Engineering Administrator

cc: County Resident Maintenance Engineer
South Carolina Department of Public Safety

SCDOT DISTRICT 1 ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST

Requestor Name	Stephanie Amaker		
Local agency, Organization, or Group	Carolina Together		
Mailing Address	803 Meeting Street West Columbia SC 29169		
Email Address	s.amaker@carolinatogether.org	Phone	803-210-5550

* If requester is not a local governmental agency, written authorization from a local governmental agency must be attached

Name of Event	Gervais Street Bridge Dinner
Detailed Description of Event	1000 person dinner on Gervais Street Bridge to raise awareness about the river's benefits to our cities and garnering funds for selected event beneficiaries.

Sponsoring Organization or Group	Carolina Together		
Contact Name	Stephanie Amaker		
Mailing Address	803 Meeting Street West Columbia SC 29169		
Email Address	s.amaker@carolinatogether.org	Phone	803-210-5550

Date of Event:	May 2, 2021	Begin Time:	3:00pm	End Time:	8:00pm	Rain Date:	October 17, 2021
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Road Name/Route Number	Road Name/Route Number
Gervais Street (Bridge Section)	
From Alexander St (WECO) to Huger St (COLA)	
Road closure requested for 9:00am-12:00am	

All requests must also include the following information:

- Written authorization by local authority (if requester is community organization or business)
- Written authorization by local law enforcement agency to provide traffic control (if requester is not law enforcement)
- Map highlighting proposed road closure or route and detour route
- Additional details of event

I have read and agree to follow the procedures of the ROAD CLOSURE FOR PARADE, FESTIVALS, OR OTHER EVENTS AGREEMENT.	<i>Stephanie Amaker</i> Requester's Signature	2-4-2021 Date
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FOR SCDOT USE:

If accepted, SCDOT has NO objection to closing the SCDOT maintained roads above for this event in accordance with all submitted documents and maps.

County: <i>RUNAWAY</i>	Date Received: <i>2/11/2021</i>
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County Reviewer: <i>James Michael Hill</i>	Date: <i>2/11/2021</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/Revise*
County Maintenance: <i>Stacy Myl</i>	Date: <i>2/11/2021</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/Revise*
District Traffic: <i>Patricia Edgeland</i>	Date: <i>2/23/21</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/Revise*
DEA: <i>Robert C. Dickinson</i>	Date: <i>2/23/21</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/Revise*

*If rejected/revised, attach memo with explanation or revision.



Maps

Search for places, traffic and nearby places

Google

McDonald's

Adventure Children's Museum

Williams St

Garra's St

COMET STOP

Garra's St

Galt St

Garra's St Bridge

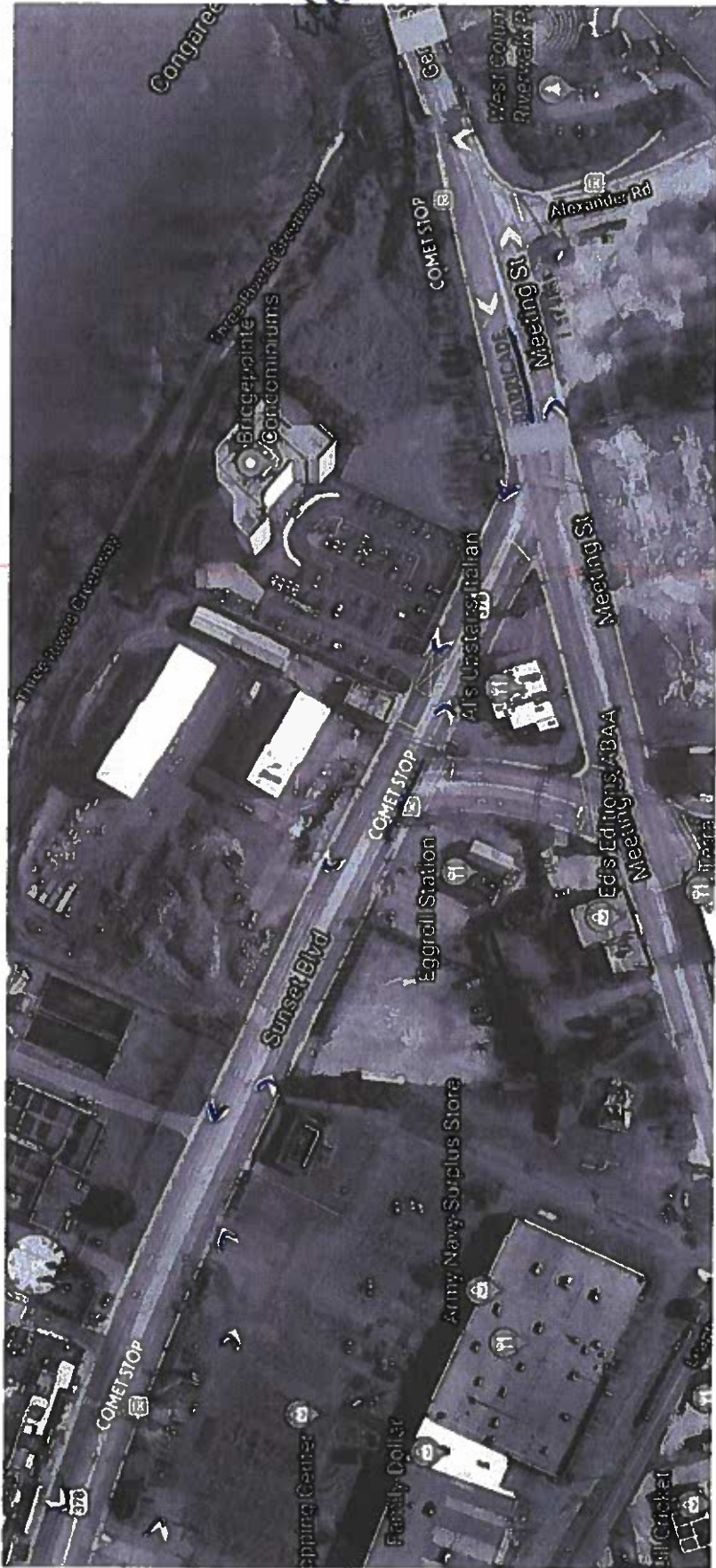
City Centre

Riverfront Park

Seneca St

The Hall at Seneca's End

LEAVE TRACKS





City of West Columbia

Bridging Past, Present and Future

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF DENNIS K. TYNDALL

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

FROM: Sergeant Ronald Fair

REF: D.O.T. AND THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

The West Columbia Police Department has received a request and will be a part of the following event for traffic control once the event has been approved.

2021 Gervais Street Bridge Dinner: The event will take place on the Gervais Street Bridge on March 2, 2021 from 9:00 am to midnight. In the event of a cancellation or postponement , an alternate date is being scheduled for October 17, 2021.

We will utilize two fire trucks at the entrance to the bridge along with traffic cones and barricades as needed on the connecting roads. We will have five uniformed police officers along the entrance to the bridge and connecting roads to ensure the safety of both participants and motorists. Contact me with any questions or concerns at 803-518-1066.