

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2013-013

*Authorizing consumption of beer and wine **only** at
Columbia's Annual Blues Festival in Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park*

WHEREAS, Word of Mouth Productions ("Organizer") is sponsoring Columbia's Annual Blues Festival in Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and the 2200 block of Greene Street between Pine Street and Oak Street adjacent to Martin Luther King, Jr. Park on Saturday, November 9, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Organizer has requested permission to use Martin Luther King, Jr. and for the temporary closing and use of the portion of the 2200 block of Greene Street between Pine Street and Oak Street adjacent to Martin Luther King, Jr. Park from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2013, for preparation of the event, staging of the event, crowd control and overflow during the event to be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.; and for patrons to consume beer and wine beverages **only** at the event on November 9, 2013 from 11:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m.; 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 19th day of March, 2013, that the sale of beer and wine beverages **only** is authorized between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2013; 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 all vendors be restricted to stationary location; 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, is prohibited. Canines and felines are allowed, provided that current leash laws are observed as are set out in the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, as amended. 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 Martin Luther King, Jr. Park area and the closed portion of the 2200 block of Greene Street between Pine Street and Oak Street, 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, that the Martin Luther King, Jr., Park area and the 2200 block of Greene Street between Pine Street and Oak 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.

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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.

Requested by:

Word Of Mouth Productions



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

Introduced: 3/19/2013

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