

RESOLUTION NO.: 2006-017

*Authorizing consumption of beer and wine and
Annual Gay & Lesbian Pride Movement at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park*

WHEREAS, South Carolina Gay & Lesbian Pride ("Organizer") is sponsoring its annual Gay & Lesbian Pride Movement in Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park on Saturday, May 20, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the Organizer has requested permission for merchants to operate sale booths as part of the event; 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 3rd day of May, 2006, that between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2006, merchants are authorized to operate sale booths for items normally sold in their course of business, except alcoholic beverages, beer and wine, within the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park area; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sales of arts and crafts items (to be defined as items which are in whole or in part handmade and not items purchased for resale) and food and beverage items be permitted and that the Organizer be authorized to determine and allocate available space to vendors and to charge reasonable fees to recover its costs in promoting and operating the event. The Organizer may limit the number of vendors based on space available. Food sales are authorized between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; beer and wine sales are authorized between 12:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The Organizer shall prescribe the required application form and appropriate deadline for receiving applications; and,

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

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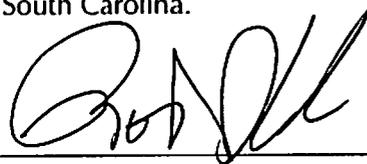
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boards, and horses, except police horses, is prohibited. All pets shall be prohibited. Coolers, glass bottles, breakable glasses and/or cups, large bags and backpacks shall be prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated time the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park area, 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 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park area, 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:



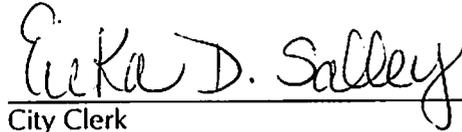
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Approved as to form:



City Attorney

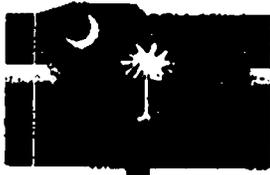
ATTEST:



City Clerk

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April 18, 2006

Charles P Austin
City Manager

Dear Sir:

The South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement has been privileged to hold the annual SC Pride event in Columbia for thirteen of its fifteen years. For the past three years Columbia's Finlay Park has been the location for the annual celebration/festival.

On May 20 of this year, SC Pride will change locations to MLK Park in Five Points. Our plans this year still include the annual parade and festival/celebration. We have secured the use of MLK Park and are completing the required steps for our event beer/wine license. Sgt Goff has informed me that special permission is required in order to serve alcohol in MLK Park. I apologize for not requesting this permission earlier, as my experience has been limited to Finlay Park where additional requests were not required.

We have already received permission to use the park for our event from the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department, the neighborhood association as well as Sgt Goff.

Please accept this letter as our request for permission to serve beer and wine at our festival/celebration in MLK Park. *12-5:30 / event 12-6*

Thank you very much for your time and attention on this matter. If you would like additional information, we will be happy to provide it. My contact information is listed below. I look forward to your response to our inquiry.

Sincerely,

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