

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2015-088

Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Vista Lights 2015 on Thursday, November 19, 2015

WHEREAS, the Congaree Vista Guild ("Guild") is sponsoring Vista Lights on Thursday, November 19, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 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 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. 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 6:00 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 October, 2015, 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 19, 2015; 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 Viva la Vista and that the rules shall be posted at all entrances into the event area; 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 clean up 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,

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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 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.

Requested by:

Assistant City Manager Gentry

Mayor

Approved by:

Aeresa Wilson
City Manager

ATTEST:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
City Attorney

Introduced: 10/20/2015

Final Reading: 10/20/2015

**Park Rules for the Congaree Vista Guild to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for Vista Lights
(R-2015-088)**

WHEREAS, Columbia City Council adopted Resolution R-2015-088 on October 20, 2015, allowing the Congaree Vista Guild to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for the Vista Lights to be held on Thursday, November 19, 2015 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-2015-088, 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-2011-002 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-2015-088; 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: Interim Parks and Recreation Director

Date: 10-29-15

I hereby approve the foregoing park rules this 29th day of October, 2015.

City of Columbia

BY: 
Teresa B. Wilson
ITS: City Manager