

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2004-067**

*Authorizing annual Vista Lights celebration in the Congaree Vista*

WHEREAS, the Congaree Vista Guild is sponsoring its annual Vista Lights celebration in the Congaree Vista on Thursday, November 18, 2004, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Guild has requested permission for Vista area merchants to operate sales booths as part of the celebration; and,

WHEREAS, the Guild has requested that Gervais Street between Park Street and Gadsden Street, Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street and Lincoln Street between Lady Street and Senate Street be closed to automotive traffic; 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 November, 2004, that between the hours of

6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2004, merchants are authorized to operate sale booths for items normally sold in their course of business, except alcoholic beverages, beer and wine, within the area of Gervais Street between Park Street and Gadsden Street, Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street and Lincoln Street between Lady Street and Senate Street; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sale of beer and wine beverages is authorized between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2004;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that street 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 and game booths be permitted and that the Guild be authorized to determine and allocate available space to vendors and to charge reasonable fees to recover its costs in promoting and operating the festival. The Guild may limit the number of vendors based on space available. The Guild 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 Guild 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,

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including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, skate 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 area of Gervais Street between Park Street and Gadsden Street, Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street and Lincoln Street between Lady Street and Senate Street,, with the exception of the parking areas and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic beverages, shall be declared to be a Public Park and the provisions of Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, 15-2 and 15-3, 1998 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 area of Gervais Street between Park Street and Gadsden Street, Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street and Lincoln Street between Lady Street and Senate Street, with the exception of the parking areas 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 area designated.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no solicitation or transactions be made in violation of Sec. 14-32, et. seq., 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

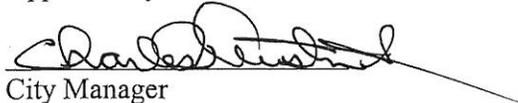
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Mayor

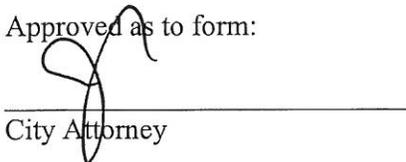
Approved by:



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City Manager

Approved as to form:



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City Attorney

ATTEST:



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City Clerk

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October 8, 2004

Mr. Charles Austin  
City Manager  
CITY OF COLUMBIA  
Box 147  
Columbia SC 29217

Dear Mr. Austin:

Please accept this as our formal request for the closing of streets in the Vista Thursday, November 18, 2004, for the annual Vista Lights celebration.

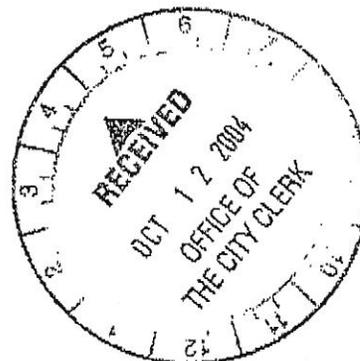
On behalf of the Congaree Vista Guild, I am requesting that Gervais Street be closed from Park Street to Gadsden Street, Park Street be closed from Lady Street to Senate Street, and Lincoln Street be closed from Lady Street to Senate Street to automotive traffic between the hours of 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM. The exceptions would be emergency vehicles. We will provide the flashing barricades for Gervais Street as we did last year.

In addition we are requesting that on those closed streets, people may walk with an open container during those same hours.

Please let me know if there questions I can answer or assistance I can provide. I can be reached at The Boudreaux Group 799-0247.

Sincerely,

Jeanne M Liroia  
Vice President  
Vista Guild



Cc: Erika Moore, City Clerk  
Captain Harold Reaves, City of Columbia Police Department



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