



MEMORANDUM

To: Ron Carlee, City Manager
From: Kerr Putney, Chief of Police *KP*
Date: May 18, 2016
Subject: Extraordinary Event Declaration

As the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department prepares for the 2016 Circle K Kangaroo Express Speed Street Festival, my staff has determined that this event meets the criteria of an Extraordinary Event, as defined in City Ordinance No. 4814. An Extraordinary Event is defined as a large scale event of national or international significance and/or an event expected to attract a significant number of people to a certain portion of the city. In light of recent international events involving terrorist attacks, and in order to provide a safe and secure environment, we will need to expend significant public safety resources during this event. I hereby recommend that the 2016 Circle K Kangaroo Express Speed Street Festival, its associated events, and the surrounding geographic location (see attached map) be declared an Extraordinary Event.

Supporting Information:

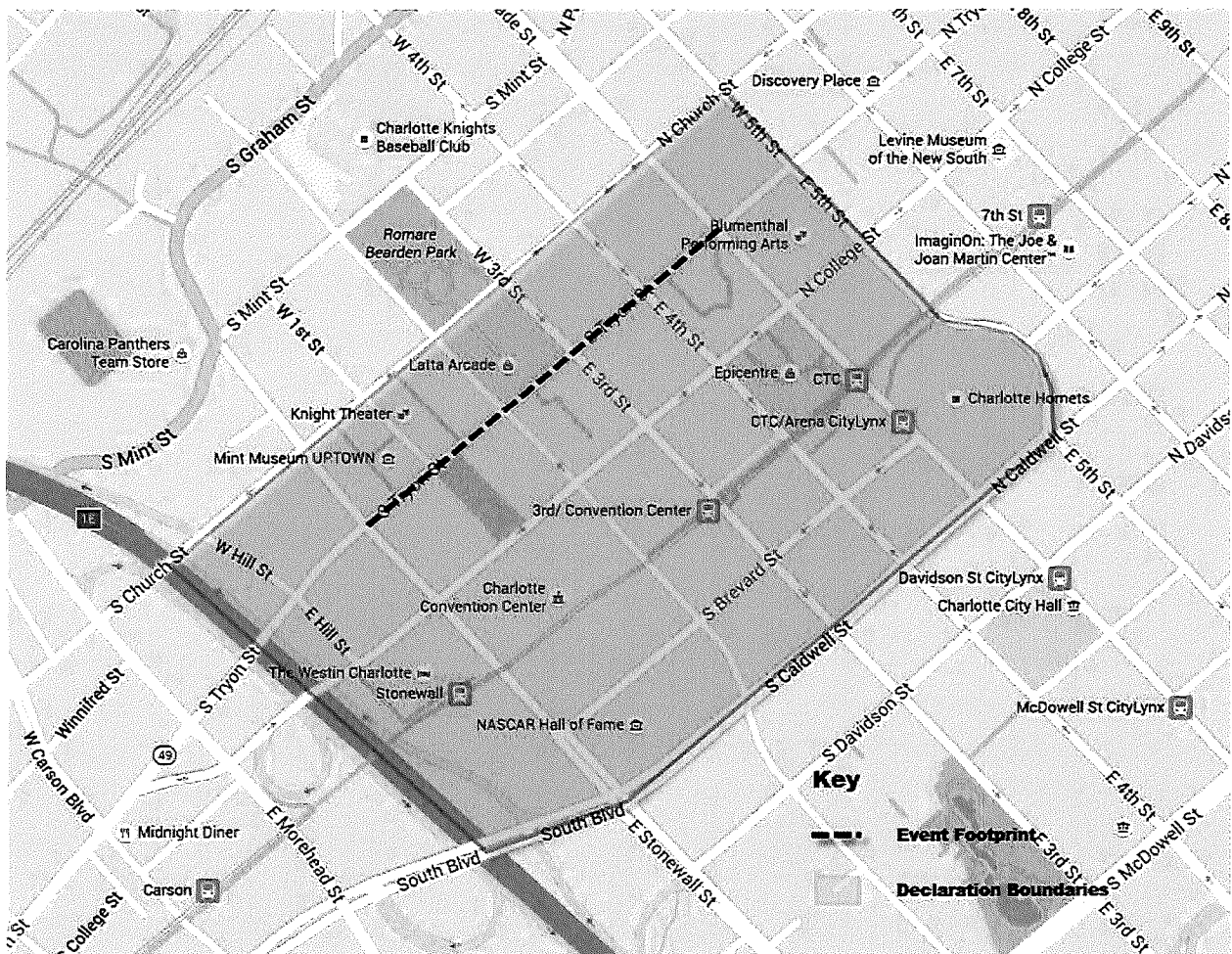
- The 2016 Circle K Kangaroo Express Speed Street Festival will take place beginning May 25, 2016 through May 29, 2016.
- Large numbers of pedestrians and vehicles significantly impact the transportation and infrastructure of the Center City of Charlotte.
- In previous years, as many as 300,000 people have gathered in the center city to attend the festival, associated parties and gatherings.
- Alcohol will be sold at the venue in addition to restaurants and bars.

Although there is currently no known intelligence regarding threats for the Center City Charlotte, there is a general security threat due to recent world events. Considering there will be large open crowds with public access, there is potential that harm that could take place if a so motivated individual or group had the desire to do so.

In order to provide a safe and secure environment, we will need to expend significant public safety resources during this event. I recommend that this event and geographic location (see attached map) be declared an Extraordinary Event.

Geographic Area: The boundaries of the extraordinary event are the outside right of way or property lines of South Church Street at West 5th Street, south to I-277. From there the boundaries continue along I-277 from South Church Street east to South Boulevard heading back north as South Boulevard becomes South Caldwell Street. The boundaries will continue along South Caldwell Street north to East 5th Street, then along East 5th Street to West 5th Street to South Church Street.

Extraordinary Event Map for City of Charlotte 2016 Circle K Kangaroo Express Speed Street Festival



Declaration of Extraordinary Event

Whereas, Charlotte City Code Sec. 15-311 authorizes the City Manager to declare and extraordinary event as defined by City Code Sec. 15-310, to fix the location or boundaries of an extraordinary event, and to establish the period of time of an extraordinary event; and

WHEREAS, in a memorandum dated May 18, 2016, the Chief of Police advised me that the 2016 Circle K Kangaroo Express Speed Street Festival and its ancillary events, scheduled for Tuesday, May 25th, 2016 through Sunday May 29th, 2016 in uptown Charlotte will meet the definition of an extraordinary event; and

WHEREAS, in his May 18, 2016 memorandum, the Chief of Police further advised that current information indicates that:

1. In previous years, as many as 300,000 people have gathered in the center city to attend the festivities associated with the Speed Street Festival.
2. Alcohol will be served at various venues.
3. In order to provide a safe and secure environment for all persons attending the event, significant public resources will need to be expended.

NOW THEREFORE, I HEAREBY DECLARE:

1. The Circle K Kangaroo Express Speed Street Festival and its related events is an extraordinary event within the meaning of Charlotte City Code Sec. 15-310.
2. The boundaries of the extraordinary event are the outside right of way or property lines of South Church Street at West 5th Street, south to I-277. Then along I-277 from South Church Street east to South Caldwell Street. Then along South Caldwell Street north to East 5th Street. Then along East 5th Street to West 5th Street. Then along West 5th Street to South Church Street.
3. The extraordinary event will begin on Wednesday, May 25th, 2016 at 6:00 PM and end on Sunday, May 29th, 2016 at 6:00 AM.
4. The regulations set forth in City Code Sec. 15-313 shall be in effect within the boundaries and during the time period of the extraordinary event.

This is the 23 day of May, 2016.



Ron Carlee, City Manager