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INFORMATION:

May 23-27 – Street Closures for Food Lion Speed Street

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The annual Food Lion Speed Street festival will be held Thursday, May 24 through Saturday, May 26 in Uptown Charlotte. The two main concert stages will be located at MLK Blvd. and Caldwell Street, and the Gantt Center parking lot backing to College Street. These stages will host three evening concerts and a variety of activities during the day. Because of the change in stage locations, Trade Street will remain open throughout the festival and the intersection of College Street and MLK Blvd will close between 6:30 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. Thursday - Saturday.

A brief schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, May 23	9:30 a.m.	Streets close for set-up
Thursday, May 24	Noon – 11:00 p.m.	Festival Open
Friday, May 25	Noon – 11:00 p.m.	Festival Open
Saturday, May 26	Noon – 11:00 p.m.	Festival Open
Sunday, May 27	8:00 a.m.	Streets re-open

A diagram and an aerial photograph mapping the street closings, each with complete operational schedule of street closures, are attached.

During the festival, commuters should expect significantly heavier traffic and congestion during morning and evening rush hour. In an attempt to decrease congestion, CATS will re-route several buses away from College Street and increase the frequency of the LYNX Blue Line service.

Information regarding street closures and event details will be communicated to Uptown businesses and residents through the Street Use Notice (SUN) and through Center City Partners’ website. Additionally, CDOT issued a press release with street closure information.

See Attached

- Speed Street Closing Diagram
- Speed Street Aerial View

Food Lion Speed Street Declared Extraordinary Event

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Last month, the City Manager declared Food Lion Speed Street in Uptown Charlotte as an Extraordinary Event. An Extraordinary Event is defined in the City Code as a large scale event or an event of national or international significance which might attract a significant number of people to a certain geographic area of the city. Food Lion Speed Street is considered an Extraordinary Event because:

- More than 400,000 people are expected to visit the event in Center City over the event's three day duration. Last year, several fights occurred among the crowd of nearly 80,000 people that attended the final night of the event;
- Alcohol is served.

The City Code requires that the City Manager's declaration include a description of the specific geography of the event, and establish a time period for the event. The boundary of the Speed Street event has been designated as the outside right-of-way or property lines of Tryon Street, Stonewall Street, Davidson Street, and Seventh Street. The timeframe has been designated as between May 24 at 6:00 a.m. to May 27 at 6:00 a.m. The regulations of the Extraordinary Event ordinance will be in effect within the boundaries and timeframe described here.

A document containing the signed declaration and a map of the footprint are attached.

See Attached:

Declaration Speed Street

2012 Event Map

 Music/kids Stage

 Closes 9:30am Wed

 Closes 9:30am Thurs
Reopens for Fri am rush

 Closes 6:30pm – 4:00am Thurs, Fri, Sat

 Opens Wed 5/23 & Thurs 5/24 at 4:30-5:30 for The Green deck Exit only.

 Parking Access

Graham



Mint



Poplar



Church



Tryon



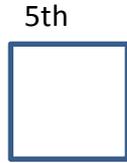
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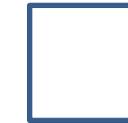
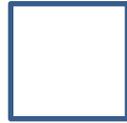
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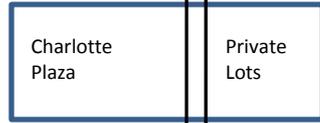
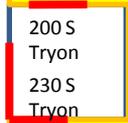
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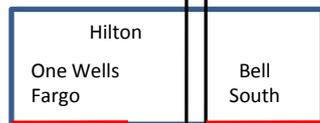
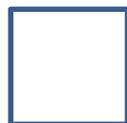
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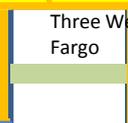
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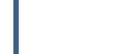
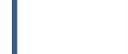
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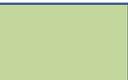
MLK



Levine Ave of the Arts



Stonewall



2012 EVENT MAP



Music/Kids Stage



Closes 9:30 am
Wednesday



Closes 9:30 am
Thursday
Reopens for
Friday am Rush



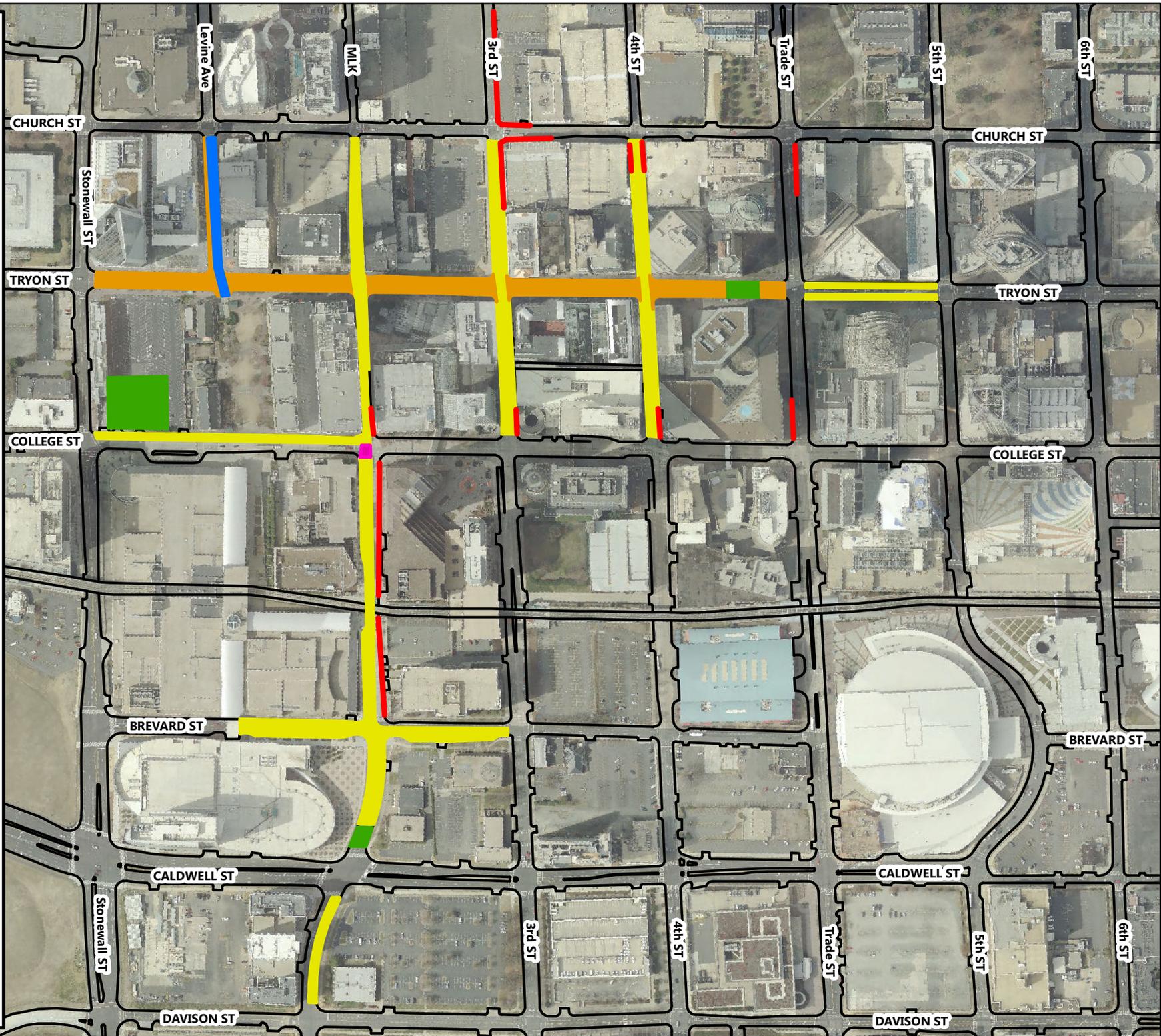
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6:30 pm - 4:00 am
Thursday, Friday
and Saturday



Opens
Wednesday 5/23
Thursday 5/24
at 4:30-5:30 for
Green deck
EXIT ONLY



Parking
Access



DECLARATION OF EXTRAORDINARY EVENT

WHEREAS, Charlotte City Code Sec. 15-311 authorizes the City Manager to declare an extraordinary event, as defined in 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 April 25, 2012, the Chief of Police advised me that the **Food Lion Speed Street 600 Festival** scheduled for May 24-26, 2012 in uptown Charlotte ("Speed Street") will meet the definition of an extraordinary event; and

WHEREAS, in his April 25 Memorandum, the Chief of Police further advised that current information indicates that:

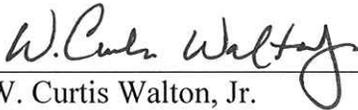
- More than 400,000 people are expected to visit the event, in the Center City, over its three day duration. Last year, several fights occurred among the crowd of nearly 80,000 people who attended the final night of the event.
- Alcohol is served.
- In order to provide a safe and secure environment, as well as protecting the civil rights of those who wish to protest at the event, significant public resources will need to be expended.

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing and other information available to him, the Chief of Police has recommended that I declare Speed Street an extraordinary event and made further recommendations regarding the boundaries and time period for the extraordinary event.

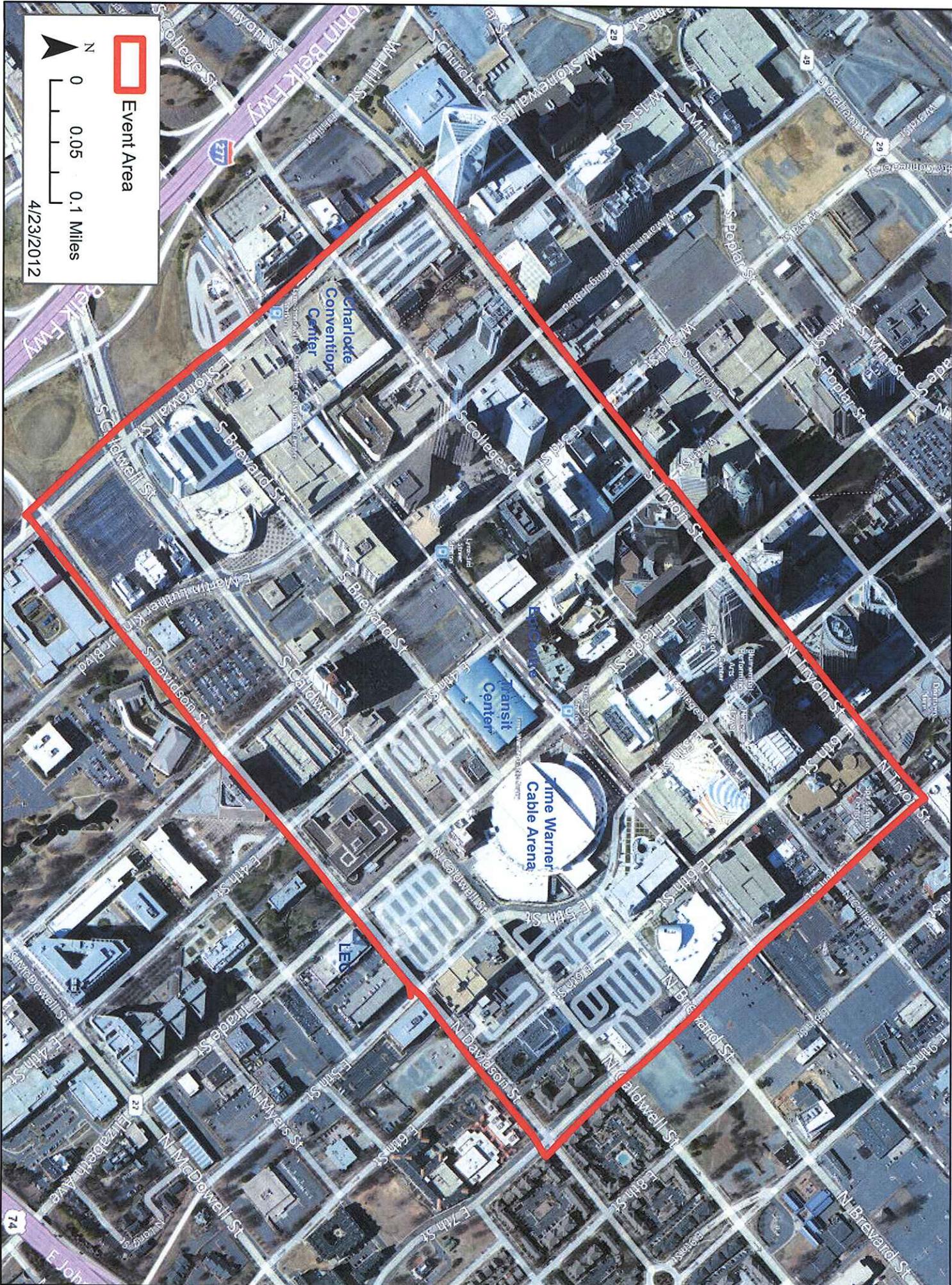
NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY DECLARE:

- (1) The **Food Lion Speed Street 600 Festival** 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 Tryon Street, Stonewall Street, Davidson Street, and Seventh Street, all as depicted on the attached map.
- (3) The Extraordinary Event will begin on May 24, 2012 at 6:00 a.m. and end on May 27, 2012 at 6:00 a.m.
- (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 the 27th day of April, 2012.



W. Curtis Walton, Jr.
City Manager



Event Area



0 0.05 0.1 Miles

4/23/2012

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