



**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Ron Carlee, City Manager  
**From:** Kerr Putney, Chief of Police *KP*  
**Date:** June 22, 2016  
**Subject:** Extraordinary Event Declaration

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As the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department prepares for the **2016 WBT Skyshow Charlotte** that will take place on Monday July 4th, 2016, 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 WBT Skyshow Charlotte and surrounding geographic location (see attached map) be declared an Extraordinary Event.

**Supporting Information:**

The 2016 WBT Skyshow Charlotte will take place inside the BB&T Ballpark at 324 South Mint Street. There will be a street festival, the Skyshow Street Party on Mint Street between Martin Luther King Boulevard and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street beginning at 3:00 P.M. The fireworks will begin after the ballgame. There is an anticipation of a large number of people coming to Romare Bearden Park, the Duke Energy parking deck and other areas adjacent to the ballpark in an attempt to view the fireworks display.

Large numbers of pedestrians and vehicles significantly impact the transportation and infrastructure of the Center City of Charlotte. The area in Center City Charlotte is expected to be very densely populated by pedestrian and vehicular traffic with unfettered access to the public. CMPD plans to have an extensive very visible presence of law enforcement officers with the safety of spectators being a top priority for us.

In light of these facts, though 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 North Graham Street at West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, travelling south on Graham Street to West Stonewall Street. Then travelling on West Stonewall Street to South Davidson Street. Then travelling on Davidson Street to East 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Then travelling on 6<sup>th</sup> Street back to North Graham Street.

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### Extraordinary Event Map for City of Charlotte 2016 WBT Skyshow Charlotte



## Declaration of Extraordinary Event

Whereas, Charlotte City Code Sec. 15-311 authorizes the City Manager to declare an 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 June 22nd, 2016, the Chief of Police advised me that the 2016 WBT Skyshow Charlotte and its ancillary events, scheduled for Monday, July 4th, 2016 in uptown Charlotte will meet the definition of an extraordinary event; and

WHEREAS, in his June 22nd, 2016 memorandum, the Chief of Police further advised that current information indicates that:

1. In previous years, as many as 100,000 people have gathered in the center city to attend the festivities associated with the 2016 WBT Skyshow Charlotte.
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 2016 WBT Skyshow Charlotte 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 North Graham Street at West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, travelling south on Graham Street to West Stonewall Street. Then travelling on West Stonewall Street to South Davidson Street. Then travelling on Davidson Street to East 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Then travelling on 6<sup>th</sup> Street back to North Graham Street.
3. The extraordinary event will begin on Monday, July 4th, 2016 at 6:00 AM and end on Tuesday, July 5th 2016 at 4:00 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 21 day of June, 2016.

  
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Ron Carlee, City Manager