

## 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 December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Chief of Police advised me that the 2016 Belk Bowl and Belk Bowl FanFest, scheduled for Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in uptown Charlotte will meet the definition of an extraordinary event; and

WHEREAS, in his December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 memorandum, the Chief of Police further advised that current information indicates that:

1. In previous years, as many as 75,000 people have gathered in the center city to attend the festivities associated with the Belk Bowl and FanFest.
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 Belk Bowl and FanFest 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 West Carson Boulevard, South Cedar Street, West Trade Street, and South College Street back to West Carson Boulevard.
3. The extraordinary event will begin on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 A.M. and end on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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 is the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2016.

  
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Marcus Jones, City Manager



**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Marcus Jones, City Manager  
**From:** Kerr Putney, Chief of Police *KP*  
**Date:** December 4, 2016  
**Subject:** Extraordinary Event Declaration

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As the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department prepares for the **Belk Bowl (ACC vs. SEC) football game at 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at Bank of America Stadium and the accompanying pregame Belk Bowl FanFest**, 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 national and 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 December 29, 2016 Belk Bowl football game and the pregame Belk Bowl FanFest including the surrounding geographic location (see attached map) be declared an Extraordinary Event.

**Supporting Information:**

The Bank of America Stadium seating capacity is 75,000. This game is not currently sold out. Typically, there will also be a significant number of event staff and service personnel, non-attending fans, and informal events concentrated in Center City throughout the day and late into the evening after the game. As part of the pregame activities, there is also a free concert offered by music entertainer Tim McGraw at BB&T Ballpark beginning at approximately 2:00 P.M. until 3:15 P.M. This concert is within the proposed Extraordinary Event zone and is expected to draw approximately 15,000 attendees.

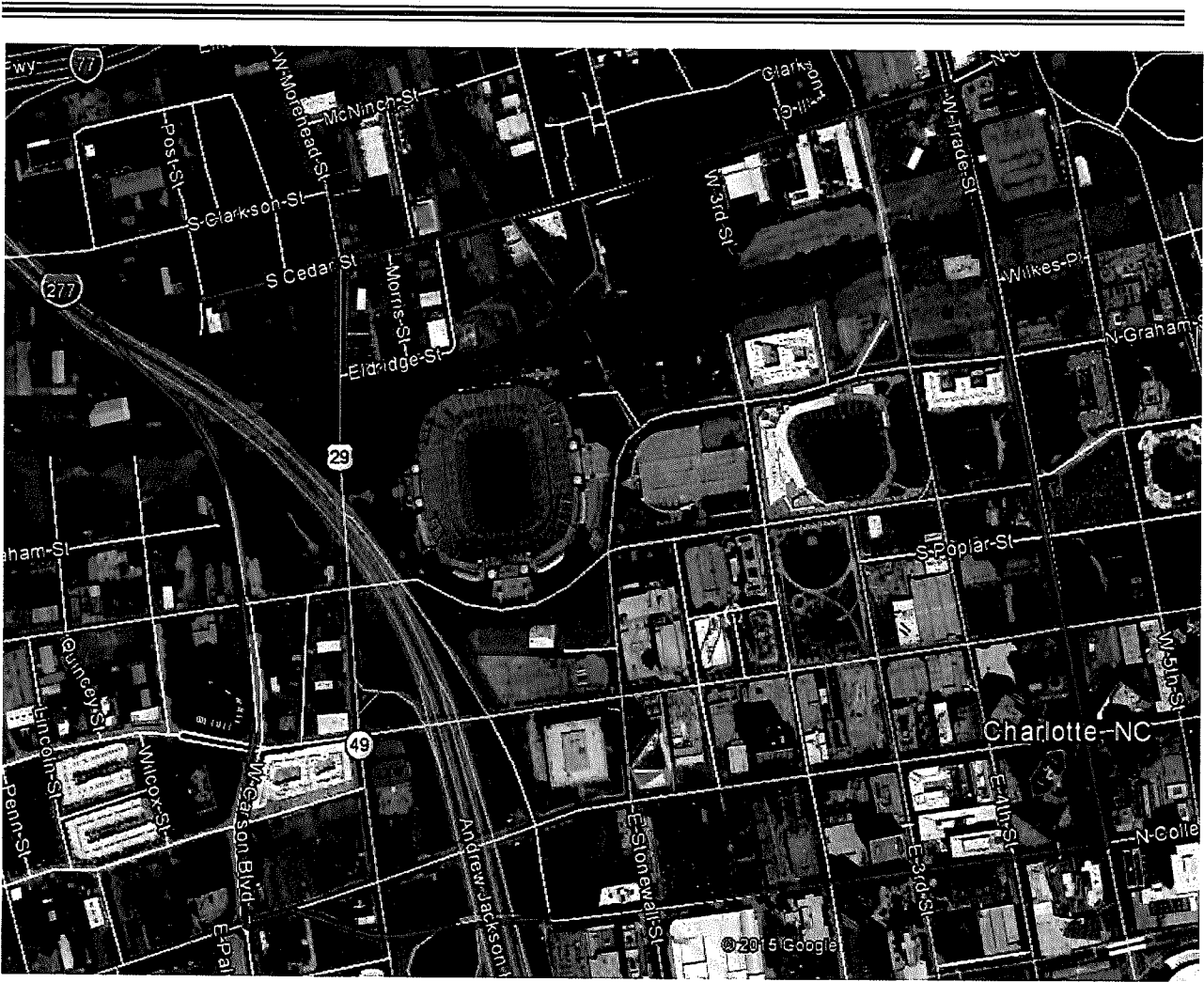
Alcohol will be sold at restaurants and bars, in addition to the venue. We can expect that there will also be alcohol present at informal "tailgating" gatherings in several of the surrounding private lots within the event area. Large numbers of pedestrians and vehicles significantly impact the transportation and infrastructure of the Center City of Charlotte.

The area surrounding the Stadium is expected to be densely populated by pedestrian traffic and areas immediately surrounding the Stadium are open with unfettered access to the public.

In light of these facts, though there is currently no known intelligence regarding threats for the game or related events, 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, the CMPD 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 West Carson Boulevard, South Cedar Street, West Trade Street, and South College Street back to West Carson Boulevard.



**Extraordinary Event Map for the Belk Bowl college football game and Belk Bowl FanFest in the area of at Bank of America Stadium for Thursday, December 29, 2016.**