



MEMORANDUM

To: Marcus Jones, City Manager
From: Kerr Putney, Chief of Police /KP
Date: December 19, 2016
Subject: Extraordinary Event Declaration

As the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department prepares for the “CLT New Year’s Eve” event, 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 December 31, 2016 CLT New Year’s Eve event and surrounding geographic location (see attached map) be declared an Extraordinary Event.

Supporting Information:

The Charlotte New Year’s 2016 events will take place at two locations. One event will be at Romare Bearden Park, 300 S Church St. The second location is at the WBT Radio Holiday on Ice at the NASCAR Hall of Fame, 400 E. Martin Luther King Boulevard. These events are being billed as family friendly and alcohol-free. The event holder is estimating an attendance of about 5,000 at Romare Bearden Park and 2000 at the NASCAR Hall of Fame Plaza.

Alcohol will be sold at restaurants and bars in close proximity to the venue. We can expect that there will also be alcohol present at informal 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. There are numerous large planned events in the Center City Charlotte on December 31, 2016. Some of those include but not limited to NYE parties at The Westin, the Harvey Gantt Center, several clubs at the Epicentre, and the Ritz Carlton. The area in Center City Charlotte is expected to be very densely populated by pedestrian and vehicular traffic with unfettered access to the public.

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 Graham Street, 6th Street, Davidson Street, and Stonewall Street.



Extraordinary Event Map for Center City Charlotte December 31, 2016.

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 December 19th, 2016, the Chief of Police advised me that the 2016 CLT New Years Eve and its ancillary events, scheduled for Saturday, December 31st, 2016 in uptown Charlotte will meet the definition of an extraordinary event; and


WHEREAS, in his December 19th, 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 Charlotte New Year's Eve celebrations.
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 CLT New Year's Eve 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 6th 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 6th Street. Then travelling on 6th Street back to North Graham Street.
3. The extraordinary event will begin on Saturday, December 31, 2016 at 6:00 AM and end on Sunday, January 1st. 2017 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 29 day of December, 2016.



Marcus Jones, City Manager