



MEMORANDUM

To: Ron Kimble, City Manager
From: Kerr Putney, Chief of Police *KPA*
Date: November 15, 2016
Subject: Extraordinary Event Declaration

*Approved as
Recommended.
Ron Kimble
11-17-16*

As the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department prepares for the **2016 Novant Health Thanksgiving Day Parade** that will take place on Thursday November 24th, 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 November 24th, 2016 Novant Health Thanksgiving Day Parade and surrounding geographic location (see attached map) be declared an Extraordinary Event.

Supporting Information:

The 2016 Novant Health Thanksgiving Day Parade will take place on Tryon Street, starting at South Tryon Street and Hill Street, and ending at North Tryon Street and 9th Street. The street closures for the parade will begin at 6:00 A.M. The parade, with a scheduled start time of 9:30AM, will have 88 participating groups including marching bands and step and drill teams. There will also be floats and local performance groups. The estimated attendance for the parade is 100,000.

Large numbers of pedestrians and vehicles significantly impact the transportation and infrastructure of the Center City of Charlotte. A parade, with all the participants and spectators, always results in traffic issues. 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 presence of law enforcement officers with the safety of the parade participants and 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 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, S. Mint St, E. Carson Blvd, South Blvd, Caldwell St and 12th Street.



Extraordinary Event Map for 2016 Novant Health Thanksgiving Parade for Thursday, November 24th, 2016