



Legislation Text

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This ordinance will grant permission to the following groups to apply for a temporary liquor permit authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages at special events to be held during 2010:

- 1) Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed for Waterfire, May 21;
- 2) Columbus Softball Association for the NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series Opening Ceremonies, August 16.

These organizations wish to sell alcoholic beverages to eligible patrons on various city streets and city property to be used for the events. There were no reports of public intoxication at Waterfire last year. This is the first year for the NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series Opening Ceremonies, but it is being hosted by the Columbus Softball Association, a non-profit organization that has a successful track record of hosting events in Columbus.

The City of Columbus, acting by and through its Director of Recreation and Parks, is required to grant approval to the organizers of these events so they may obtain the required permits from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control.

This legislation allows streets to be the host site for charitable organizations to host events as community fundraising endeavors with proceeds going back to the community. This legislation has the support of charitable organizations that will benefit from its passage. Event coordinators will still need to secure street closure signatures from neighborhood property owners before closing streets.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to grant consent to two organizations to apply for permission to sell alcoholic beverages at the following 2010 events: Waterfire and the NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series Opening Ceremonies.

WHEREAS, the following special events will take place during 2010: Waterfire and the NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series Opening Ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, following precedent, the organizers of these events wish to sell alcoholic beverages at said events:

- 1) Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed for Waterfire, May 21;
- 2) Columbus Softball Association for the NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series Opening Ceremonies, August 16.

WHEREAS, to this end, permission from the City of Columbus is required as it is the property owner involved; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and is hereby authorized and directed to grant consent on behalf of the City of Columbus to the following organizations to apply for appropriate liquor permits to enable the non-profit groups to sell alcoholic beverages during the hours specified in said permits and at a specified locations during their 2010 special events:

- 1) Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed for Waterfire, May 21;
- 2) Columbus Softball Association for the NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series Opening Ceremonies, August 16.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

