CHARLOTTE Zoning Interpretation

Duration of Periodic Retail Sales Events

Periodic Retail Sales Events, Off-Premise.

(Petition No. 2004-135, § 12.534, 3/21/05)

No more than twelve (12) periodic retail sales events shall be allowed per tax parcel, per calendar year, not including Outdoor Seasonal Sales.

No one event shall be longer than 5 days, including set-up and breakdown time.

Periodic Retail Sales Events, On-Premise.

(Petition No. 2004135, § 12.535, 3/21/05)

No one event shall be longer than 4 days, including set-up and breakdown time.

In speaking with the drafters of these ordinance provisions it was their intent to have each event end prior to the issuance of another permit. In addition, while a parcel may have no more than 12 off-premise events in a calendar year the same is not true for on-premise events. As such, if we were to offer a 60 day permit to off-premise events due to the fact that 12 such events are permitted in a calendar year we may be obligated to issue a year- long permit for on-premise events.

ISSUE

What constitutes an "event" for off-premise sales events, can an individual obtain a permit (5 day limit x a maximum of 12 permits per year) to remain on a parcel, without taking down and setting back up, for 60 continuous days?

POLICY

In order for an "event" to end the tents, vehicles, or other structures used to run the event, must be completely taken down. As such, each event must obtain a separate permit.

All current permits should be honored and will be considered grandfathered until the permit expires. Any new permit issued shall be limited in duration to 5 days for off-premise events and 4 days for on-premise events. Each event must end, as evidenced by the removal of all vehicles, tents, tables, etc. associated with the event, prior to the issuance of another periodic sales event permit for that tax parcel.

Date Agreed: April 28, 2006	Approved By: Rodger Lentz
Code Sections: 12.534 (f) (g) and 12.535 (4)	SUPERSEDES :

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