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RESOLUTION NO. 14-186

A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS APPROVING A COMMUNITY EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FROM WICHITA CONVOY OF HOPE, ALLOWING OFF-STREET PARKING OF VEHICLES ON AN UNSURFACED AREA AND THE USE OF AN UNSURFACED DRIVEWAY FOR EGRESS FROM THE EVENT.

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that substantial community benefits may result from community events. They can provide community outreach, cultural enrichment, promote economic vitality and enhance community identity. Further, events such as Wichita Convoy of Hope operate to provide various services and goods to the under-served and impoverished neighborhoods within the City, as well as connections to other assistance and social service organizations;

WHEREAS, Wichita Convoy of Hope, operated by Bethel Life Center, has applied for a community event permit pursuant to Chapter 3.11 of the Code of the City of Wichita. Said event is proposed to occur at 3777 S. Meridian on Saturday, August 2, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposed event will provide outreach services to over 6,000 citizens and will use the services of many volunteers, all creating a need for vehicle parking space and also for orderly egress from the event site; and

WHEREAS, the proposed event site does not meet the requirements of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code due to unsurfaced parking area and unsurfaced driveways upon the premises which are needed to accommodate the size of the event and the anticipated number of persons attending; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.11.090(h) of the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, a proposed community event may not violate any law of the City of Wichita, State of Kansas or of the United States, provided, however, a community event permit may be approved and a use not allowed by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code may be permitted to proceed if approved by the City Council after a public hearing regarding the same and for a duration not exceeding ten (10) calendar days; and

WHEREAS, the proposed event does not otherwise present a safety, noise, or traffic hazard and will not obstruct the operation of emergency vehicles or equipment in or through the area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed application on file for this event will be subject to review by the Community Event Committee pursuant to Chapter 3.11 of the Code of the City of Wichita, with no other issues anticipated which would impede such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS AS FOLLOWS;

1. A public hearing having been held as required by Section 3.11.090 (h) of the Code of the City of Wichita, the community event permit shall be approved for the Wichita Convoy of Hope event to be held Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 3777 S. Meridian from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. During this event, Bethel Life Center may allow parking of vehicles on unsurfaced areas and the use of any unsurfaced driveway upon the premises of the event which are outside the provisions of Article IV, Section A(2) of the Wichita-Sedgwick Unified Zoning Code.

2. All events and activities to be held at the Wichita Convoy of Hope site will be subject to approval by the Community Event Committee pursuant to Chapter 3.11 of the Code of the City of Wichita.
3. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption by City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS,
this 15th day of July, 2014.

Carl Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Sublett, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Gary E. Rebenstorf
City Attorney