



## **Memo**

To: Honorable Mayor Armitage; City Council  
From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director  
Date: September 16, 2022  
Re: Street closure request – Lovett St for Michigan Mead Night

### **Background**

Michigan Mead Night is a new event planned by the Michigan Nordic Fire Festival committee for Beach Market and the Congregational Commons in downtown Charlotte. The event is intended to showcase the growing Michigan mead industry at an event that will also benefit the downtown district. Mead is wine made from honey.

The event will feature mead tasting from a wide variety of Michigan meaderies, as well as games and prizes, vendors and live entertainment. Event goers will be encouraged to eat at local restaurants downtown. If successful, this is intended to become an annual event.

The closure of Lovett St is requested specifically for vendor space. Games will take place at the Congregational Commons. All mead consumption would take place in a controlled, access-restricted space in and around Beach Market.

### **Recommendation**

Authorize temporary closure of Lovett Street for the Michigan Mead Night.

### **Financial Impacts**

There will be a modest expense associated with placing and retrieving the barricades.

### **Suggested Motion**

I move to approve the Council Resolution authorizing the temporary closure of Lovett Street for Michigan Mead Night.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022 –**

**AUTHORIZING MICHIGAN MEAD NIGHT  
STREET CLOSURE OCTOBER 22, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Michigan Mead Night is a community-based, organized event sponsored locally by Nordic Fire, Inc., a Michigan non-profit organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the festival committee is responsible for organizing the event that contributes to community-wide fellowship, benevolence, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the festival committee in conjunction with City Administration, have planned events that require the use and closure of an adjacent street; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee has requested that the Charlotte City Council approve the following request, and to assist with the street closure:

1. Closure of the 100 block of West Lovett Street from Noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2022.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Charlotte determines this temporary street closing is in the best interests of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this street closure at the specified time be granted and carried out; and,

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the Charlotte Department of Public Works and Charlotte Police Department provide the authorized assistance to include placement of barricades and the issuance of a Traffic Control Order as may be necessary.