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SPECIAL EVENT BLACKOUT DATE POLICY

City Council has designated the following, as recommended by the Special Events Committee, specific blackout dates for major annual events due to high demand for City resources. It is unlikely that any additional medium or major events will be approved on the following dates due to the existing demand for available City resources.

- Emancipation Proclamation Parade (January 1)
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Parade (January 15)
- Charleston Half Marathon (January)
- SEWE (3rd weekend February)
- Wine & Food (1st weekend in March)
- CRBR (First Saturday in April)
- First two weekends in May
- Piccolo Spoleto (end of May/early June)
- Mother Emanuel Memorial (June 17)
- Charleston 9 Memorial (June 18)
- MOJA (September/October)
- James Island Connector Run (October)
- Veteran's Day Parade (November)
- Turkey Day Run (November)
- Holiday Parade/Tree Lighting (December)
- Reindeer Run (2nd Saturday December)

The Special Events Committee, at its discretion, may limit the number of special event permits issued on dates not listed in the Blackout Date Policy. When reviewing permit applications, the Committee considers specific criteria outlined in the Special Events Ordinance (2-185). These criteria include, but are not limited to, public safety, police and fire resources, impact on roadways and pedestrian traffic, and overall quality of life.