



Charlotte's Extraordinary Events Ordinance

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Outline of Presentation

- Charlotte's opposition to arbitrary profiling
- Purpose and history of the development of the Extraordinary Events Ordinance
- What's in the ordinance?
- Justification for declaring an extraordinary event and history of usage
- Changes previously under consideration
- Proposed repeal



Arbitrary Profiling

- June 8, 2015 City Council Resolution
- Prohibits arbitrary profiling (*i.e.*, police activity motivated by race, gender, ethnicity, religion, age, citizenship, sexual orientation, or any arbitrary stereotype):
 - in establishing reasonable suspicion to initiate a detention
 - in establishing probable cause for a search or arrest
 - as motivation for a voluntary contact or seeking consent to search



Purpose and History

- 2012 Democratic National Convention
- Comprehensive review of law enforcement tools in the City Code
- Concern about “anarchists”
- List of prohibited items



What's in the Ordinance?

- Definition – large-scale special event of national or international significance and/or an event expected to attract a significant number of people
- Declared by the City Manager who fixes the boundaries and time period
- May establish different process/deadlines for permits



What's in the Ordinance?

- May not move a vehicle/float or throw objects without a permit
- Prohibits the possession of an enumerated list of items that deemed to be potentially dangerous
- Defense to prosecution
 - engaged in, or on way to or from, an activity where object legitimately used;
 - possessed object for that legitimate use; and
 - did not use or attempt to use as a weapon or to injure



Factors for Declaration

- Number of people expected to attend
- Access to event site
- Information/intelligence – security threat or other large events



History of Usage

Number of Extraordinary Events

2012	6
2013	5
2014	7
2015	9
2016	14

Total	41



Previously Considered Changes

- Repeal the Extraordinary Events Ordinance
- Amend the Picketing and Public Assembly ordinances to prohibit some items
- Maintain defense to prosecution
- Where access is controlled, attendees may be screened to ensure that prohibited items are not brought into the event



Current Proposal

- Repeal Extraordinary Events Ordinance in its entirety
- CMPD will work with event organizers to develop and execute public safety plans for large outdoor events in consideration of current threats and intelligence



Value and Justification Going Forward

- A new direction
- Public safety at large outdoor events – in the world we now live in



Questions?