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7	IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA		
8	BRAMLEY PAULIN,		
9	Plaintiff,	Case No. CV2023-000409	
10		APPLICATION FOR	
11	VS.	PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION & NOTICE OF REQUEST TO	
12	KATE GALLEGO, in her official capacity as Mayor of the City of Phoenix; JEFF	CONSOLIDATE HEARING WITH TRIAL ON THE MERITS	
13	BARTON, in his official capacity as City Manager of the City of Phoenix; and CITY OF PHOENIX, a municipal corporation of		
14	of PHOENIX, a municipal corporation of the State of Arizona,		
15	Defendants,		
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18	Pursuant to Arizona Rule of Civil Proce	dure 65, Plaintiff Bramley Paulin requests	
19	that this Court issue a preliminary and permane	ent injunction ¹ enjoining Defendant City of	
20	Phoenix ("City") from enforcing Phoenix City Council Resolution 22095 and requiring		
21	the City to immediately approve Plaintiff's tem	porary signage applications pursuant to its	
22	ordinary, content-neutral standards for tempora	ry signage within a special event area.	
23	Plaintiff's Motion is supported by the following Memorandum of Points and		
24	Authorities, its attachments, Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, and all other documents,		
25	evidence, and arguments made previously.		
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27	¹ Pursuant to Rule 65(a)(2), Plaintiffs hereby request that the hearing on the motion for a preliminary injunction be consolidated with a trial on the merits. The issues at a trial on		
28	the merits are primarily legal issues and they are the same as the Court will consider at the hearing on the motion for a preliminary injunction.		

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

In the lead-up to the 2023 Super Bowl, the City of Phoenix enacted a blanket ban on any temporary signage not approved by two private corporations: the National Football League ("NFL") and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee ("Host Committee"). The ban applies to non-commercial as well as commercial signage, and it gives no standards or procedural safeguards for the signage approval process. This violates the Arizona Constitution's guarantees of free speech, due process, and separation of powers.

Although the City recently amended that ban pursuant to City Council Resolution 22095, that amendment does not redress Plaintiff's injuries or obviate the need for an injunction. Absent the relief requested herein, Plaintiff will suffer irreparable harm, and he will be deprived of his constitutional rights, contrary to law.

I. Statement of Facts in Support of Injunctive Relief

A. Facts giving rise to this lawsuit

Plaintiff owns two pieces of property in downtown Phoenix, including a property at the intersection of 1st Street and Moreland, near the Margaret T. Hance Park ("Hance Park"). Declaration of Bramley Paulin attached as Exhibit 1 ¶ 6; Compl. ¶ 36. With the Super Bowl coming to Glendale, Arizona in February 2023, downtown Phoenix will host multi-day festivities, including a music festival and an "NFL Experience" event at Hance Park. Ex. 1 ¶ 7; Compl. ¶¶ 33, 34. Over 1.5 million people are expected to attend these events. Compl. ¶ 35.

Plaintiff hopes to erect temporary signage on his properties, particularly the property near Hance Park, in order to exercise his constitutional free speech rights and to take advantage of the high public visibility any signage would garner during Super Bowl festivities. Ex. 1 ¶ 8; Compl. ¶ 37. Several months ago, Plaintiff began contacting companies to discuss the possibility of advertising on his properties. Ex. 1 ¶ 9; Emails attached as Exhibit 2; Compl. ¶ 38. These companies, however, responded that they were unwilling even to discuss the opportunity because Plaintiff's property "is in the clean zone

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for the NFL," and no advertising is allowed in that zone during Super Bowl-related events without NFL approval. Ex. 1 ¶ 10; Ex. 2; Compl. ¶ 38.

They were right. Since January 2022, the City has made clear in writing to affected property owners, including Plaintiff, that no temporary signage would be allowed in the downtown area without NFL and Host Committee approval. Resolution 21987, attached as Exhibit 2; June 10, 2022 Letter, attached as Exhibit 3. Then, on October 12, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution 22073, a "Resolution Declaring 2023 National Football League (NFL) Super Bowl Activities Held in Downtown Phoenix as Special Promotional and Civic Events." Resolution 22073, attached as Exhibit 4. Resolution 22073 established a "Special Promotional and Civic Event Area," stretching roughly from Lincoln Avenue to McDowell Road, and from Seventh Street to Seventh Avenue—nearly two square miles of downtown Phoenix. *Id.* at 4. Within this Special Promotional and Civic Event Area, the Resolution "restrict[ed] all temporary signage ... that has not been authorized by the NFL or Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee ... in order to support NFL event-related activities." Id. at 2.

Resolution 22073 did not provide any additional details or standards regarding the approval of temporary signage. It did not even define "temporary signage" (although the City has announced that in its view "[t]emporary signage is anything that is not physically built into" a building). "Downtown Phoenix, Inc., Clean Zone 101," attached as Exhibit 5; see also id. (stating that this includes "Banners (cloth or vinyl)," "Window paintings," "Pennants," "Posters/Flyers," "Flags," and "Balloons").²

Guidance from the City on these signage restrictions has been sparse and confusing. Ex. 1 ¶ 11; Compl. ¶¶ 22–25. One City webpage states that "[b]usinesses that fall within the 'Clean Zone' must remove all their current temporary signage by October 31," and that "[n]ew temporary signs that will be displayed between November 1, 2022,

² The City's Zoning Ordinance (assuming it is relevant to construing Resolution 22073) reinforced the exceptionally broad reach of this restriction. It defines "temporary sign" in relevant part as "[a]ny sign or advertising display intended to be displayed for a period of less than six months or for such period as may be established in a use permit." Phoenix Zoning Ord. § 202.

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and February 19, 2023, require Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee approval." Super Bowl 2023 Small Business Support, Phoenix City Manager's Office (Nov. 2, 2022).³ Another webpage, however, says that the restrictions take effect January 15, 2023. Ex. 5.

The City held a "Super Bowl LVII Small Business Permitting and Licensing Workshop" on November 2, 2022, where it explained the "Clean Zone" requirements in more detail. At this workshop, a City spokesperson stated:

Obviously, the NFL sponsors are making a huge financial commitment to be one of those designated sponsors, and we need to provide that protection to those sponsors in the downtown area where a lot of the Super Bowl events are happening. This is also a huge economic impact to our local economy, so we want to make sure we're being a good partner to the NFL and the Host Committee.

Super Bowl LVII Small Business Permitting and Licensing Workshop (10:45 AM Nov. 2, 2022) at 7:30-7:45.4 The City's presentation also stated that a purpose of the Clean Zone is to "Protect NFL Super Bowl Sponsors." *Id.* Another spokesperson said that any promotional outdoor items with non-NFL-approved logos or products, such as promotional patio umbrellas and chairs, pennant signs, and flags from non-NFL-approved vendors, would not be approved for display. *Id.* at 17:00.

Resolution 22073 completely restricted Plaintiff from placing temporary signage on his property without first obtaining approval from the City, the NFL, and the Host Committee. Ex. 1 at ¶ 12. Because of that resolution, potential business partners would not even discuss advertising arrangements with Plaintiff unless he had pre-approval. Ex. 1 at ¶ 13; Emails Between Bramley Paulin and Coca-Cola, attached as Exhibit 6. This put Plaintiff in a Catch-22: on one hand, he could not apply for temporary signage approval without providing detailed information about the signs he wished to display. On the other hand, he could not determine what signs he would display until he reached an agreement with an advertiser, and advertisers were unwilling to reach an agreement until Plaintiff had approval to display signage. Ex. 1 at ¶ 13; Compl. ¶ 39–40.

B. The City's January 25, 2023 amendments to the ordinance

Plaintiff has tried diligently to resolve this issue with City staff, and even with the Host Committee, since October 2022, to no avail. Ex. 1 ¶¶ 15, 16; Compl. ¶¶ 41–42. On December 13, 2022, he sent a letter to the City through his attorneys, stating that the Resolution denied him his constitutional rights and seeking written assurance that he could post signage without unreasonable restriction and without input by the NFL or the Host Committee. Compl. ¶ 42. Another three weeks of negotiation and meetings with the City proved fruitless, and on January 5, 2023, Plaintiff filed this lawsuit, seeking injunctive relief and asserting claims for violation of free speech, due process, and separation of powers.

At a January 18 return hearing, the City stipulated to an order enjoining Resolution 22073 and stated that the City Council would consider amending the resolution the following week. *See* CV 2023-000409, 1/18/2023 Minute Entry. This order enabled Plaintiff to negotiate a tentative advertising agreement with a marketing company and put together a temporary signage application, which he submitted to the City the morning of January 24. Ex. 1 ¶ 44–45. City staff indicated that his application would be evaluated without Host Committee input and that Plaintiff could expect a decision in approximately five business days. Ex. 1 ¶ 45.

The City's apparent cooperation, however, was short-lived. That afternoon, Plaintiff received an email (attached as Ex. 6) from David Williams, a Sign Section official, with a "point of clarification." He explained that only the Host Committee had a "use permit" allowing the types of signage Plaintiff wanted (banners and inflatables), and that "[i]n order to move forward, [Plaintiff] will need to provide a sign off or approval from the Host Committee to obtain a temporary sign permit made available via the HC's use permit." (emphasis added). Ex. 1 ¶ 46; David Williams Email, attached as Exhibit 7.

On January 25, the City passed Resolution 22095 (the "Resolution"), which was substantively identical to Resolution 22073 except for the removal of a single sentence

(the sentence that "restrict[ed] all temporary signage . . . that has not been authorized by the NFL or the [Host Committee]"). Resolution 22095, attached as Exhibit 8.

What these developments mean is this: Plaintiff cannot place the sign he wishes to place unless either (1) the city approves his sign pursuant to its ordinary (i.e., pre-Resolution 22073) process, or (2) Plaintiff gets the Host Committee's permission to use its existing use permit. Option (1) will take too long—the Super Bowl is scheduled for February 12, and once it occurs, Plaintiff's opportunity to place his signage will be lost. Option (2) is substantively identical to the injuries he has complained of all along: being forced to get permission from the Host Committee (pursuant to vague, or content-based criteria). Therefore, the recent alterations to the Resolution simply do not redress his injuries.

II. Standards for Preliminary Relief

In deciding whether to grant a preliminary injunction, courts consider (1) the likelihood of success on the merits, (2) the possibility of irreparable harm without an injunction, (3) the balance of hardships, and (4) public policy. *Shoen v. Shoen*, 167 Ariz. 58, 63 (App. 1990). When determining whether preliminary relief is appropriate, courts apply a sliding scale rather than a strict balancing of the four factors. *Smith v. Ariz. Citizens Clean Elections Comm'n*, 212 Ariz. 407, 410–11 ¶ 10 (2006). Thus, to warrant a preliminary injunction the plaintiff must "establish either 1) probable success on the merits and the possibility of irreparable injury; or 2) the presence of serious questions and that the balance of hardships tips sharply in favor of the moving party." *Id.* (citation and internal marks omitted). In other words, "[t]he greater and less reparable the harm, the less the showing of a strong likelihood of success on the merits need be." *Id.* All these factors decisively favor Plaintiff on each of his claims.

III. Plaintiff's Challenge Is Likely to Succeed on the Merits.

Resolution 22073 explicitly required NFL and Host Committee approval for *any* temporary signage in the downtown area—a blatant restriction on free speech, denial of due process, and delegation of government power to a third party. While the City omitted

that specific provision from its new Resolution, *nothing has changed* from Plaintiff's perspective: the City still refuses to consider Plaintiff's sign application unless the Host Committee pre-authorizes his application by giving him their "blessing ... to be under their approved sign use permit." Ex. 6.

As a preliminary matter, the Zoning Code gives no support to the theory that a third party, like the Host Committee, could obtain a use permit for the entire downtown area, including thousands of Phoenicians' businesses and private properties, and then dole out temporary signage rights to private citizens by deciding who gets to share in its use permit. While the Zoning Code allows special signage under special events use permits, it contemplates that each individual establishment within an area has its *own* rights under that use permit. *See* Phoenix City Code § 705(F)(3)(b) ("When two or more adjoining establishments are to participate equally in the event, a single request for a use permit may be filed."). It does not support the notion of a single "master of the permit" who can grant or withhold the use of that permit to any private business in the whole downtown area.

To erect special event signage (including banners, balloons, flags, and guidons) in a special event area, the law requires only three specific findings:

- (1) The signs are erected in conjunction with special promotional events of a civic or commercial nature;
- (2) The signs are appropriate in scale, composition and manner of display with surrounding development;
- (3) The length and frequency of such displays are compatible with the goals of the downtown redevelopment program.

Just like the other special event signage currently displayed throughout downtown Phoenix, Plaintiff's signage satisfies all of these requirements. More fundamentally, the

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⁵ The alternative the City suggests—"obtain[ing] [his] own temporary event use permit"—is illusory. Until last Thursday, Plaintiff was unable to apply for his permit because of the City's unconstitutional restriction on *any* temporary signage not approved by the Host Committee. Now, while that restriction has been somewhat loosened, applying for his own special event use permit would takes weeks or months. The Super Bowl is barely two weeks away.

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City's action is unconstitutional. What the City could not do directly via Resolution 22073, it is now trying to do indirectly, via the novel theory that the Host Committee has total discretion to withhold special event signage rights from private business owners in the Special Promotional and Civic Event Area. Black & White Taxicab Co. v. Standard Oil Co., 25 Ariz. 381, 396 (1923) ("It is axiomatic in law that what cannot be done directly may not be done by indirection.").

Whether the City grounds its action in the Resolution, the Zoning Code, or some other legal theory, its refusal to allow Plaintiff to apply for temporary signage violates the Arizona Constitution in at least three ways. First, it infringes on the Constitution's guarantee of free speech because it is a prior restraint and a vague, overbroad, contentbased regulation of speech. Second, it violates due process because it is unconstitutionally vague and lacks minimum procedural safeguards. Third, it unconstitutionally delegates government power to private third parties.

A. The signage restriction is a content-based prior restraint of speech.

To begin with, the restriction is a prior restraint. "Prior restraints on speech and publication are the most serious and the least tolerable infringement" on free expression. Phoenix Newspapers, Inc. v. Otis, 243 Ariz. 491, 495 ¶ 13 (App. 2018) (citations and internal marks omitted). Accordingly, prior restraints "come with a heavy presumption against constitutional validity." Nash v. Nash, 232 Ariz. 473, 481–82 ¶ 32 (App. 2013). Such a restriction can survive only if it survives strict scrutiny—meaning, only "if the restriction serves a compelling governmental interest, is necessary to serve the asserted compelling interest, is precisely tailored to serve that interest, and is the least restrictive means readily available for that purpose." *Id.* (citations and internal marks omitted).

The restriction is a prior restraint because it prospectively forbids the expression of any message⁶ until and unless that message is specifically reviewed, approved, and

⁶ A prior restraint is any government act "that result[s] in the physical interception and suppression of speech prior to its public expression." Marin Scordato, *Distinction Without* a Difference: A Reappraisal of the Doctrine of Prior Restraint, 68 N.C. L. Rev. 1, 30–31 (1989).

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thereby licensed, by the City and by a private third party (i.e., "the NFL and/or the Super Bowl Host Committee"). Ex. 3 at 2; Ex. 6. Significantly, this is *not* a content-neutral time, place, and manner restriction, but a *content-based* restriction on speech, whereby signage is legally prohibited unless and until the Host Committee reviews and approves of the *content* of a sign's message. That is unconstitutional. *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, 576 U.S. 155, 173 (2015); Wortham v. City of Tucson, 128 Ariz. 137, 141 (App. 1980).

By requiring Host Committee approval before considering temporary signage applications, the City is allowing the Host Committee to effectively deny a temporary sign application for any reason at all, including the content of the sign. And the City has admitted in repeated public statements that content regulation is precisely the purpose of the "clean zone" restrictions:

- One of the purposes of the signage restrictions is to "Protect NFL Super Bowl Sponsors."8
- "Obviously, the NFL sponsors are making a huge financial commitment to be one of those designated sponsors and we need to provide that protection to those sponsors in the downtown area where a lot of the Super Bowl events are happening."
- "Permit applications can not [sic] be approved for materials that display the logos for Super Bowl sponsor competitors and non-licensed use of the Super Bowl LVII trademark." Ex. 5 (emphasis added).

The fact that the restrictions regulate advertising makes no difference. First, Arizona courts have never held that the Arizona Constitution affords lesser protections to commercial speech than non-commercial speech. *See Sign Here Petitions LLC v. Chavez*,

⁷ Although Plaintiff challenges the restriction based only on the free speech protections in the Arizona Constitution, First Amendment jurisprudence is informative insofar as "the Arizona Constitution provides broader protections for free speech than the First Amendment." *Brush & Nib Studio, LC v. City of Phoenix*, 247 Ariz. 269, 281 ¶ 45 (2019). ⁸ Super Bowl LVII Small Business Permitting and Licensing Workshop (10:45 AM Nov. 2, 2022) at 7:30–7:45, https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/ced/2549.

243 Ariz. 99, $105 \, \P \, 16$ (App. 2017). Indeed, even if this case involves commercial speech, it demonstrates what dangerous and sweeping speech restrictions governments can impose under the pretext of regulating advertisements, and why strict scrutiny is applied to such regulations.

More fundamentally, however, the restriction is *not* a commercial speech regulation. On its face, it applies to *all* special event signage, including advertising, political speech, and any other content.

It is immaterial that the restrictions apply to sign types, such as banners, balloons, flags, and guidons, that would otherwise not be allowed, and are only permitted in special event areas. The government has the power to restrict certain types of signage, and even ban certain types of signage outright, but only "so long as it does so in an evenhanded, content-neutral manner." *See Reed*, 576 U.S. at 173. If it chooses to allow some type of signage in an area, it must do so irrespective of speaker or message. *Id*.

Because the restriction requires downtown residents and businesses to obtain preclearance and preapproval of a sign's content before they may display *any* special event sign, it is a content-based prior restraint and subject to strict scrutiny.

B. The restriction cannot survive strict scrutiny, or any scrutiny.

There is no legitimate government interest in content-based regulation of signs, let alone regulation of signs based on the content preferences of private businesses that are given special privileges by the government. Courts have recognized two substantial government interests that can sometimes justify regulations on commercial signage: public safety and aesthetics. *See, e.g., Outdoor Sys., Inc. v. City of Mesa*, 169 Ariz. 301, 306 (1991). The government, not the Plaintiff, bears the burden of proving that the restriction serves these ends with proper narrow tailoring, *Salib v. City of Mesa*, 212 Ariz. 446, 451 ¶ 10 (App. 2006), and it has not done this. Nor can it, because neither factor is at play here.

First, the restriction does not advance either an aesthetic or public safety interest because it bans all banners, balloons, and flags, absent preapproval of their content—and

specifies no safety factors or aesthetic considerations to be followed by anyone wishing to exercise free speech. The Host Committee's preapproval of signs depends on the message, not on the aesthetics or any safety concerns. Second, and for the same reason, the restriction is not narrowly tailored. It bans *any and all* banners, balloons, and flags, unless pre-approved by the City and the private companies the City has empowered as censors. Such a sweeping ban on speech cannot qualify as "the least restrictive means readily available" to achieve a safety or aesthetic purpose. *Nash*, 232 Ariz. at 481–82 ¶ 32.

Finally, even setting aside the broad restrictions on non-commercial speech and assuming that a lower level of scrutiny applies to commercial speech restrictions under Arizona law, the restrictions here would fail even under intermediate scrutiny. It is not justified by any of the "substantial state interests" federal courts have recognized in relation to commercial speech regulations. *See 44 Liquormart, Inc. v. Rhode Island*, 517 U.S. 484, 500–05 (1996). Rather, by the City's own admission, the principal purpose is to protect the economic interests of the NFL, the Host Committee, and their sponsors, by suppressing competitors' ability to communicate. But "[c]ourts have repeatedly recognized that protecting a discrete interest group from economic competition is not a legitimate governmental purpose." *Craigmiles v. Giles*, 312 F.3d 220, 224 (6th Cir. 2002); *Merrifield v. Lockyer*, 547 F.3d 978, 991–92 & n.15 (9th Cir. 2008).

In sum, the restriction cannot survive strict scrutiny, or even a lower level of scrutiny, because it lacks a compelling governmental interest and is not tailored.

C. The restriction is vague and overbroad.

Additionally, the restriction is unconstitutionally vague and overbroad. It makes no distinction between commercial versus non-commercial signage, trademark-infringing versus non-infringing signage, or even Super Bowl-related versus non-Super Bowl-related signage. And, as discussed above, it bans the temporary display of *any* message—whether commercial, political, religious, or otherwise—on a banner, balloon, or flag, unless the Host Committee approves. It is difficult to imagine a legitimate (let alone compelling) governmental interest that could justify such an overbroad prior restraint on speech.

Worse, the City has given residents no way to discern which signs the Host Committee will or will not approve under the blanket use permit—and thus, the City's action is unconstitutionally vague. The following section explains why this is a due process violation. But in the free speech context, vagueness also has a chilling effect: rather than guess about the law's meaning, and risk running afoul of the law, many residents will likely self-censor. That is constitutionally unacceptable. *Cf. State v. Western*, 168 Ariz. 169, 171–72 (1991) ("[W]here a vague statute abuts upon sensitive areas of basic First Amendment freedoms, it operates to inhibit the exercise of those freedoms," because uncertainty leads "citizens to steer far wider of the unlawful zone than if the boundaries of the forbidden areas were clearly marked." (alterations adopted) (quoting *Grayned v. City of Rockford*, 408 U.S. 104, 106 (1972)).

Under the overbreadth doctrine, ¹⁰ a plaintiff can facially challenge a law, even if some conceivable applications of that law may be constitutional, provided "a substantial number of its applications are unconstitutional, judged in relation to the statute's plainly legitimate sweep." *United States v. Stevens*, 559 U.S. 472, 473 (2010) (citation omitted); *Western*, 168 Ariz. at 173. Of course, the foremost reason that prior restraints are regarded as so constitutionally improper is because of their tendency to cause just this chilling effect. *State v. Feld*, 155 Ariz. 88, 94–95 (App. 1987).

Thus, the restriction is unconstitutional not only as applied to Plaintiff's circumstances, but also on its face, because it unconstitutionally bans a whole range of protected speech, from yard signs to advertisements.

¹⁰ To be sure, while the federal courts do not entertain overbreadth challenges to statutes that solely regulate commercial speech, Arizona courts have never adopted this rule. And even under the federal approach, Plaintiff's overbreadth challenge is proper because the restriction facially applies to *all* temporary signage, commercial or not. *See Bd. of Tr. of State Univ. of N.Y. v. Fox*, 492 U.S. 469, 481 (1989) ("Although it is true that overbreadth analysis does not normally apply to commercial speech, that means only that a statute whose overbreadth consists of unlawful restriction of commercial speech will not be facially invalidated on that ground.... Here, however, although the principal attack upon the resolution concerned its application to commercial speech, the alleged overbreadth ... consists of its application to *non*-commercial speech, and that is what counts." (internal citations omitted)).

D. The restriction violates Plaintiff's due process rights.

The restriction violates Plaintiff's rights to due process under the Arizona Constitution, *see* Ariz. Const. art. II, § 4, because it is unconstitutionally vague and fails to establish minimum procedural safeguards.

First, the Resolution is unconstitutionally vague. "A statute is unconstitutionally vague if it fails to provide persons of ordinary intelligence a reasonable opportunity to know what is prohibited and fails to contain explicit standards of application to prevent arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement." *State v. George*, 233 Ariz. 400, 402 ¶ 9 (App. 2013) (citation and internal marks omitted), Therefore, "[a] legislative enactment must 'provide explicit standards for those who will apply it." *State v. Singer*, 190 Ariz. 48, 50 (App. 1997) (quoting *State v. Takacs*, 169 Ariz. 392, 394 (App. 1991)). Nothing in the City Council's recent amendment addresses this constitutional flaw.

Neither the Zoning Code, the old Resolution, the new Resolution, nor any other City document contains "ascertainable standards on which the decision to grant or withhold [approval] is based." *Herrera v. Jamieson*, 124 Ariz. 133, 134 (App. 1979). Instead, the City has vested the Host Committee with unfettered authority to decide how, when, and to whom it will grant the right to speak via certain types of signage within the downtown area. It has provided no substantive standards for how these entities are to evaluate temporary signage applications. This "complete lack of any standard" fails to give residents fair notice of how to comply with the law, and it invites "the arbitrary exercise of power by the officials charged with administering" the signage restriction. *Id.* at 134–35.

Second, this process lacks the minimum procedural safeguards required by the Arizona Constitution. "Due process primarily requires that rights and property are not taken by governmental authority without notice and an opportunity for hearing." *Elia v. Ariz. Bd. of Dental Exam'rs*, 168 Ariz. 221, 228 (App. 1990). *See also Freedman v. Maryland*, 380 U.S. 51, 57–60 (1965) (recognizing that any licensing requirement applicable to speech must provide procedural safeguards including an opportunity to

appeal the wrongful denial of a permit). The City does not give applicants any opportunity to be heard meaningfully, or to challenge the decision of the Host Committee. It does not require the Host Committee to give any kind of reasoned explanation for denying an application. It provides for no administrative oversight, let alone judicial review. Thus, it violates the Arizona Constitution's guarantee of due process. Again, nothing in the City's actions this week changes any of this.

E. The restriction is an unconstitutional delegation of government power.

The City has delegated government authority to a private corporation. Indeed, it appears to have delegated legislative (to enact whatever rules they choose to govern the approval of temporary signage), judicial (to decide what temporary signage is allowable under the Resolution), *and* executive (to implement the censorship regime) power to the Host Committee. As explained in the preceding sections, the City itself lacks the authority to censor speech. That makes it all the more unconstitutional for the City to delegate that authority to a private actor.

First, it was unconstitutional for the City to delegate this power at all. A statute, ordinance, or resolution may delegate governmental power only if "it contains reasonably definite standards which govern the exercise of the power, and ... procedural safeguards in the nature of a right of review are provided." *Schecter v. Killingsworth*, 93 Ariz. 273, 285 (1963). The City's process provides *no* standards to guide decision-makers' discretion.

Second, it was unconstitutional for the City to delegate this power to an unaccountable private actor. "[I]t is a well-established theory that a legislature may not delegate its authority to private persons over whom the legislature has no supervision or control." *Emmett McLoughlin Realty, Inc. v. Pima Cnty.*, 203 Ariz. 557, 559 ¶ 7 (App. 2002) (citation and internal marks omitted); *see also id.* ("[Z]oning powers may not be delegated to private parties or property owners." (quoting 83 Am. Jur.2d Zoning and Planning § 615 (1992))).

Thus, for example, the Arizona Court of Appeals has held that a county may not give a private landowner the power to veto a zoning proposal. *Emmett McLoughlin Realty*, 203 Ariz. at 560-61 ¶¶ 7–12. Similarly, "courts throughout the nation," including the Arizona Supreme Court, "have universally condemned attempts to delegate municipal legislative power to private groups, to fix wages or hours." *Parrack v. City of Phoenix*, 86 Ariz. 88, 91 (1959). Contrary to this authority, the Resolution gives the Host Committee a blank check: it offers them total discretion to decide what signage to allow or deny under the blanket use permit, with no procedural safeguards or judicial review.

To be sure, the City itself lacks the authority to censor signs based on content. But even what powers a city *does* possess, it can rightly exercise only "because the government is ultimately accountable to the ... citizens through the established political mechanisms for the expression of the majority's will." *Cahill v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 556 N.E.2d 133, 140 (N.Y. 1990) (Titone, J., concurring). "These mechanisms are circumvented, however, when the decisions ... are delegated to a private corporation, which is not accountable through any of these mechanisms." *Id.*

Here, as a private corporation, the Host Committee is not susceptible to any of the ordinary mechanisms—from public hearings to records requests to elections—that enable citizens to hold their governments accountable. Handing over power to an unaccountable third party is totally antithetical to the principles of limited government enshrined in Arizona's Constitution. *See* Ariz. Const. art. II, § 2 ("All political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights.").

IV. Plaintiff's challenge is ripe.

Plaintiff has repeatedly attempted to submit his temporary signage applications to the City, and the City has refused to accept them. Nevertheless, it makes no difference to Plaintiff's challenge when, or whether, he has submitted a sign application. A plaintiff need not apply to the government for permission to exercise a constitutional right prior to challenging a speech restriction. *See Kaahumanu v. Hawaii*, 682 F.3d 789, 797–98 (9th

Cir. 2012); Freedom to Tavel Campaign v. Newcomb, 82 F.3d 1431, 1435–36 (9th Cir. 1996).

This is particularly true here, where the City's prior unconstitutional restrictions have left Plaintiff mere days to plan and erect signage. A weeks-long application process, which could still result in an improper denial, would not leave time for judicial relief until well after the Super Bowl. Further delay only worsens Plaintiff's injury, and the City's new position this week, that Plaintiff must either submit an application under the ordinary sign rules—which are too slow to allow him to post a sign in time for the Super Bowl—or obtain "a sign off or approval from the Host Committee to obtain a temporary sign permit made available via the HC's use permit"—is simply more delay. Ex. 7 (emphasis added).

V. Plaintiff faces irreparable harm without immediate preliminary relief.

"The loss of First Amendment freedoms, for even minimal periods of time, unquestionably constitutes irreparable injury." *Elrod v. Burns*, 427 U.S. 347, 373 (1976); see also Am. Trucking Ass'n v. City of L.A., 559 F.3d 1046, 1059 (9th Cir. 2009) ("[C]onstitutional violations cannot be adequately remedied through damages and therefore generally constitute irreparable harm." (citation omitted)).

Plaintiff, together with hundreds of other downtown Phoenix business owners and thousands of residents, is already suffering the deprivation of his free speech and due process rights with each passing day. Unquestionably, the harm suffered by Plaintiff in the absence of relief is irreparable. Moreover, the Super Bowl itself is set for February 12, 2023. If Plaintiff receives no relief by that time, he will lose any opportunity to display signs and will be unable to remedy his injuries afterward.

VI. The balance of hardships and public interest favor Plaintiff.

When a government entity is a party to a lawsuit, it is appropriate to "consider the balance of equities and the public interest together." *California v. Azar*, 911 F.3d 558, 581

¹¹ See Flynn v. Campbell, 243 Ariz. 76, 80 ¶ 9 (2017) ("Although a federal court's interpretation of a federal procedural rule is 'not binding in the construction of our rule,' we recognize its instructive and persuasive vale and that 'uniformity in interpretation of our rules and the federal rules is highly desirable." (quoting *Orme Sch. v. Reeves*, 166 Ariz. 301, 304 (1990))).

(9th Cir. 2018).¹¹ Here, it is not necessary for this Court to address these factors because Plaintiff has a strong likelihood of success on the merits. Nevertheless, any violation of the Constitution is also a hardship that tips the balance in favor of Plaintiff, and enforcing the constitution is always in the public interest. *See, e.g, Melendres v. Arpaio*, 695 F.3d 990, 1002 (9th Cir. 2012).

Conversely, preliminary relief would impose little or no hardship on the government. Plaintiff is not asking this Court to halt the enforcement of ordinary zoning and signage ordinances. In asking the Court to enjoin enforcement of the Resolution, Plaintiff merely seeks relief from a sweeping regime of prior restraints on speech that gives private corporations unfettered power to ban signs based on their content. The City has no cognizable interest in such a deprivation of its residents' constitutional rights. Moreover, to the extent the City has identified *any* interest in enforcing the Resolution, that interest appears to be pure economic protectionism for the NFL, the Hosting Committee, and their sponsors. *See Merrifield*, 547 F.3d at 991 n.15 ("[E]conomic protectionism for its own sake ... cannot be said to be in furtherance of a legitimate governmental interest.").

A final point: The City has suggested that the relief Plaintiff seeks would result in unequal treatment, apparently because it would allow him to exercise his speech rights free from the restrictions other downtown residents face. Of course, Plaintiff seeks an order prohibiting enforcement of the objectionable restrictions against anyone—they are facially unconstitutional, and every Phoenician should be free to put up temporary signage free from Host Committee approval. But merely forcing Phoenicians to apply for permits under the original sign rules is insufficient here because of the approaching February 12 deadline. Given that deadline, the *only* way to remedy Plaintiff's injury is for this Court, in its equitable power, to order the City to immediately approve Plaintiff's sign, subject

only to the ordinary, content-neutral standards (e.g., no obscenity, advertising illegal activities, overly-large window signs, etc.) that apply to everyone.

VII. No bond should be required.

A plaintiff seeking preliminary relief typically must post a bond "in such amount as the court considers proper to pay," Ariz. R. Civ. P. 65(c), but the Court has discretion to waive this requirement when doing so serves the interests of justice. *In re Wilcox Revocable Tr.*, 192 Ariz. 337, 341 ¶¶ 17–20 (App. 1988); *see also Save Our Sonoran, Inc. v. Flowers*, 408 F.3d 1113, 1126 (9th Cir. 2004) (noting that "requiring nominal bonds is perfectly proper in public interest litigation").

Any bond in this matter should be nominal because Plaintiff is seeking in the public interest to enjoin a violation of the state constitution. As one federal court observed when interpreting Rule 56(c)'s federal counterpart, "requiring a bond to issue before enjoining potentially unconstitutional conduct by a governmental entity simply seems inappropriate," because such a requirement would make "protection of [constitutional] rights ... contingent upon an ability to pay." *Doctor John's Inc. v. City of Sioux City*, 305 F. Supp. 2d 1022, 1043–44 (N.D. Iowa 2004).

Plaintiff brings this case as a concerned citizen seeking to vindicate rights enjoyed by all similarly situated Phoenix residents. *Cf. Ctr. For Food Safety v. Vilsack*, 753 F. Supp. 2d 1051, 1062 (N.D. Cal. 2010) (dispensing with bond requirement where plaintiff was a "small non-profit" and "requiring the organization to pay a bond would fatal[ly] harm its ability to bring lawsuits on behalf of the public interest"). Anything more than a nominal bond will have a chilling effect on efforts to ensure legal compliance. *Cf. Wistuber v. Paradise Valley Unified Sch. Dist.*, 141 Ariz. 346, 350 (1984) (Attorney fees should not be awarded "[w]here aggrieved citizens, in good faith, seek a determination of the legitimacy of governmental actions. ... Courts exist to hear such cases; we should encourage resolution of constitutional arguments in court rather than on the streets."). The Court should therefore waive the bond requirement or set it at a nominal amount.

1	CONCLUSION		
2	Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court grant a preliminary and permanent		
3	injunction enjoining the City's enforcement of Resolution 22095 and requiring the City to		
4	immediately approve Plaintiff's temporary signage applications pursuant to the existing		
5	use permit for the downtown area, subject to its ordinary, content-neutral rules for		
6	temporary signage within a special event area.		
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8	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26th day of January, 2023.		
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10	GOLDWATER INSTITUTE		
11	/s/ John Thorpe Jonathan Riches (025712) Timesthy Son John (022670)		
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7	IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA		
8	BRAMLEY PAULIN,	I	
9	Plaintiff,	Case No. CV2023-000409	
10	VS.	DECLARATION OF	
11	KATE GALLEGO, in her official capacity	BRAMLEY PAULIN	
12	as Mayor of the City of Phoenix; JEFF BARTON, in his official capacity as City		
13 14	Manager of the City of Phoenix; and CITY OF PHOENIX, a municipal corporation of the State of Arizona,		
15	Defendants,		
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18	I, Bramley Paulin, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of		
19	Arizona as follows:		
20	1. I am over the age of eighteen and have personal knowledge of the matters		
21	stated in this declaration and am competent to testify regarding them.		
22	2. I am a resident of Maricopa County, Arizona.		
23	3. I understand that on October 12, 2022, the Phoenix City Council enacted		
24	Resolution 22073 ("Resolution"), declaring a "Special Promotional and Civic Event		
25	Area" ("Clean Zone") covering a portion of downtown Phoenix stretching approximately		
26	from Lincoln Street to McDowell Street, and from Seventh Street to Seventh Avenue.		
27	4. It is my understanding and belief that the Resolution forbade any		
28	"temporary signage" within the Clean Zone during the three weeks before Super Bowl		

LVII ("Super Bowl") and the week following the Super Bowl unless that signage was approved by the City, the NFL, and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee.

- It is my understanding and belief that the City actively enforced the
 Resolution, including by issuing fines and requiring the removal of unapproved temporary signage.
- 6. I own two pieces of property in downtown Phoenix, including a property at the intersection of First Street and Moreland, near Margaret T. Hance Park ("Hance Park").
- 7. I understand that Hance Park will be the site for a multi-day outdoor festival during the week leading up to Super Bowl, and that upwards of 1.5 million people are anticipated to attend the festival.
- 8. I hope to erect temporary signage on my properties, particularly the property near Hance Park, in the weeks leading up to the Super Bowl. I want to do so in order to exercise my constitutional right to free speech and in order to take advantage of the high public visibility such signage would have during Super Bowl-related festivities.
- 9. To this end, over the past several months I have contacted potential business partners to discuss the possibility of placing temporary signage on my property.
- 10. In these discussions, the potential business partners informed me that my property was located "in the clean zone for the NFL" and that "non-NFL partners" may not advertise within the Clean Zone.
- 11. It is my understanding and belief that the Resolution did not define "temporary signage," it did not give any standards or guidance for how the NFL and the Host Committee should evaluate temporary signage applications, and no other resolution or ordinance from the City clarified the scope of the Resolution's restrictions.
- 12. Nevertheless, it is my understanding and belief that my property is located in the Clean Zone, and that the Resolution's restrictions on temporary signage applied to any signage I might display on my property during the three weeks before, and the week following, the Super Bowl.

- 13. Because potential business partners were unwilling to reach an agreement to display temporary signage without approval from the NFL, while the Resolution was in effect I was unable to put together a specific proposal for temporary signage to submit for approval. However, I could not even request approval without first submitting a proposal for temporary signage. To do so, I would have needed a specific proposal for signage. This put me in a Catch-22 and prevented me from exercising my speech rights.
- 14. It is my understanding and belief that if I display temporary signage on my property without first obtaining the necessary approval, I will face fines, removal of my signs, and other adverse consequences.
- 15. I tried for over three months to resolve these problems in communications with City and Host Committee staff, without success.
- 16. On December 13, 2022, I sent a letter to the City through my attorneys, stating that I was suffering substantial harm from the City's passage and enforcement of the Resolution, and that the temporary signage restrictions were depriving me of my constitutional rights. I requested written assurance from the City that I, and any person approved by me, could advertise on my property without unreasonable restriction and without any input or review by the NFL or the Super Bowl Host Committee.
- 17. After approximately three weeks of negotiation and meetings with the City proved fruitless, I filed a lawsuit on January 5, 2023, challenging the Resolution's constitutionality on grounds of free speech, due process, and separation of powers.
- 18. At a court hearing on January 18, the City stipulated to an order enjoining Resolution 22073 and stated that the City Council would consider amending the resolution the following week.
- 19. This temporary relief enabled me to negotiate a tentative advertising agreement with a marketing company and put together a temporary signage application, which I submitted to the City on January 24. City staff assured me that my application would be evaluated without Host Committee input and that I could expect a decision in approximately five business days.

- 20. It is my understanding and belief that the ordinary approval process for a use permit would take weeks or months, and could not be obtained until well after the Super Bowl is over.
- 21. Hours later, I received an email from David Williams, a Sign Section official, with a "point of clarification." He stated that only the Host Committee had a "use permit" allowing the types of signage Plaintiff wanted (banners and inflatables), and that "[i]n order to move forward, [I] will need to provide a sign off or approval from the Host Committee to obtain a temporary sign permit made available via the HC's use permit."
- 22. On January 25, the City passed Resolution 22095 ("Amended Resolution"), which was substantively identical to Resolution 22073 except for the removal of a single sentence, referring to the restriction of all temporary signage without Host Committee or NFL approval.
- 23. To date, the City has refused to allow me to display temporary signage on my property without first obtaining approval from the Host Committee, and has refused to even accept my applications for permits, despite my repeated attempts to submit them.
- 24. It is my understanding and belief that but for the City's temporary signage restrictions, I would have already been able to enter an advertising agreement, given the proximity of my property to Hance Park and other Super Bowl-related festivities.
- 25. The City's temporary signage restrictions have harmed me, and are continuing to harm me, by depriving me of the ability to display messages on signage without the approval of a private corporation. The restrictions have also harmed me, and are continuing to harm me, by depriving me of significant revenue and opportunities to do business.
 - 26. I declare that to the best of my knowledge the foregoing is true and correct.

RESOLUTION 21987

A RESOLUTION DECLARING ALL 2023 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL) SUPER BOWL AND NFL-SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES IN THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA AS SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL AND CIVIC EVENTS.

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby declares that for the four week period before the National Football League (NFL) 2023 Super Bowl (Super Bowl LVII) on Sunday, February 12, 2023 and the one week period after Super Bowl LVII, all official events and other NFL-sanctioned activities that are held in the Downtown Redevelopment Area will be considered special promotional and civic events for the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance.

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that certain events and activities related to Super Bowl LVII will take place in downtown Phoenix in the weeks before and after the event. These events and activities will bring significant revenue and media exposure to the City of Phoenix during the event period. Phoenix Zoning Ordinance, Section 705.F.1.b, provides that advertising devices otherwise prohibited by the Zoning Ordinance may be erected in the Downtown Redevelopment Area, subject to a use permit, in conjunction with special promotional events of a civic or commercial nature. By declaring the NFL and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee sanctioned activities

as special promotional and civic events, the Resolution allows the NFL, the NFL-approved sponsors, and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee to advertise official events in the Downtown Redevelopment Area by use of signs, banners and similar devices. This action will not impact any existing permitted permanent signs in downtown. This declaration will restrict all temporary signage within the Downtown Redevelopment Area that has not been authorized by the NFL or the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee during the above-mentioned time period in order to support NFL event related activities.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX as follows:

SECTION 1. For the four week period before the Super Bowl LVII event and the one week after Super Bowl LVII, all official events and other NFL-sanctioned activities that are held in the Downtown Redevelopment Area will be considered special promotional or civic events and are hereby declared to be "special promotional event" as that term is used in the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance section 705, subsection F, paragraph 1, subparagraph b.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Phoenix this 26th day of January, 2022.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Denise Archibald, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Cris Meyer, City Attorney

BY: Acting Chief Counsel

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June 10, 2022

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RE: Notice of 2023 NFL Super Bowl LVII Game-Related Events Jefferson Street Master Sign Plan Members

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice to parties of the Jefferson Street Master Sign Plan (JSMSP) that Phoenix will be hosting many official game-related events and activities associated with the National Football League (NFL) Super Bowl LVII in 2023. In cooperation with the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee, the City is notifying you of the future restrictions to signage within the JSMSP area and all of the Downtown Phoenix Redevelopment Area. While the Super Bowl game will be played on February 12, 2023 at State Farm Stadium, the official-sanctioned events will take place in Phoenix between February 3, 2023, and February 13, 2023. This is advance notice that restrictions and allowances to all temporary signage will soon be enacted within the JSMSP.

On January 26, 2022, the Phoenix City Council approved a Resolution recognizing the period from January 15, 2023, through February 19, 2023 as a major entertainment/cultural event.

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During this time, all official NFL Super Bowl LVII fan events, NFL and Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee-sanctioned activities are recognized as major entertainment/cultural events in the downtown Phoenix Redevelopment Area. For your convenience, we have attached the formal City Council Resolution No. 21987.

In accordance with Section III, M (Temporary Signs) of the JSMSP, no temporary sign permits will be issued without the approval of the NFL, Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee, and City beginning on November 1, 2022. All current existing temporary sign permits, and any future permits issued prior to November 1, 2022 will expire on October 31, 2022. Therefore, all temporary sign(s) must be removed by October 31, 2022, and a new permit application must be submitted.

We also acknowledge that with Super Bowl LVII come opportunities to utilize other temporary signs such as, but not limited to, banners, flags and balloons within the JSMSP area and downtown Phoenix Redevelopment Area. In any event, all temporary signs must be submitted to the City and Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee for approval as generally described the Phoenix City Council Resolution No. 21987. As always, temporary signage devices may not be placed on sidewalks or driveways adjacent to or within the public Rights-of-Way.

Lastly, as you are aware, a significant amount of effort and collaboration goes into bidding for the opportunity to host mega events. We have successfully hosted NBA and MLB All-Star Games; WWE events; official Super Bowl fan events; and NCAA Final Four events to the collective benefit of the downtown business community. In addition, our success has led to future hosting commitments in the pipeline. Moving forward, it is essential that we continue to utilize best efforts to protect these mega events against potential ambush or gorilla marketing tactics by not entering into contracts for advertising that directly compete with the event organizers and their official corporate sponsors.

We respectfully request your mutual cooperation in the months leading up to Super Bowl LVII in 2023 and ask that you allow the Arizona Super Bowl Committee, the NFL or the NFL partners a first option to purchase space between January 15, 2023 and February 19, 2023. The Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee and City of Phoenix will do our best to provide you with the official NFL and Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee approved sponsor information as soon as it is available.

In the next several months, expect to find further public announcements of specific events to be held within Phoenix. Your relationship with the City is highly valued and critical to the success of the city hosting the 2023 NFL Super Bowl LVII. Please contact Roxann Favors at (602) 256-4265 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and participation in the continued renaissance of downtown Phoenix.

Sincerely,

John M. Chan

Phoehix Convention Center & Venues Director

Attachment: Phoenix City Council Resolution No. 21987

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Courtesy copies sent via email:

Blake Edwards, General Manager - Jefferson Street Signage District
Billy Shields, Phoenix representative of Hansji Corporation
Devney Preuss, President and CEO, Downtown Phoenix Inc.
Jay Parry, President & CEO - Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee
Judd Norris, Senior Vice President Corporate Sponsorship - Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee
Kyle Hedstrom, Senior Vice President Finance - Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee
Rayme Lofgren, Head of Marketing - Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee
Inger Erickson, Deputy City Manager - Phoenix City Manager's Office
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Jason Blakey, Acting Assistant Director - Phoenix Planning and Development Department
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Tricia Gomes, Zoning Administrator - Phoenix Planning and Development Department
David Williams, Signage Section Supervisor - Phoenix Planning and Development Department
Roxann Favors, City Major Events Administrator - Phoenix Convention Center Department

SUPER BOWL LVII KEY DATES:

- October 31, 2022: All temporary permits expire; signage must be removed
- November 1, 2022: All temporary sign permits will be approved by City, NFL, and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee
- January 13 February 19, 2023: Period designated as Major Entertainment/Cultural event;
 No temporary signage will be allowed without an approved permit in place
- February 3, 2023 February 12, 2023: Sanctioned Super Bowl LVII events happening in Phoenix
- February 12, 2023: Super Bowl LVII game
- February 20, 2023: Period of designated as Major Entertainment/Cultural event ends

RESOLUTION 22073

A RESOLUTION DECLARING 2023 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL) SUPER BOWL ACTIVITIES HELD IN DOWNTOWN PHOENIX AS SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL AND CIVIC EVENTS.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 21987 and declared that for the three-week period before the National Football League (NFL) 2023 Super Bowl (Super Bowl LVII) on Sunday, February 12, 2023 and the one-week period after Super Bowl LVII, all official NFL events and other NFL and Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee-sanctioned activities that are held in the Special Promotional and Civic Event area in downtown Phoenix will be considered special promotional and civic events for the purposes of the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance.

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that certain events and activities related to Super Bowl LVII will take place in downtown Phoenix in the weeks before and after the event. These events and activities will bring significant revenue and media exposure to the City of Phoenix during the event period. Phoenix Zoning Ordinance, Section 705.F.1.b, provides that advertising devices otherwise prohibited by the Zoning Ordinance may be erected in the Downtown Redevelopment Area, subject to a use permit, in conjunction with special promotional events of a civic or commercial nature. By declaring the NFL and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee sanctioned activities

as special promotional and civic events, the Resolution allows the NFL, the NFL-approved sponsors, and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee to advertise official events in the Promotional and Civic Event Area by use of signs, banners and similar devices. This action will not impact any existing permitted permanent signs in downtown. This declaration will restrict all temporary signage within the Special Promotional and Civic Event Area that has not been authorized by the NFL or the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee during the above-mentioned time period in order to support NFL event related activities.

WHEREAS, The Special Promotional and Civic Event area in Resolution 21987 must be modified to better align with the Super Bowl related activities

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX as follows:

SECTION 1. Resolution 21987 adopted by the City Council on January 26, 2022 is superseded by this Resolution.

SECTION 2. For the three-week period before the Super Bowl LVII event and the one week after Super Bowl LVII, all official events and other NFL-sanctioned activities that are held in the Special Promotional and Civic Event Area will be considered special promotional or civic events and are hereby declared to be "special promotional event" as that term is used in the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance section 705, subsection F, paragraph 1, subparagraph b.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Phoenix this 12th day of October,

2022.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Denise Archibald, City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM: Cris Meyer, City Attorney

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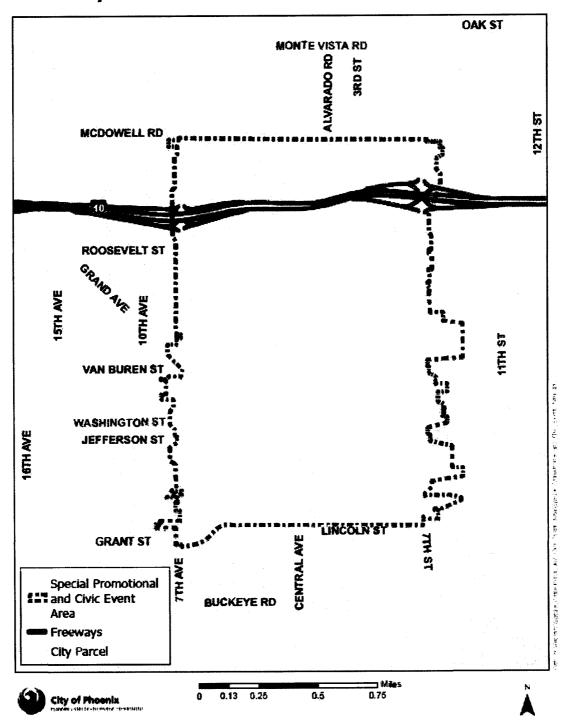
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Special Promotional and Civic Event Area





CLEAN ZONE 101

Super Bowl LVII Temporary Sign Restrictions aka "The Clean Zone"

The City of Phoenix is the proud host of Super Bowl LVII. While the Big Game will be held in Glendale, many of the events and activities will take place in Downtown Phoenix. During such mega events, many cities put temporary signage restrictions in place in partnership with the NFL to protect local businesses from "ambush" or "guerrilla" marketing attempts during the event period.

Downtown Phoenix Inc. (DPI), in partnership with the City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department, and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee is asking downtown business owners to start early to ensure their business complies with zoning and signage regulation for events.

The "Clean Zone" enforcement period is from January 15, 2023 through February 19, 2023.

The "Clean Zone" applies to businesses in the Special Promotional and Civic Event Area (see map on back) at the center of the activities around Margaret T. Hance Park. New temporary signage requires Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee approval.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MY BUSINESS?

This means that businesses that fall within the "Clean Zone" should remove any existing temporary signage during the Special Promotional and Civic Event Area period above. You can apply for additional temporary signage permits using the contact information below, in order to display guideline-compliant signage during the event period.

<u>Please Note!</u> These restrictions will not affect existing permitted permanent signs that have been approved by the City of Phoenix.

KEY DATES:

- December 15: Deadline to submit applications for temporary signage permits. Applications submitted after this date may not be processed in time for the event period. Please allow at least 5-7 business days for processing.
- <u>January 15</u>: Specific civic event period begins (all temporary signage must be removed)
- February 20: Special event period ends

WHAT COUNTS AS TEMPORARY SIGNAGE?

Temporary signage is anything that is not physically built into your business. This includes:

Banners (cloth or vinyl)

Pennants

Flags

Window paintings

Posters/Flyers

- Balloons

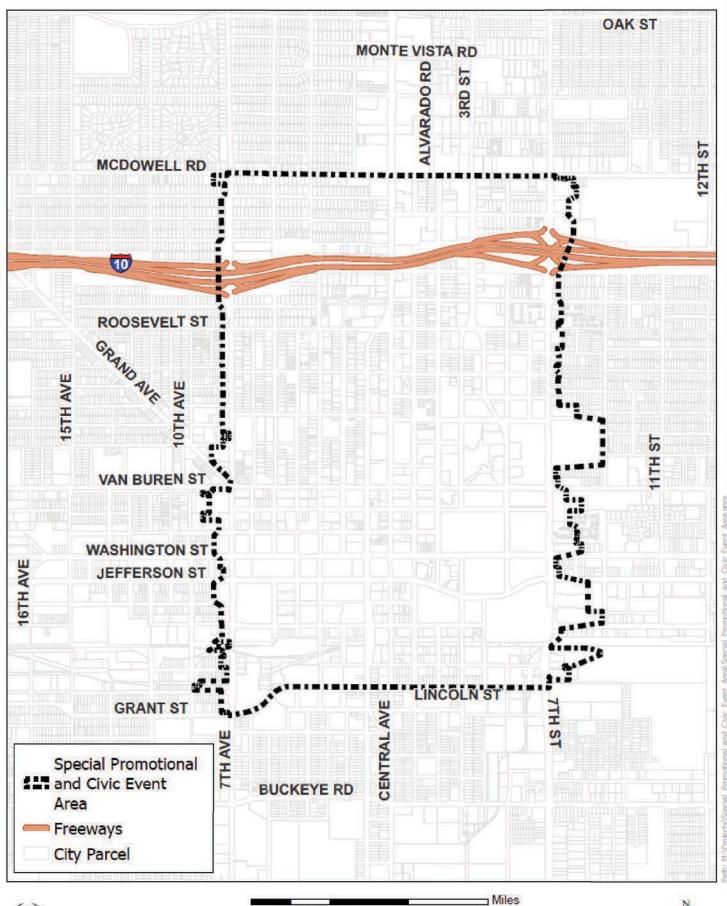
Permit applications can not be approved for materials that display the logos for Super Bowl sponsor competitors and non-licensed use of the Super Bowl LVII trademark.

WHERE CAN I GO IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact <u>David A. Williams</u> at 602.256.4242 or david.a.williams@phoenix.gov with questions related to temporary signs during the special promotional/civic event period.

For general inquires, contact DPI Stakeholder engagement Manager, <u>Erika Rubio</u> at erubio@dtphx.org or 602.388.6327.

Special Promotional and Civic Event Area







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From: <u>Jonathan Riches</u>
To: <u>John Thorpe</u>

Subject: FW: Coca-Cola - Super Bowl Music Fest 2023 in Phoenix

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2022 8:02:04 PM

From: Bramley Paulin

 bramleypaulin@cox.net>
 Date: Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:18 PM

To: Jonathan Riches < jriches@goldwaterinstitute.org>

Subject: Fwd: Coca-Cola - Super Bowl Music Fest 2023 in Phoenix

John

See Coca-Cola email trail below and NFL Clear Zone article link from abc15.

Begin forwarded message:

From: John Mount < <u>johnmount@coca-cola.com</u>>

Subject: Re: Coca-Cola - Super Bowl Music Fest 2023 in Phoenix

Date: October 13, 2022 at 4:22:23 PM MST **To:** Bramley Paulin bramleypaulin@cox.net>

Oh I will check with the NFL and see if we have clearance. If we do I will see if our brand teams have any interest in pursuing an opportunity.

-John Coca-Cola North America Operating Unit (C) 513.638.0902

On Oct 13, 2022, at 7:19 PM, Bramley Paulin < bramleypaulin@cox.net > wrote:

John

I just want to provide clarity that the Super Bowl music festival is not located within the City of Glendale and is many miles from the stadium where the Super Bowl will be played on February 12., 2023. If I could provide you with certainty that a legal "clear zone" does not apply to the location or to the leasing of my property, would Coca-Cola be interested in leasing my property for the duration of the music festival scheduled for February 8-12, 2023, or longer?

On Oct 13, 2022, at 4:08 PM, John Mount <<u>iohnmount@coca-cola.com</u>> wrote:

We cant activate within the clean zone – given your proximity to the music fest, I am 100% certain, non-NFL partners can activate there. See the attached article

https://link.edgepilot.com/s/6bc941a5/rY6bglc7Uk_Z4uS3M pv44w?u=https://www.abc15.com/sports/clean-zones-willbe-in-place-for-super-bowl-around-state-farm-stadium

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From: Bramley Paulin < bramleypaulin@cox.net > Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2022 2:02 PM
To: John Mount < johnmount@coca-cola.com >

Subject: Re: Coca-Cola - Super Bowl Music Fest 2023 in

Phoenix

Hi John

My understanding of Clean Zone refers to public rights of way and or the use of the words Super Bowl & NFL. I can't find any legal prohibition of the use of private property to haven or move Powerade trucks on site to distribute Powerade products and marketing materials to the general public. Nowhere will Super Bow or NFL be used.

On Oct 13, 2022, at 10:24 AM, John Mount < johnmount@coca-cola.com> wrote:

Received – biggest challenge is that your location is in the clean zone for the NFL which means we will receive a cease and desist letter for doing anything in that location. We will have to pass. THANK YOU for considering us. My reco is that you use your property with an official NFL sponsor.

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From: Bramley Paulin < bramleypaulin@cox.net>

Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2022 12:03 PM

To: John Mount < johnmount@coca-cola.com >
Subject: Coca-Cola - Super Bowl Music Fest

2023 in Phoenix

ATTENTION: This email was sent from outside the company. Do not click links or open files unless you know it is safe. Forward malicious emails to phish@cocacola.com.

Good afternoon John

As a follow up to our brief phone conversation, I am submitting this email.

I am trying to reach the person who oversees Coca-Cola's marketing and special events. As you may know, the NFL's Super Bowl will be in Phoenix in February 2023. Leading up to the Super Bowl, the NFL has several major events that will engage the public, including a multiday music festival that will be held in downtown Phoenix's Margaret T. Hance Park. This music festival is open to the general public and will have several major named performers (the names have not yet been made public) along with other activities and vendors for the community attendees. Festival attendance is expected to exceed 1.5 million guests over multiple days.

This NFL festival surrounds my property on 3-sides. While I am not directly related with the NFL, the distance from the festival area from my property is the thickness of a chain link fence. See NFL music festival area map attached indicating the location of my site.

I would like to provide Coca-Cola's Powerade, or other brands, with this exceptional opportunity to utilize my property at this prime location to market its brands & products to the attendees during this amazing Super Bowl event. This allows Powerade to market directly to the Super Bowl crowd without being an

official Super Bowl sponsor.

Would you please provide this information to the appropriate special events person within Coca-cola so we can discuss further the specifics of this great marketing opportunity.

Please confirm your receipt of this email.

Thank you

Bramley Paulin

(602) 918-2998

bramleypaulin@cox.net

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John Thorpe

From: David A Williams <david.a.williams@phoenix.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 5:38 PM

To: Bramley Paulin
Cc: John Thorpe

Subject: RE: Super Bowl - Temporary Sign Permit Applications

Attachments: 702 East Van Buren - Temporary Sign Permit Application.pdf; 1129 North 1st Street - Temporary Sign

Permit Application.pdf

Hi Bramley,

It was nice to meet you and John today. Thank you for sending over the application materials. Before going any further, we need a point of clarification.

We discussed certain types of temporary signs are available via the Host Committee's use permit, we did not discuss that the Host Committee had approved the 'use' of their use permit for the sign types listed in the approved sign plan for this event. All temporary sign permits we have issued have obtained Host Committee approval. In order to move forward, you will need to provide a sign off or approval from the Host Committee to obtain a temporary sign permit made available via the HC's use permit.

Again, all temporary sign permits issued to date, have the blessing of the HC to be under their approved sign use permit. Alternatively, you can apply for your own use permit which is where you seemed to be headed when we met today. Once you obtain your own temporary event use permit, we can issue sign permits and you can have signs in support of that approved temporary use.

At this point, we cannot move ahead and accept and process your application that is based off of the Host Committee's use permit without their approval. If you need additional clarification, please let me know.

Thank you, David

David A. Williams, AICP Planner III - Sign Section Supervisor City of Phoenix 602 256 4242 david.a.williams@phoenix.gov

----Original Message-----

From: Bramley Paulin <bramleypaulin@cox.net>

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 4:01 PM

To: David A Williams <a vid.a.williams@phoenix.gov>
Cc: John Thorpe <jthorpe@goldwaterinstitute.org>

Subject: Super Bowl - Temporary Sign Permit Applications

David

Pursuant to our meeting this morning, please find attached the two Temporary Sign Permit Applications for the two different locations, as we discussed.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or clarification.

Exhibit 7

Thank you for your assistance in the matter.

Bramley (602) 918-2998



VALIDATION

Temporary Sign Permit Application

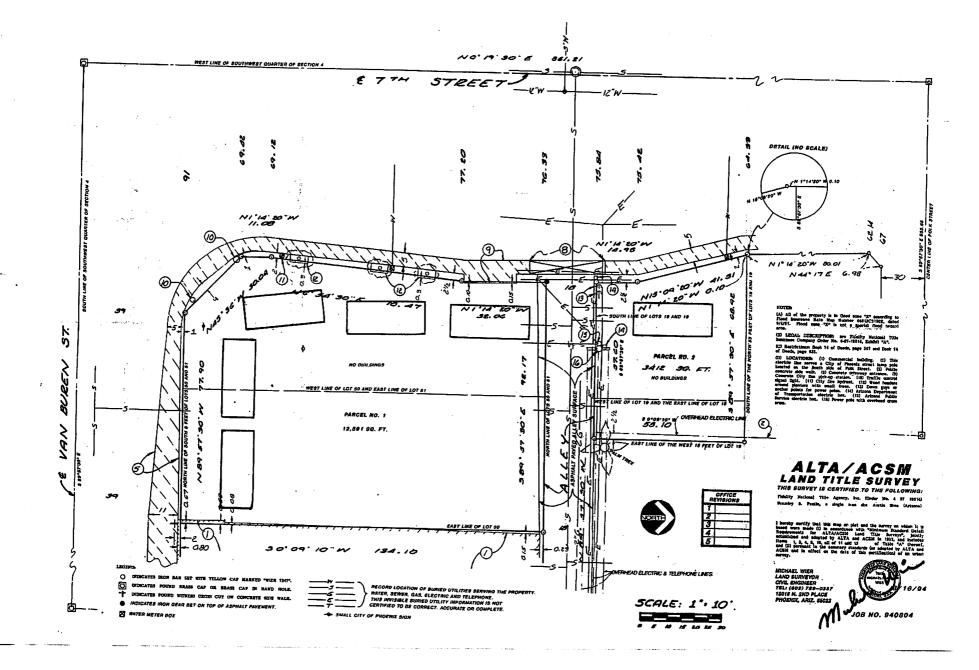
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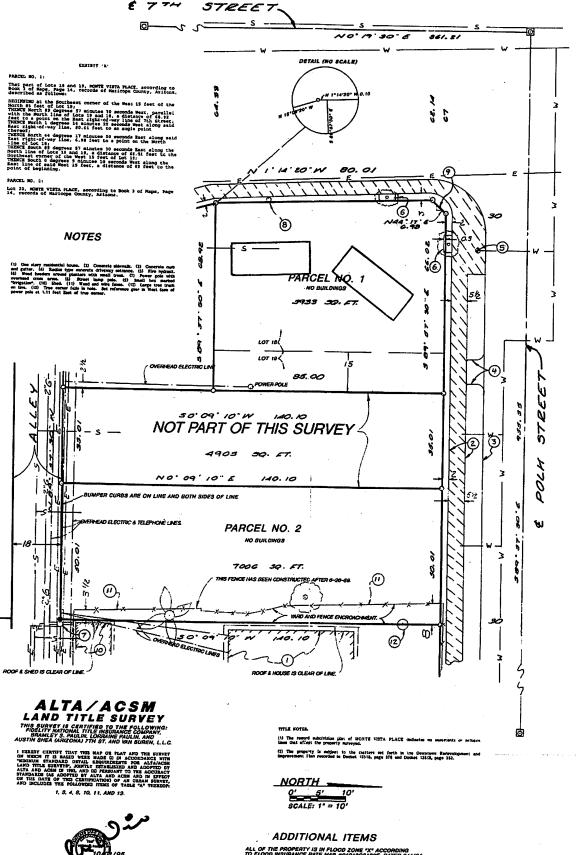
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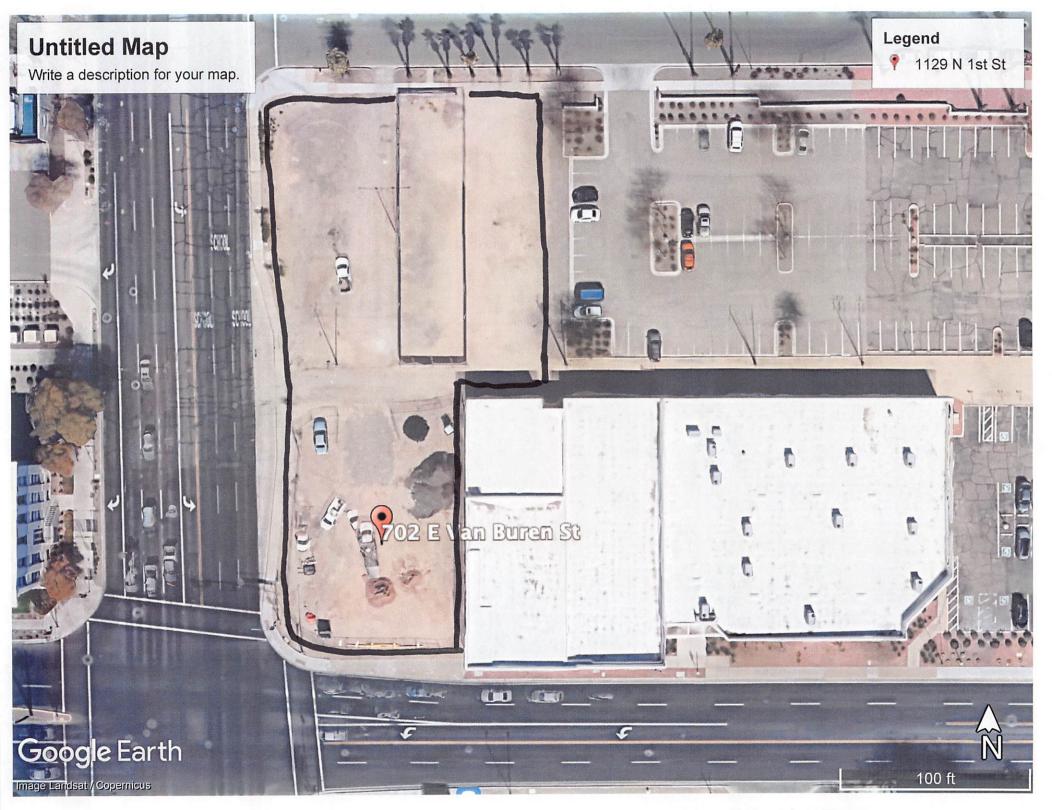
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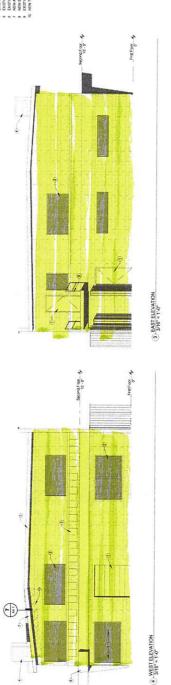
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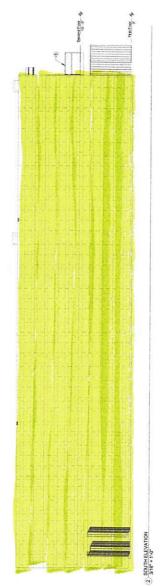
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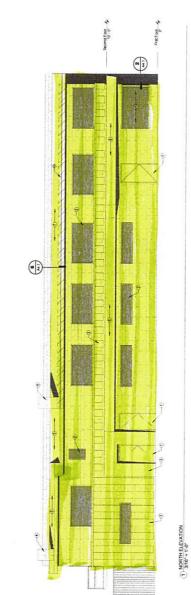


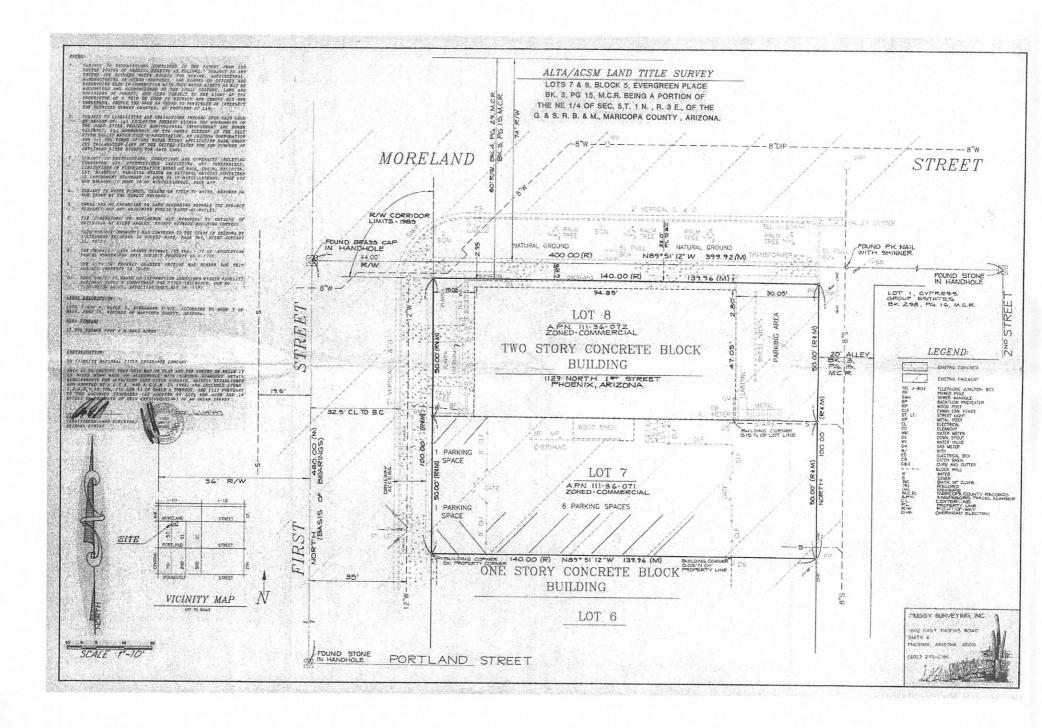
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RESOLUTION 22095

A RESOLUTION DECLARING 2023 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL) SUPER BOWL ACTIVITIES HELD IN DOWNTOWN PHOENIX AS SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL AND CIVIC EVENTS.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 22073 and declared that for the three-week period before the National Football League (NFL) 2023 Super Bowl (Super Bowl LVII) on Sunday, February 12, 2023 and the one-week period after Super Bowl LVII, all official NFL events and other NFL and Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee-sanctioned activities that are held in the Special Promotional and Civic Event Area in downtown Phoenix will be considered special promotional and civic events for the purposes of the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance.

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that certain events and activities related to Super Bowl LVII will take place in downtown Phoenix in the weeks before and after the event. These events and activities will bring significant revenue and media exposure to the City of Phoenix during the event period. Phoenix Zoning Ordinance, Section 705.F.1.b, provides that advertising devices otherwise prohibited by the Zoning Ordinance may be erected in the Special Promotional and Civic Area, subject to a use permit. By declaring the NFL and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee sanctioned

activities as special promotional and civic events, the Resolution allows the NFL, the NFL-approved sponsors, and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee to advertise official events in the Promotional and Civic Event Area by use of signs, banners, and similar devices. This action will not impact any existing permitted permanent signs in downtown.

WHEREAS, Resolution 22073 must be superseded and replaced with this Resolution to better align with the use permit approval process.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX as follows:

SECTION 1. Resolution 22073 adopted by the City Council on October 12, 2022 is superseded by this Resolution.

SECTION 2. For the three-week period before the Super Bowl LVII event and the one week after Super Bowl LVII, all official events and other NFL-sanctioned activities that are held in the Special Promotional and Civic Event Area will be considered special promotional or civic events and are hereby declared to be "special promotional event" as that term is used in the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance section 705, subsection F, paragraph 1, subparagraph b.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Phoenix this 25th day of January, 2023.

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Denise Archibald, City Clerk	

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Julie M. Kriegh, City Attorney

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