

BILL NO. BL 2019-1528 (O'CONNELL, WEINER, & HURT) – This ordinance would approve a temporary “Special Event Zone” for specified areas of downtown Nashville, in conjunction with the 2019 National Football League (NFL) Draft scheduled for April 24 through April 28, 2019. Similar zones have previously been approved by the Council for the New Year’s Eve Celebration (BL2018-1386), CMA Fest (BL2018-1160), July 4th (BL2018-1206), and the NCAA Women’s Final Four (BL2014-687).

The boundaries of the Special Event Zone established under this ordinance would be Interstate Drive heading south from James Robertson Parkway to Shelby Avenue; across Shelby Avenue to include 501 South 2nd Street Parking lot; Korean Veterans Blvd southwest to 4th Avenue South; north to Demonbreun; west to 6th Avenue South; north on 6th Avenue South to Broadway; west on Broadway to Rosa L Parks Blvd; 7th Avenue North from Broadway to Commerce Street; Commerce Street east to 2nd Avenue North; 2nd Avenue North to Union Street; Union Street west to 3rd Avenue North; west on 3rd Avenue North to James Robertson Parkway; east on James Robertson Parkway to Main Street.

Activity restrictions within the Special Event Zone would begin at midnight (12:00 a.m.) on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, and ending at eight o’clock (8:00) a.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

Activities on public property or in the public right-of-way within the Special Event Zone would be regulated as follows:

1. The sale of any food, beverages, goods, or merchandise would be prohibited, unless street vendors obtain a “Special Event Zone” permit from the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation (CVC) in order to sell within the geographic area listed above.
2. Alcoholic beverages provided, served, or sold from any temporary outdoor would be prohibited, except as authorized.
3. The sale or distribution of merchandise pertaining to the NFL Draft, where it is apparent on its face that the merchandise is not licensed by the NFL, would be prohibited.
4. No tents or membrane structures of any kind would be permitted, except as authorized by the CVC, NFL, or Metro for public safety purposes.
5. The construction, placement, occupation, or use of any temporary structure would be prohibited except those sanctioned and authorized by the CVC and NFL.
6. The distribution, promotional give-away activity, or provision of free products, services, or coupons by persons or entities that are not event sponsors officially sanctioned and authorized by the CVC and NFL would be prohibited, except within any Public Participation Area.
7. Vehicles would be allowed only as directed by Metropolitan Nashville Police.
8. No shared urban mobility devices, as defined by Metropolitan Code of Laws Section 12.62.010, would be permitted within the Special Event Zone.
9. No handguns, rifles, or firearms would be permitted. (Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-17-1359)
10. No knives, swords, or other fighting devices would be permitted.
11. No fireworks, firecrackers, or explosive devices of any type would be permitted.
12. The Special Event Zone would be a “no fly zone.”

This ordinance would establish at least one Public Participation Area within the Special Event Zone while the zone is in effect. This Area would allow for the reasonable expression by the public in a manner that is not disruptive to the 2019 NFL Draft and related activities and events.

Fiscal Note: This ordinance would place restrictions on the activities that would be allowed to take place within the special event zone during the NFL Draft. However, no additional Metro personnel or overtime would be required solely for the enforcement of these restrictions.