

BILL NO. BI 2019-1603 (O'CONNELL) – This ordinance would approve a temporary “Special Event Zone” for the downtown area, in conjunction with the 2019 CMA Music Fest scheduled June 5 to 10, 2019.

The Special Event Zone established under this ordinance would consist of two areas. Area 1 would extend from First Avenue to Rosa L Parks Blvd, and from Korean Veterans Blvd to Commerce Street, with an extension from Commerce Street to Church Street along Second and First Avenues North. Area 2 would extend from the east side of the Woodland Street Bridge, to South 1st Street, to Interstate Drive, then to Shelby Avenue and Korean Veterans Boulevard, then north to Woodland Street.

Activity restrictions within the Special Event Zone would begin at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, and end at midnight (12:00) on Monday, June 10, 2019.

Activities on public property or in the public right-of-way within the Special Event Zone are 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 CMA Fest, where it is apparent on its face that the merchandise is not licensed by CMA, would be prohibited.
4. No tents or membrane structures of any kind would be permitted, except as authorized by CMA 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 CMA.
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 CMA 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, except exhibitions permitted by CMA.
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 CMA Fest, activities, and events.

Fiscal Note: This ordinance places restrictions on the activities that would be allowed to take place within the special event zone during the 2019 CMA Music Fest. However, no additional Metro personnel or overtime would be required just for the enforcement of these restrictions.