

AN ORDINANCE **96721**

AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CERTAIN DOWNTOWN STREETS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY'S NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION TO BE HELD IN HEMISFAIR PARK ON DECEMBER 31, 2002; PROHIBITING "LIQUID STRING", SILLY STRING, SUPER STRING, SNAPPERS, THROWDOWNS, POPPING MATCH STICKS, POP POPS, AND GLASS BEVERAGE CONTAINERS IN LA VILLITA, HEMISFAIR PARK AND ON CERTAIN DOWNTOWN STREETS NEAR THE HEMISFAIR PARK AREA IN CONNECTION WITH SAID EVENT; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION.

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**WHEREAS**, the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Park Foundation, will conduct a New Year's Eve Celebration in HemisFair Park on December 31, 2002 for the residents of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with said event it is necessary to temporarily close selected downtown streets to vehicular traffic to provide for the safety of those attending this event; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that these temporary closures will cause no undue traffic problems; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City Council to prohibit "liquid string", silly string, super string, snappers, throwdowns, popping match sticks, pop pops and glass containers in La Villita, HemisFair Park and on certain downtown streets near the HemisFair Park area from 6:00 p.m. on December 31, 2002 to 6:00 a.m. on January 1, 2003 in connection with said celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, these prohibitions are designed to help protect the safety of individuals attending the New Year's Eve celebration in HemisFair Park and surrounding areas; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now necessary to authorize the temporary closure of selected downtown streets on December 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002 and on January 1, 2003 for said event and to prohibit the items described above in connection with said event; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**Section 1.** The temporary closure of the curb lane on the north bound section of Alamo Street, between the HemisFair Park archway sign and Beethoven Hall, from 9:00 A.M. on December 30, 2002 through 2:00 P.M. on January 1, 2003 for public safety and for stage set-up activities is hereby authorized.

**Section 2.** The temporary closure of Bowie Street between East Commerce and Durango Streets, and Market Street from South Alamo to Bowie Street, from 11:30 P.M. on December 31, 2002 through 12:30 A.M. on January 1, 2003 for public safety and preparation of the New Year's Eve Firework Display is hereby authorized.

**Section 3.** The temporary closure of the north bound lanes of South Alamo Street between Market Street and Durango Street, from 9:00 A.M. on December 31, 2002 through 5:00 A.M. on January 1, 2003 for public safety during the New Year's Eve Celebration is hereby authorized.

**Section 4.** The temporary closure of the south bound lanes of South Alamo Street between Market Street and Durango Street, from 9:00 A.M. on December 31, 2002 through 5:00 A.M. on January 1, 2003 for public safety during the New Year's Eve Celebration is hereby authorized.

**Section 5.** The temporary closure of the east bound lanes of Nueva Street between Presa and Alamo Streets from 9:00 A.M. on December 31, 2002 through 5:00 A.M. on January 1, 2003 for public safety during the New Year's Eve Celebration is hereby authorized, with the west bound lanes of Nueva Street to become two-way traffic.

**Section 6.** The cost of providing for police officers to provide for the safety of patrons and the rerouting of traffic, and the cost of barricades as may be required to evidence the street closure and to provide for the safety of patrons and the rerouting of traffic, shall be the responsibility of the City. As this is a City sponsored event, no fees will be assessed for street closures for this event.

**Section 7.** It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, sell or use a pressurized container of the substance commonly known as "liquid string", "silly string", or "super string" or any quantity of the small explosive devices commonly known as "snappers", "throwdowns", "popping match sticks" and "pop pops", which are paper-wrapped wads of sand coated with a minute quantity of explosive powder and adhesive, producing a small report upon impact with hard surfaces in La Villita, HemisFair Park and on certain downtown streets near the HemisFair Park area set forth in this ordinance from 6:00 p.m. on December 31, 2002 to 6:00 a.m. on January 1, 2003 in connection with the City's New Year's Eve Celebration to be held in HemisFair Park on December 31, 2002. Violation of this section shall constitute a Class "C" misdemeanor crime punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

**Section 8.** The possession or sale of any beer, soft drink, or other beverage in a glass container shall be prohibited at La Villita, HemisFair Park and on those certain downtown streets near the HemisFair Park area set forth in this ordinance from 6:00 p.m. on December 31, 2002 to 6:00 a.m. on January 1, 2003 in connection with the City's New Year's Eve Celebration to be held in HemisFair Park on December 31, 2002. It shall be a misdemeanor to violate any requirement or prohibition of this section and, upon conviction, any violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

**Section 9.** This ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth (10th) day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002.



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EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: *Felanda L. Ledezma*  
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