

## **Date Selection and Limitations:**

In order to continue to cost-effectively support these events with public staff, to protect the interests of citizens who are regular users of streets and greenways from undue inconvenience, and to continue to support these events that are positive for the health, recreation and well-being of participants and for the economic development of the City, the following restrictions shall be considered by the approving agencies in the reservation process:

- 1.1. Overall limitation on annual events. No more than 100 events that involve street and / or greenway closings will be scheduled within the City in any calendar year. This restriction does not apply to events such as block parties, neighborhood events, or Downtown or Hillsborough Street festivals that are not covered by this policy.
- 1.2. Limitation on events using the same or similar routes. Events using the same or similar routes, particularly involving heavily used thoroughfares, should not be scheduled on subsequent days or on subsequent weekends within the year. Though this policy does not apply to street festivals, block parties, etc., the approving agency should consider the impact of such events when scheduling runs, parades, cycling events etc. and may request consideration of alternate dates or routes if a proposed event falls on the same or a subsequent weekend to a street festival. In Downtown Raleigh the DETF may interpret this policy on a case-by-case basis because of the unique role downtown plays as the center of many Citywide holiday and celebratory events.
- 1.3. Limitation on number of events on any given weekend. No more than 4 events shall be scheduled in any one weekend. No more than two of these events can be major events that either involve a run of more than 10k distance or the closure of the event route for more than 3 hours.
- 1.4. Limitation on use of public greenways. Upon recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board, the City's greenway system is divided into 6 sections representing areas of the City (NE, N, NW, SE, S, SW – see attached map). No more than two events per year that involve a portion of the greenway system will be scheduled in each of the 6 quadrants – a total of 12 events per year throughout the City. If any event is held on a certified 5k course developed by the City (subsection 5.0 below), and if the certified 5k course involves a portion of any greenway, that event is NOT subject to the limitation in this paragraph.
- 1.5. “Grandfathering” of existing events. Events that are on the schedule with temporary street closings approved by City Council prior to the effective date of this policy will be allowed to continue reserving the same date in subsequent years as long as the event receives an acceptable performance score as per subsection 2.4 above. This will be the case even if the event does not meet the limitation noted in 3.2 above.

## **Event Codes on the Calendar:**

The City maintains an up to date calendar that shows that events are already scheduled. This calendar will have a heading of the event type (5k, marathon, etc...) as to assist the organizer with date selection in accordance with the above policy. Greenway usage amounts will be tracked on the race application webpage.