

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	<b><u>RESOLUTION NUMBER 1021</u></b>
	)	<i>Authorizing the Sale and Consumption</i>
COUNTY OF SUMTER	)	<i>of Alcoholic Beverages at Several</i>
	)	<i>Annual Events Scheduled for</i>
CITY OF SUMTER	)	January - June 2026

**WHEREAS,** the Downtown Sumter Board of Directors, Iris Festival Commission, Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, Quixote Hospitality, Palmetto Optimist Club, and Sumter Sertoma Club are sponsoring the following upcoming events and have requested permission for patrons to consume alcoholic beverages (***beer and wine only***) at the following specified locations and times:

**Sumter Springfest (Quixote Hospitality)**

Scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Downtown Sumter. The event includes two stages with multiple bands performing throughout the day. All proceeds will benefit United Way of Sumter, Clarendon, and Lee Counties.

**Chamber Sponsors and Partners Reception (Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce)**

Scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 23, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the Sumter County Courthouse lawn.

**Sumter Microbrew Festival (Palmetto Optimist Club)**

Scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The area of Main Street, from Caldwell Street to Law Range, will be deemed the site of the public festival. Consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be restricted to inside the participating businesses and the Rotary Centennial Plaza.

**Taste at the Gardens (Iris Festival)**

The Iris Festival kicks off with the Taste at the Gardens on Thursday, May 14, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Swan Lake Iris Gardens, as food trucks and vendors serve up some of the tastiest treats around.

**Fourth Fridays on Main Concert Series**

Scheduled to take place from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the Sumter County Courthouse lawn on the following dates:

- Friday, May 22, 2026
- Friday, June 26, 2026

**WHEREAS,** during these times, all pets shall be prohibited on the designated premises, as well as coolers, glass bottles, and breakable glasses and/or cups; and

**WHEREAS,** during the above-mentioned events, the specified locations will be deemed to be a site of public festival at which alcoholic beverages (***beer and wine only***) shall be permitted only in containers provided by vendors within the designated areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the members of Sumter City Council, do hereby authorize and support the events described above.

**ADOPTED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.**

**CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**ATTEST:**

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Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk