



# City Commission Agenda Item

**Meeting Date:** June 15, 2021  
**From:** Andrew Lawson, Public Information Officer  
**Item:** 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration / Tacolalah Beer Garden

**Purpose:** Consider an Ordinance exempting the application of K.S.A. 41-719(d) to allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor at a designated area of Wilson Park during the City’s 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2021, and during the 2021 Tacolalah Festival from 4 to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2021. (Roll Call Vote)

**Background:**

The organizers of the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration — **Visit Ark City**, the **City of Arkansas City**, **Burford Theatre Arts** and the **2021 Tacolalah Committee**, comprising representatives of five (5) City advisory boards and **4 Friends, LLC** — have requested that the Governing Body allow them to sponsor a beer garden to sell and serve alcohol at a designated area of Wilson Park during the **Burford-sponsored BackRhodes concert** from **6 to 11 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2021**, as well as a beer and margarita garden to sell and serve alcohol at a designated area of Wilson Park during the **2021 Tacolalah Festival presented by United Agency** from **4 to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2021**.

Tacolalah hopes to support further development of the **Wilson Park Master Plan** using any funds raised from this festival. Proceeds from the beer gardens will go to support the ongoing mission of **Burford Theatre Arts**.

The organizers have provided reasonable assurances that they will take all necessary precautions to ensure the property is used in full compliance with applicable state and local laws, as well as any applicable health orders.

**Commission Options:**

- 1. Approve the Ordinance.
- 2. Table the Ordinance for a second reading July 6.
- 3. Disapprove the Ordinance.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost of publication**  
X \_\_\_\_\_ Included in Budget \_\_\_\_\_ Grant \_\_\_\_\_ Bonds \_\_\_\_\_ Other (explain)

**Attachments:**

**Draft Ordinance; Proposed Beer Garden Premises Map; 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration and Tacolalah Schedules of Events**

**Approved for Agenda by:**

Randy Frazer, City Manager