TAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT

DESIGNATION OF

SPECIAL EVENT ZONE(S)

I, Patrick Messmer, Acting Chief of Police, Tampa Police Department, pursuant to Sections 316.1891 and 316.008, Florida Statutes, reasonably anticipate that an unpermitted special event including fifty (50) or more persons will take place or is taking place and the unpermitted special event will substantially increase or disrupt the normal flow of traffic on the roadway, street or highway or is currently increasing or disrupting the normal flow of traffic on the roadway, street or highways of the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County.

Wherefore, by the statutory authority vested in me, under Sections 316.008 and 316.1891, Florida Statutes, I, Patrick Messmer, Acting Chief of Police, hereby designate a **Special Event Zone** for the following roadway, street, or highway in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida. The special event zone is the **area bounded to the north by W. Gasparilla Plaza / E. Polk St, to the south by E. Twiggs St, to the east by Curtis Hixon Park, and to the west by N. Ashley Dr; including the following intersections: N. Ashley Dr and W. Gasparilla Plaza / E. Polk St, N. Ashley Dr and E. Zack St, and N. Ashley Dr and E. Twiggs St.**

Legible warning signs with the following language **"Special Event Zone — All Fines Doubled. Vehicles Subject to Impoundment for Traffic Infractions and Violations"** were posted at each point of ingress or egress of the Special Event Zone on **October 2nd ,2026** at **2:00 p.m.** Enforcement in the Special Event Zone will begin on **October 3rd, 2026**, at **2:00 p.m.** (No less than 24 hours after posting signs)

STRICT LAW ENFORCEMENT IN SPECIAL EVENT ZONE

Criminal and civil laws will be **STRICTLY** enforced in the Special Event Zone. There will be **zero tolerance** for violations in the Special Event Zone. It is a noncriminal traffic infraction for a person operating or occupying a vehicle on a street or highway to operate or amplify the sound produced by a radio, tape player, compact disc player, portable music or video player, cellular telephone, tablet computer, laptop computer, stereo, television, musical instrument, or other

mechanical or electronic sound making device or instrument, which emanates a sound from within a motor vehicle which is plainly audible at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet or more from the motor vehicle or is louder than necessary for the convenient hearing by persons inside the vehicle in areas adjoining private residences, churches, schools, or hospitals. Enforcement will be in a manner that causes the least inconvenience to the public and is consistent with preserving the public health, safety and welfare.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS IN SPECIAL EVENT ZONE

Any person who commits a crime in the Special Event Zone is subject to arrest.

FINES DOUBLED - Any person who commits a noncriminal traffic infraction in the Special Event Zone must pay a fine **DOUBLE** the amount provided for in Chapter 318, Florida Statutes.

VEHICLE IMPOUNDMENT - A person who commits a noncriminal traffic infraction or a criminal traffic violation will have his/her vehicle impounded for a period not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours. Any impounded vehicle will be released immediately upon the payment of all impoundment costs and fees at an off-site impoundment location. If the impounded vehicle is a rented or leased vehicle the person renting or leasing the vehicle must pay the impoundment fees and costs unless the noncriminal traffic infraction or criminal charge is dismissed. The impounded vehicle is also subject to Section 713.78, Florida Statutes.

ENFORCEMENT OF OCCUPANCY LIMITS WITHIN SPECIAL EVENT ZONE

If deemed necessary to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare, occupancy limits on private or public property in the Special Event Zone shall be enforced.

PROMOTERS AND ORGANIZERS OF SPECIAL EVENT LIABLE FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS AND FEES

A promoter or organizer is any person or entity who arranges, organizes, or sponsors an unpermitted special event. Any promoter or organizer of the unpermitted special event shall be liable for all costs and fees associated with designating and enforcing the Special Event Zone. The costs and fees include but are not limited to, costs and fees for the provision of supplemental law enforcement, firefighter, emergency medical technician or paramedic, and

sanitation services. The City of Tampa shall recover all costs and fees associated with designating and enforcing the Special Event Zone from every promoter or organizer of the unpermitted special event.

DURATION OF THE SPECIAL EVENT DESIGNATION

The Special Event Zone shall remain in effect as long as is reasonably necessary to ensure the public health, safety and welfare but will not remain in effect after the unpermitted special event dissipates.

DONE AND ORDERED on this **2nd** day of **October, 2026**.

PATRICK MESSMER
ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE