



Legislation Text

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No Discharge Zone - For the purpose of supporting the establishment of a “No Discharge Zone” for the Annapolis waterways.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Annapolis

Resolution 47-18

**Introduced by: Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett,
Alderman Henson, Alderman Tierney, Alderman Rodriguez,
Mayor Buckley and Alderman Paone, Alderman Finlayson
and Alderman Pindell Charles**

A RESOLUTION concerning

No Discharge Zone

FOR the purpose of supporting the establishment of a “No Discharge Zone” for Annapolis waterways.

WHEREAS, Section 312(f)(3) of the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1322(f)(3)) allows the State of Maryland to designate certain waters as “No Discharge Zones” in which the discharge of vessel sewage, whether treated or not, is prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the Severn River and its tributaries are classified as impaired by the Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the significant efforts of City government and its citizens to protect the waters of the City and restore water quality will be enhanced by the designation of additional waterways as a “No Discharge Zone” in the rivers, creeks, and bays of Anne Arundel County, and

WHEREAS, the Back Creek Conservancy is an Annapolis-based non-profit citizen advocacy group dedicated to clean boating and improving the health of local waterways; and

WHEREAS, the Back Creek Conservancy has invested much time and effort in the preparation of an Application for a State-Designated “No Discharge Zone” seeking “No Discharge Zone” designation for the Magothy River, Severn River, South River, Rhode River, West River, Stoney Creek, Bodkin Creek, Rock Creek, Podickory Creek, Sandy Point/Mezick Ponds, Whitehall Bay, Oyster Cove, and Fishing Creek, which would protect an additional 27,379 acres of waterway; and

WHEREAS, the Application for a State-Designated “No Discharge Zone” dated June 28, 2018, and prepared by the Back Creek Conservancy is adopted by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, the Annapolis City Council supports the efforts of the Back Creek Conservancy to designate additional waterways as a “No Discharge Zone” and supports the establishment of a State-Designated “No Discharge Zone” in the City’s rivers, creeks, namely, Back Creek, College Creek, Spa Creek and Weems Creek, and tributaries into the Chesapeake.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the City of Annapolis supports the establishment by the State of Maryland of a “No Discharge Zone”, pursuant to Section 312(f)(3) of the federal Clean Water Act, for the Magothy River, Severn River, South River, Rhode River, West River, Stoney Creek, Bodkin Creek, Rock Creek, Podickory Creek, Sandy Point/Mezick Ponds, Whitehall Bay, Oyster Cove, and Fishing Creek, and the Back Creek Conservancy’s Application for a State-Designated No Discharge Zone, in furtherance thereof.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Steven R. Schuh, County Executive and William Kardash, Severn River Commission and the Back Creek Conservancy.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.

EXPLANATION

Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.

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