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2 **Eastport and Maritime Operations Work Group** - For the purpose of creating an Eastport and
3 Maritime Operations Work Group to analyze the impact of Ordinance 25-21 on maritime
4 operations and properties in the Waterfront Maritime Eastport (WME) zoning district, and to
5 recommend how the City Council can support such operations and properties.

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8 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
9 **City of Annapolis**

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11 **Resolution-1-24**

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13 **Introduced by: Alderman Schandelmeier**

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15 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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17 **Eastport and Maritime Operations Work Group**

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19 **FOR** the purpose of creating an Eastport and Maritime Operations Work Group to analyze the
20 impact of Ordinance 25-21 on maritime operations and properties in the Waterfront
21 Maritime Eastport (WME) zoning district, and to recommend how the City Council can
22 support such operations and properties.

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24 **WHEREAS,** O-25-21, adopted by the City Council on October 25, 2021, by a vote of 8-1 and
25 signed by Mayor Buckley, made several changes to waterfront maritime zoning
26 districts and directed the Director of Planning and Zoning to form a "work group
27 "to analyze the impact of this ordinance (O-25-21) on small maritime operations";
28 and

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30 **WHEREAS,** Waterfront Maritime Eastport (WME) zoning district property owners have been
31 waiting for the study results as they seek means of adding amenities to support
32 maritime uses and to attract new and future maritime uses; and

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34 **WHEREAS,** A Maritime Task Force of 34 active members issued a report, "Maritime Task
35 Force Report Executive Summary," on June 25, 2021, which contained areas of
36 agreement on an action strategy for the City's maritime districts but did not cover
37 issues requested O-25-21 via a work group;

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39 **WHEREAS,** Active increased participation and additional information from WME zone
40 community members is desirable in the preservation of maritime uses in the zone
41 is desirable.

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43 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that:

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45 1. The City Manager create an Eastport and Maritime Operations Work Group with the

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1 following duties, membership, staffing, goals and objectives, timeline, and expiration
2 date:

3 a. **Duties.** The Eastport and Maritime Operations Work Group shall:

- 4 i. Assess the current and future viability projections for small maritime
5 operations in the Waterfront Maritime Eastport (WME) zoning district;
6 ii. Evaluate current programs and initiatives of private and public
7 stakeholders; and
8 iii. Recommend to the City Council how best to support the existing and
9 future WME maritime uses and properties.

10 b. **Membership.** The Eastport and Maritime Operations Work Group shall comprise
11 11 members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

12 i. The membership shall consist of:

- 13 (1) One representative from the Maritime Advisory Board; and
14 (2) Three residents who live in or near the WME zoning district; and
15 (3) Two representatives from maritime organizations; and
16 (4) Three maritime property owners from the WME zoning district;
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18 (5) Two representatives of maritime business owners from the WME
19 zoning district.

20 ii. The work group shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and a secretary from among
21 their appointed members.

22 iii. The work group may establish subcommittees as needed.

23 iv. The work group shall meet as often as necessary to accomplish its goals
24 and objectives but shall schedule at least monthly meetings and report
25 Findings and Recommendations to the City Council at the end of its term.

26 v. The work group may adopt rules of procedure as it deems necessary and
27 appropriate for conducting its meetings and activities per the latest edition
28 of Robert's Rules of Order.

29 vi. Work group members shall serve without compensation.

30 c. **Staffing.** The work group shall be staffed as assigned by the Director of Planning
31 and Zoning, with assistance from the City Council Associate and the Economic
32 Development Manager.

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- 1 2. **Goals and Objectives.** The Eastport and Maritime Operations Work Group shall have
2 the following goals and objectives:
- 3 a. Review the WME maritime zoning district, including identifying non-maritime
4 uses contributing to, or compatible with, maintaining Annapolis's maritime
5 character and ambiance; and
- 6 b. Identify key contributions similar to the “Maritime Triggers” identified in §
7 21.72.010, which smaller properties such as those commonly found in the WME
8 are capable of providing to the Annapolis maritime community and the broader
9 community of Annapolis residents seeking to enjoy the WME districts; and
- 10 c. Identify non-maritime uses that could support and subsidize Annapolis’ working
11 maritime industry; and
- 12 d. Identify challenges for maritime properties and operations located in the WME
13 zoning district after 35 years of having the WME zoning regulations in place:
- 14 i. Have the objectives of the legislation been met in the WME district?
15 ii. What has not worked in the WME?
16 iii. What has worked in the WME district?
- 17 e. Identify impacts of O-25-21 on WME properties:
- 18 i. What are the sizes and other characteristics of the properties and
19 operations in the WME District compared to other maritime zoning
20 districts?
- 21 ii. Based on the sizes and other characteristics of the properties and
22 operations in the WME District, how were WME properties impacted
23 compared to WMM and WMI properties?
- 24 iii. Based on the sizes and other characteristics of the properties and
25 operations in the WME District, what would be the impact of providing
26 WME-focused incentives compared to providing incentives codified by O-
27 25-21?
- 28 f. Provide short-term recommendations for immediate legislative changes and long-
29 term recommendations for legislative changes.
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- 31 3. **Timeline.** The Eastport and Maritime Operations Work Group shall have the following
32 timeline and milestones:
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- 34 a. Monthly Progress Report to the City Council presented by a representative of the
35 work group starting two months after the appointment of the work group; and
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- 37 b. Draft Recommendations to the City Council five months after the appointment of
38 the work group and to the Planning Commission and Maritime Advisory Board
39 six months after the appointment of the work group; and
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- 41 e. Final Findings and Recommendations to the Planning Commission and Maritime

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1 Advisory Board seven months after the appointment of the work group and to the
2 City Council eight months after the appointment of the work group.
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- 4 4. The Eastport and Maritime Operations Work Group shall expire five months after the
5 final findings and recommendations are presented to the City Council.
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7 **AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
8 resolution shall be enacted upon adoption.
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