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2 **Maritime Task Force “Strategy: Strengthening the Maritime Industry”** - For the purpose of  
3 adopting the Strategy of the Maritime Task Force.

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5 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
6 **City of Annapolis**

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8 **Resolution 26-21**

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10 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**

11 **Co-sponsored by: Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Tierney,**  
12 **Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay,**  
13 **Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge**

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15 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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17 **Maritime Task Force**  
18 **“Strategy: Strengthening the Maritime Industry”**

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20 **FOR** the purpose of adopting the Strategy of the Maritime Task Force.

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23 **WHEREAS,** the Waterfront Maritime Zoning Districts were adopted in 1987 to address the  
24 development pressures on the Annapolis Maritime Industry and to preserve the  
25 Maritime Industry’s presence in Annapolis.

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27 **WHEREAS,** since 1987, the Annapolis Maritime Industry has evolved and is now confronting  
28 new and different challenges that necessitate a recalibration of the City’s maritime  
29 districts to ensure that Annapolis continues to thrive as a boating center for the Mid-  
30 Atlantic.

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32 **WHEREAS,** Policy 7 of Chapter 3, Land Use and Economic Development, of the 2009  
33 Comprehensive Plan acknowledged “the importance of the Maritime Industry to  
34 Annapolis’s character, identity, and economy, [and the need to] strive to ensure the  
35 Maritime Industry’s sustained health and viability.”

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37 **WHEREAS,** on October 12, 2020, the City Council in recognition of Annapolis’s unique  
38 Maritime Industry that provides 3000 maritime jobs, tremendous training and  
39 employment opportunities for the City’s youth, and potential for even greater future  
40 vitality of our waterfront communities, established the Maritime Task Force to  
41 undertake a comprehensive review of the waterfront maritime zoning districts,

1 assess the current and future needs for the industry to continue to prosper, and  
2 identify recommendations to strengthen the Maritime Industry.

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4 **WHEREAS,** the Maritime Task Force was comprised of a wide array of volunteers from  
5 maritime industry businesses, maritime district property owners, residents, and  
6 representatives from public interest organizations who worked together tirelessly  
7 to forge a dynamic future for the Maritime Industry and the continued evolution of  
8 the Waterfront Maritime Zoning Districts.

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10 **WHEREAS,** the Maritime Task Force met throughout the past nine months with the Planning  
11 Commission, City Council, stakeholders from the Maritime Industry, resident  
12 organizations, businesses, and non-profit organizations, with a vested interest in the  
13 resilience and sustainability of the Maritime Industry in the City.

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15 **WHEREAS,** the Maritime Task Force achieved a consensus among its members aimed at  
16 protecting the Waterfront Maritime Zoning Districts while allowing them to evolve  
17 by recruiting, retaining, expanding, and supporting the Annapolis Maritime  
18 Industry for the future, and also by providing new opportunities for residents and  
19 visitors to experience the waterfront.

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21 **WHEREAS,** the Maritime Task Force created a strategic approach that establishes a resilient and  
22 sustainable future for the Waterfront Maritime Zoning Districts by:  
23 1. prioritizing and incentivizing the land intensive working boat yards in  
24 Annapolis to create a working maritime ‘Hub’ for the Mid-Atlantic region,  
25 2. supporting “Complementary Maritime Uses” to enable the maritime industry  
26 to be competitive,  
27 3. committing to an Annapolis Maritime Industry Fund and Programs to directly  
28 support the maritime industry while creating job training programs,  
29 4. incentivizing public water access and recommending a comprehensive Public  
30 Water Access Plan, and  
31 5. ensuring that the strategic approach continues to strengthen the Maritime  
32 Industry by imposing annual evaluations to determine the success in  
33 implementing the intent of Resolution R-46-20.

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35 **WHEREAS,** Findings and Recommendations are a clear deliverable of the Maritime Task Force  
36 as outlined in the City Council Resolution R-46-20, and as included in the Task  
37 Force’s publication “Strategy: Strengthening the Maritime Industry”, attached  
38 hereto and incorporated herein, that was presented to the City Council on June 15,  
39 2021.

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41 **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission held several public hearings related to the progress and  
42 final version of the “Strategy: Strengthening the Maritime Industry”. At the July  
43 15, 2021 and August 5, 2021 public hearings, the Facts, Findings, and  
44 Recommendations of the “Strategy” were discussed and Deliberations were  
45 concluded on August 23, 2021.  
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1 **WHEREAS**, by a vote of 5-0 on August 23, 2021, the Planning Commission endorsed the  
2 information, findings, recommendations, and proposed implementations in the  
3 “Strategy: Strengthening the Maritime Industry” and recommended that the City  
4 Council adopt the “Strategy”.  
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6 **NOW, THEREFORE,**  
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8 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the Maritime Task Force  
9 “Strategy: Strengthening the Maritime Industry” attached hereto and incorporated herein be  
10 adopted and implemented immediately to forge a path forward to grow Annapolis’s working  
11 Maritime Industry.  
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14 **EXPLANATION**

15 Underlining indicates matter added.

16 [~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken.  
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