



City of Annapolis
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Authorizing Itinerant Merchant Sales Within the Annapolis Historic District for Approved Special Events During Calendar Year 2026

For the purpose of authorizing hawker, peddler, and itinerant merchant sales in the Historic District in conjunction with approved Special Events during the calendar year 2026.

**City Council of the
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 6-26

Introduced by: Alderman Huntley

Referred to: Finance Committee

A RESOLUTION concerning

Authorizing Itinerant Merchant Sales Within the Annapolis Historic District for Approved Special Events During Calendar Year 2026

FOR the purpose of authorizing hawker, peddler, and itinerant merchant sales in the Historic District as part of approved Special Events during the calendar year 2026.

WHEREAS, The Annapolis Historic District is a nationally recognized area of significant architectural, cultural, and historical importance that attracts residents, visitors, and tourists from across the region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has authority under Article III, Section 15 of the Annapolis City Charter to regulate the licensing and operation of hawkers, peddlers, and itinerant merchants within the City's boundaries, and under § 7.40.090 of the City Code, hawkers, peddlers, and itinerant merchants must obtain a license and satisfy specific conditions, including requirements applicable to business conducted within the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 14.18 of the City Code states that regulating Special Events in the City is in the public interest, and it outlines the criteria for designating and

authorizing a Special Event, mandating that a permit be obtained from the City's Special Events Coordinator, who must seek input from the appropriate City departments; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has determined that allowing itinerant merchant activities in designated areas of the Historic District during the year 2026, in conjunction with approved Special Events, will help achieve the City's goals of promoting local economic development, supporting entrepreneurship, and creating a vibrant public space; and

WHEREAS, This approach also aims to protect public health, safety, and welfare, minimize impacts on permanent businesses, and preserve the district's historic and aesthetic character; and

WHEREAS, The following applicants have applied to hold Special Events in the City's Historic District during calendar year 2026:


Applicant	Special Event	Special Event Date and Time	Location	Sales
African Diaspora Festival Committee	African Diaspora Festival	April 11; Time 12-8 p.m.	Calvert Street	Food, nonalcoholic beverages, merchandise
Naptown Flea	Naptown Flea Market	April 12 and June 14; Time 1-6 p.m.	Market Space	Merchandise
Four Rivers Garden Club	Flower Mart	April 30; 8 a.m.-1 p.m.	Hopkins Plaza	Merchandise
Banneker Douglass Tubman Museum	Annual Block Party	June TBD	Franklin Street	Food, nonalcoholic beverages, merchandise
Annapolis Pride	Pride Parade and Festival	October 3; 12 p.m.-5 p.m.	TBD	Food and nonalcoholic beverages, merchandise
Rams Head Group LLC	Annapolis Songwriters Festival	September 11-13; Exact day and time TBD	Calvert Street	Food, alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, merchandise

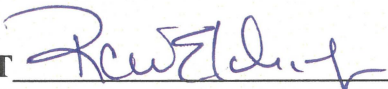
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that hawker, peddler, and itinerant merchant sales are authorized in the Historic District in conjunction with the Special Events listed above during the calendar year 2026.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of March 2026.

Aye: 9 Mayor Littmann, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Contee, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Thorp

THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL  Date: April 12, 2026
Jared Littmann, Mayor

ATTEST  Date: 4/13/26
Regina Watkins-Eldridge, MMC,
City Clerk

