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2 **A Committee to Explore the Possibility of Acquiring 110 Compromise Street** – For the  
3 purpose of expressing the intent of the City of Annapolis to explore the possibility of  
4 acquiring the property located at 110 Compromise Street.

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

10 **Resolution 3-14**

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12 **Sponsored by: Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett**

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14 **Co-Sponsored by: Alderwoman Pindell-Charles, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Kirby**

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17 **Referred to**  
18 **Finance**  
19 **Economic Matters**

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21 **A RESOLUTION**

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23 **FOR** the purpose of expressing the intent of the City of Annapolis to explore the possibility of  
24 acquiring the property located at 110 Compromise Street.

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26 **WHEREAS,** the 2009 Annapolis Comprehensive Plan set forth certain stated objectives with  
27 respect to the Annapolis City Dock including the intent to maximize pedestrian  
28 and bicycle friendly features, to create and enhance open spaces,  
29 accommodate boating access to the dock area by the public, to facilitate hosting  
30 of public events, to clear areas of parking spaces to create more public space  
31 and to assist existing Dock Street merchants by providing transportation access  
32 and availability of parking areas; and

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34 **WHEREAS,** the Mayor directed the appointment in 2010 of a citizens' committee known as  
35 the City Dock Advisory Committee to advise the City as to the rejuvenation of  
36 the City Dock area; and

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38 **WHEREAS,** the City Dock Advisory Committee recommended to the City Council in July  
39 2011 certain Visions and Guiding Principles regarding the City Dock area  
40 including gradual improvement with emphasis on maintaining the integrity of the  
41 Colonial Annapolis Historic Landmark District, including historic layout, scale,  
42 vistas, high quality walkable public open spaces, toward balance in  
43 transportation on City Dock greening and sustainability of City Dock areas and  
44 encouraging public art and nurturing the uniqueness of Place; and

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46 **WHEREAS,** such Visions and Guiding Principles were to form the foundation of a City Dock  
47 Master Plan drafted under the supervision of the City Dock Advisory Committee;  
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1 **WHEREAS,** the City Dock Advisory Committee supervised the completion of a draft of a City  
2 Dock Master Plan and forwarded such document to the City Council in 2012;  
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5 **WHEREAS,** the City Council adopted Resolution R-49-12 on October 28, 2013, adopting the  
6 City Dock Master Plan, as amended, as an addendum to the 2009 Annapolis  
7 Comprehensive Plan; and  
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9 **WHEREAS,** the City Dock Master Plan calls for removal of the existing building located at  
10 110 Compromise Street (the "Property") in order to restore the historic and  
11 scenic viewshed of the Annapolis Harbor, creation of a public promenade  
12 across the waterfront of the Property, limitations on the size and height of any  
13 buildings constructed on the property, creation of public open spaces on and  
14 adjacent to the Property, narrowing of Compromise Street and establishment of  
15 bicycle lane, and wider sidewalks and enhanced landscaping across the  
16 frontage area of the Property; and  
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18 **WHEREAS,** the design and construction of enhanced flood mitigation structures such as  
19 seawalls would be facilitated if the City obtained ownership and access to the  
20 Property at 110 Compromise Street, thereby connecting the properties already  
21 owned by the City (presently utilized as parking lots) known as the Donner Lot  
22 and the Newman Street Lot with the Property, and also thereby avoiding  
23 redevelopment and new building construction within the 100 year floodplain and  
24 hurricane flood zone containing the Property; and  
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26 **WHEREAS,** acquisition of the property would facilitate creation of additional green space,  
27 open space and space for public art; and  
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29 **WHEREAS,** while the City Dock Master Plan designates the Property as an "opportunity site"  
30 and a "development area" and recommends that the Property be rezoned to  
31 allow uses compatible with surrounding commercial properties and to allow  
32 uses currently allowed in a C2 zoning district, acquisition of the Property by the  
33 City would allow control by the City of all future use, development and  
34 construction on the Property.  
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36 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City  
37 Council shall appoint a committee to enter discussions with the owners of the above  
38 mentioned Property, and if successful, that the City should proceed to secure the funding for  
39 such purchase.  
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41 **EXPLANATION**

42 CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

43 [brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

44 Underlining indicates amendments.  
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