



**City of Annapolis**  
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**Extending the Public Paddlecraft Rack Pilot Project**

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**City Council of the  
City of Annapolis**

**Resolution 4-26**

**Introduced by: Mayor Littmann** (by request of the Harbormaster)  
**Co-sponsored by: Alderman Savidge**

**Referred to:** Finance Committee

**A RESOLUTION** concerning

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**FOR** the purpose of extending a City of Annapolis pilot project; allowing a public paddlecraft rack in a street-end city park located on the City's waterfront; lowering the paddlecraft rack fee; and generally related to the paddlecraft pilot project.

**WHEREAS,** The City of Annapolis acknowledges the importance of promoting outdoor recreational activities on its waterways and providing opportunities for residents to engage in healthy and enjoyable water activities; and

**WHEREAS,** Paddlecraft, which includes kayaks, paddleboards and canoes, is a popular Annapolis water sport that fosters physical activity, mental well-being, and a stronger sense of community; and

**WHEREAS,** Enhancing waterfront access in the city and improving paddle craft use at one of the street-end parks is expected to elevate the city's recreational experience, and this expectation will be assessed through the pilot project; and

**WHEREAS,** A paddlecraft rack was installed in June 2025 at Truxtun Park, following City Council adoption of R-47-23; however, the Annapolis Harbormaster has determined that a full boating season is necessary to evaluate the pilot project's effectiveness; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, the Harbormaster recommends lowering the fee for City residents to store a kayak, canoe, or other paddlecraft on the public paddlecraft rack at Truxtun Park from \$300 per year to \$150 per year for City residents, and from \$600 per year to \$350 per year for non-residents during the duration of the pilot project.

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

1. **Extension.** The Annapolis City Council hereby approves an extension of the pilot project for installing and operating a paddlecraft rack in a street-end park until the end of the 2026 boating season on December 1, 2026.
  - a. The City Manager is authorized to promulgate rules and specifications for the paddlecraft rack, which continues through this extension.
  - b. The City Manager is authorized to implement a permitting process and regulations for the paddlecraft racks, which shall include, but not be limited to:
    - i. Storage duration;
    - ii. Hours of operation for the paddlecraft rack;
    - iii. Maintenance responsibilities;
    - iv. Security measures to protect the paddlecraft;
    - v. Procedures for reporting any issues or concerns regarding the paddlecraft racks.
  - c. Such regulations shall continue to be posted on the City website and at the paddlecraft rack location.
2. **Funding.**
  - a. The pilot project's cost shall continue to be funded by fees charged for using the paddlecraft rack.
  - b. The fees shall be as follows:
    - i. \$ 50 per person to apply and remain on any waiting list maintained by the City;
    - ii. \$150 per year, per paddlecraft storage for City residents; and
    - iii. \$350 per year, per paddlecraft storage for non-residents.
3. **Evaluation.**

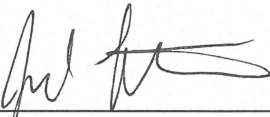
- a. The City Manager, or their designee, shall assess the pilot project at the conclusion of the pilot project and this extension, on December 1, 2026.
- b. Within 30 days after the pilot project ends, the City Manager will submit a report to the Annapolis City Council containing recommendations on whether to make the project permanent and, if so, whether to extend it to other locations.

**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

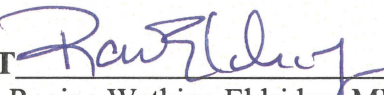
**THE ANNAPOLIS CITY  
COUNCIL**

  
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Jared Littmann, Mayor

Date:

April 12, 2026

**ATTEST**

  
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Regina Watkins-Eldridge, MMC,  
City Clerk

Date:

4/13/26

