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2 **Restaurant Parking Lot Usage Pilot Program Extension for Outdoor Dining** - For the
3 purpose of directing the City Manager to extend the Annapolis Outdoor Dining Pilot Program,
4 allowing restaurants to use privately-owned parking lots for outdoor dining for one year.

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

8
9 **Resolution 2-23**

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11 **Introduced by: Alderman Arnett**

12 **Co-sponsored by: Ald. Gay, Ald. O'Neill, Mayor Buckley**

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14 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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18 **FOR** the purpose of directing the City Manager to extend the Annapolis Outdoor Dining Pilot
19 Program, allowing restaurants to use privately-owned parking lots for outdoor dining, for
20 one year.

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22 **WHEREAS,** In determining that outdoor dining is a highly desirable offering by local restaurant
23 establishments, the City Council passed R-22-22 in May 2022 to allow outdoor
24 dining on private parking lots and to initiate a six-month study on the effectiveness
25 of this parking lot usage and the impact on the City's economy; and

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27 **WHEREAS,** The City completed the study, "Annapolis Outdoor Dining Pilot Analysis," on
28 September 23, 2022, which looked into the impact of outdoor dining on the pilot
29 program restaurants and businesses in the communities near the restaurants, as well
30 as how the loss of restaurant parking for outdoor dining impacted those areas; and

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32 **WHEREAS,** The study states, "Outdoor dining provides broader economic value to the City and
33 neighborhood as non-restaurant businesses contacted for the study voiced support
34 for more outdoor dining. Not only does it help to stimulate other businesses, but
35 these business owners enjoy being patrons of the restaurants as well."; and

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37 **WHEREAS,** Adding extra seating during the Parking Lot Dining Pilot Program positively
38 impacted the participating restaurants' bottom lines, with the study stating, "the
39 extra outdoor seating may be essential to their long-term survival."; and

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41 **WHEREAS,** The study found that, in its temporary format, parking lot dining has little impact
42 on the City of Annapolis, either positive or negative; and

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44 **WHEREAS,** The Council adopted R-30-22 on October 24, 2022, to extend the Parking Lot
45 Usage Pilot Program for an additional six months, which means the current outdoor
46 dining allowance on privately-owned restaurant parking lots expires on April 25,
47 2023; and

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2 **WHEREAS,** Because outdoor dining expands a restaurant's customer capacity, thereby requiring
3 new or amended city permits and approvals, including but not limited to approval
4 by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and amendments to any Special
5 Exceptions granted by the Board of Appeals; and
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7 **WHEREAS,** Obtaining all necessary approvals and permits may take an establishment several
8 months to complete, it is appropriate to provide the establishments with additional
9 time to come into compliance;
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11 **NOW, THEREFORE,**
12 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City Manager is directed
13 hereby to extend the Parking Lot Usage Pilot Program adopted under R-22-22 and R-30-22 for an
14 additional twelve months from the date of passage of this resolution, pursuant to the same
15 regulations, policies and procedures adopted by the Department of Planning and Zoning to
16 implement the Parking Lot Usage Pilot Program.
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