

1 **Chesapeake Children's Museum Lease Renewal Through June 30, 2030** – For the
2 purpose of authorizing a lease agreement with Chesapeake Children's Museum, Inc., a
3 Maryland corporation, for City property at 25 Silopanna Road in Annapolis commencing
4 on July 1, 2025 and terminating on June 30, 2030.

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

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9 **Ordinance 8-25**

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11 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**
12 **Co-sponsored: Alderman Huntley**

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14 **Referred to**

15 Finance Committee
16 Environmental Matters Committee
17 Rules and City Government Committee

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19 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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23 **FOR** the purpose of authorizing a lease agreement with Chesapeake Children's Museum,
24 Inc., a Maryland corporation, for City property at 25 Silopanna Road in Annapolis
25 commencing on July 1, 2025 and terminating on June 30, 2030.

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27 **WHEREAS,** The City is the fee simple owner of an improved parcel of land located at
28 25 Silopanna Road in Annapolis, Maryland, and more accurately described
29 in a deed recorded at Liber 4881, folio 076, among the land records of Anne
30 Arundel County (the "Property"); and

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32 **WHEREAS,** The Property at the head of Spa Creek is the former site of WYRE Radio,
33 and the museum rents the former radio station/office building; it is
34 'improved' with a building (the "Building"), and the City has space therein
35 to lease; and

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37 **WHEREAS,** Under the current lease agreement, the Chesapeake Children's Museum is
38 responsible for building improvements and maintenance in lieu of rent, and
39 a long-term lease is requested to attract grants and donations to update the
40 building and grounds as a lasting home for the museum; and

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43 **WHEREAS,** The Chesapeake Children's Museum leased approximately 2,191 square
44 feet of the Building to house the museum and includes the common areas

1 and shared use of certain areas in the Building "collectively, the
2 "Premises"), pursuant to an amended lease agreement dated June 25, 2015,
3 which is an amended continuation of a lease agreement dated September
4 25, 2006; and
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6 **WHEREAS,** The current amended lease agreement expires June 30, 2025, and the Tenant
7 wishes to continue leasing the Premises to house the Chesapeake Children's
8 Museum; and
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10 **WHEREAS,** City Charter, Article III, Section 8 requires that the City Council approve
11 such leases via passage of an ordinance.
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13 **SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS**
14 **CITY COUNCIL THAT** consistent with Article II, Section 8 of the City Charter that the
15 lease between the City of Annapolis and the Chesapeake Children's Museum for the rental
16 for a portion of a City-owned building located at 25 Silopanna Road, Annapolis, Maryland,
17 as more particularly described in the lease, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a
18 part of this Ordinance for the term and rental specified in the lease, is hereby approved.
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20 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**
21 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL THAT:**

- 22 1. The lease is an attachment to this Ordinance.
- 23 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the lease on behalf of the City of Annapolis;
24 and
- 25 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage