

City Supported Special Events in Fiscal Year 2026

For the purpose of identifying City Supported Special Events in Fiscal Year 2026 and waiving certain related City fees for those events.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 22-25

**Introduced by: Alderman Huntley
Co-sponsored by:**

Referred to: Finance Committee

A RESOLUTION concerning

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WHEREAS, Section 14.18.160(A)(8) states, "City events, and special events exempted from the permit requirement pursuant to Section 14.18.050.B, that meet the definition of a major City dock event shall be included in the calculation of the special event limitations of this section."; and

WHEREAS, Section 14.18.020 of the City Code defines a "City Supported Special Event" as "a special event for which the City:

1. Waives some or all of the fees pursuant to Section 14.18.110; or
2. Agrees to provide financial or in-kind support and be identified as a sponsor; however
3. Shall not be the applicant or an event organizer; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.04.210 of the City Code states that "whenever a person leases, uses or occupies a City facility, the person shall be charged and pay a minimum of full fees for the use of the facility."; and

WHEREAS, Full fees "means the value of the right to lease, use or occupy the City facility as determined by the Finance Director in a Fiscal Impact Note, plus all costs incurred by the City of Annapolis including, but not limited to,

1 utility costs and costs associated with municipal services (public safety,
2 public works, custodial, renovations, repairs, maintenance, transportation
3 and parking)”; and
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5 **WHEREAS,** Examples of City facilities include public spaces, grounds, parks, athletic
6 facilities, fields, docks, piers, wet slips, moorings, developable waters,
7 buildings, motor vehicles, equipment, structures, rooms or other parts of
8 public buildings.
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10 **WHEREAS,** Examples of City services include traffic control, crowd control, public
11 safety support (police or fire), trash removal, sanitary services, recycling,
12 bulk pick-up, the provision of water, sewer, electricity, communications or
13 other utilities, transportation, and labor; and
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15 **WHEREAS,** Section 6.04.210 further states that the fees for City services may be waived
16 “by resolution of the City Council pursuant to guidelines approved by the
17 City Council.”
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19 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that
20 the following Special Events are designated City Supported Special Events during Fiscal
21 Year 2026 in recognition of their significance to our heritage and public service to our City:
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- 23 • Independence Day Parade (July)
 - 24 • Family Day Festival (July)
 - 25 • Elk’s Pre-Labor Day Parade (September)
 - 26 • Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival (September)
 - 27 • Tug of War (November)
 - 28 • Veterans Day Ceremony (November)
 - 29 • Grand Illumination (November)
 - 30 • Annapolis Holiday Market (December)
 - 31 • Lights Parade (December)
 - 32 • New Year’s Eve Celebration (December)
 - 33 • St. Patrick’s Day Parade Weekend Events; Hooley and Shamrock the Dock
34 (March)
 - 35 • Annapolis Film Festival (March)
 - 36 • Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade (April)
 - 37 • African Diaspora Concert and Festival (April/May)
 - 38 • Memorial Day Parade (May)
 - 39 • Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival (June)
 - 40 • Juneteenth Parade and Festival (June)
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42 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that
43 there shall be a waiver of certain fees for the designated City Supported Special Events
44 identified in the Staff Report attached to this Resolution and incorporated by reference.

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2 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that
3 this resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.