



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

CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis

Ordinance 8-25

Introduced by: Mayor Buckley
Co-sponsored: Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman Finlayson

Referred to

Finance Committee
Environmental Matters Committee
Rules and City Government Committee

AN ORDINANCE concerning

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Under the current lease agreement, the Chesapeake Children's Museum is responsible for building improvements and maintenance in lieu of rent, and

a long-term lease is requested to attract grants and donations to update the building and grounds as a lasting home for the museum; and

WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Children's Museum leased approximately 2,191 square feet of the Building to house the museum and includes the common areas and shared use of certain areas in the Building "collectively, the "Premises"), pursuant to an amended lease agreement dated June 25, 2015, which is an amended continuation of a lease agreement dated September 25, 2006; and

WHEREAS, The current amended lease agreement expires June 30, 2025, and the Tenant wishes to continue leasing the Premises to house the Chesapeake Children's Museum; and

WHEREAS, City Charter, Article III, Section 8 requires that the City Council approve such leases via passage of an ordinance.

SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL THAT consistent with Article II, Section 8 of the City Charter that the lease between the City of Annapolis and the Chesapeake Children's Museum for the rental for a portion of a City-owned building located at 25 Silopanna Road, Annapolis, Maryland, as more particularly described in the lease, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance for the term and rental specified in the lease, is hereby approved.

SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL THAT:

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

ADOPTED this 14th day of July 2025.

Aye: 9 Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelman, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Explanation:

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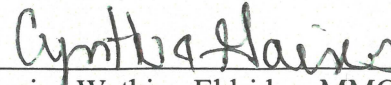
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THE ANNAPOLIS CITY
COUNCIL

 Date: 8/5/2025
Gavin Buckley, Mayor

ATTEST  Date: 7/9/25
Regina Watkins-Eldridge, MMC,
City Clerk

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