



City of Annapolis

160 Duke of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401



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..Title

Streets - Turtle-friendly Curbs - For the purpose of requiring turtle-friendly curbs in environmentally critical areas of the City; correcting a typo in Title 14; creating a "Streets" chapter and a "Curbs" section in Title 14; and generally related to street curb requirements.

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Annapolis

Ordinance 52-22

Introduced by: Alderman Savidge

Co-sponsored by: Ald. Pindell Charles, Ald. O'Neill

Referred to

Environmental Matters Committee
Annapolis Environmental Commission

AN ORDINANCE concerning

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BY amending and reenacting the following portion of the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2022 Edition

Title 14

BY enacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2022 Edition

Chapter 14.01

Section 14.01.010

Section 14.01.020

SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

Title 14 - STREETS, SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC PLACES, AND SMALL CELL SYSTEMS**CHAPTER 14.01 - STREETS****14.01.010 - DEFINITIONS.**

1. "CRITICAL AREA" MEANS ALL LAND AND WATERS DEFINED IN MARYLAND NATURAL RESOURCES CODE ANNOTATED § 8-1807.
2. "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OR OTHER DEPARTMENT DESIGNATED BY THE CITY MANAGER.
3. "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE.

14.01.020 - CURBS.**A. TURTLE-FRIENDLY CURBS.**

1. **PURPOSE.** TO PROTECT CRITICAL AND ENDANGERED NATIVE MARYLAND TERRAPINS AND TURTLES, THE CITY REQUIRES:
 - a. TURTLE-FRIENDLY CURBS IN NEW CONSTRUCTION AND CERTAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECTS;
 - b. ALONG NON-ARTERIAL, CITY-OWNED AND MAINTAINED STREETS;
 - c. LOCATED WITHIN 250 FEET ADJACENT TO:
 - i. A RESOURCE CONSERVATION AREA; OR
 - ii. OTHER AREA DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY'S CRITICAL AREA DEFINED IN TITLE 17 § 04.180.
2. **NEW CURB CONSTRUCTION.** WHEN DEVELOPING A NEW CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE, THE DIRECTOR SHALL REQUIRE TURTLE-FRIENDLY CURBS AS DESCRIBED IN § 020(4) OF THIS TITLE.
3. **CURB REPLACEMENT.**
 - a. WHEN DEVELOPING A STREET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN THE AREAS DESCRIBED IN § 01.020 OF THIS TITLE, THE DIRECTOR SHALL REQUIRE EXISTING CURB TO BE REPLACED WITH TURTLE-FRIENDLY CURBS WHERE EXISTING CURBING MEETS THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
 - i. IS MORE THAN ONE BLOCK; OR
 - ii. IS A SECTION OF AT LEAST 400 FEET LONG.

- b. THE DIRECTOR MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT IF SUCH A WAIVER IS IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR OTHER MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES.
4. **TYPES OF CURBS.** TURTLE-FRIENDLY CURBS SHALL CONSIST OF:
- a. SLANTED/SLOPED CURB, ALSO KNOWN AS A MOUNTABLE CURB; OR
 - b. ANGLED CURBS; OR
 - c. OTHER TYPE OF CURB ALLOWING TURTLES AND TERRAPINS TO EXIT THE STREET.

SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL the Department of Public Works shall, within 180 days of the effective date of this legislation, promulgate any rules, regulations or changes to the department's Standard Details for Construction and the Design Manual necessary to implement the intent of this legislation.

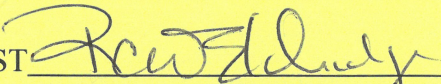
SECTION III: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

ADOPTED this 27th day of March 2023.

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

THE ANNAPOLIS CITY
COUNCIL

 Date: 4/10/23
Gavin Buckley, Mayor

ATTEST  Date: 4/10/23
Regina Watkins-Eldridge, MMC,
City Clerk

Explanation:

UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law.
~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments.

