



**City of Annapolis**  
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**..Title**

**Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund** – For the purpose of establishing a Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund is to promote, stabilize, and protect the maritime industry in the City of Annapolis; and generally dealing with maritime development in the City.

**..Body**

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

**Ordinance 12-24**

**Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**  
**Co-sponsored by: Alds. Arnett, Savidge**

**Referred to:**

Planning Commission  
Finance Committee  
Rules and City Government Committee  
Maritime Advisory Board

**AN ORDINANCE** concerning

**Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund**

**FOR** the purpose of establishing a Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund to promote, stabilize, and protect the maritime industry in the City of Annapolis; and generally dealing with maritime development in the City.

**BY** repealing and reenacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2024 Edition

**2.48.250**

**21.64.520**

**21.64.550**

**BY** enacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2024 Edition

**6.30.030**



**WHEREAS,** In 1989, the City Council adopted O-51-88, which authorized the Maritime Advisory Board along with a "Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund" which would be funded with "a portion of the slip tax and a City bonding capacity not to exceed 1.5 Million Dollars" with the money to be used for purchasing appraisals and surveys for 1) the acquisition of easements and development rights in the maritime districts, and 2) purchasing the development rights of non-maritime use in the maritime districts; and

**WHEREAS,** The Maritime Advisory Board was implemented in the City Code, and one of the board's duties includes providing "advice to the City concerning the administration of the maritime industry economic development fund as created by Ordinance O-51-88 Revised, adopted March 13, 1989"; and

**WHEREAS,** The Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund was never established; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council has adopted legislation creating new fees that are to go into the fund that was authorized by O-5-88, including:

- O-25-21 authorizing a new fee based on the square footage of non-maritime uses to be assessed on property owner in maritime zones for the purposes of supporting the "Annapolis Maritime Industry Fund and associated programs administered by the City of Annapolis."; and
- R-54-22 setting the fee that was authorized in O-25-21, at \$1 per square foot per year; and

**WHEREAS,** The current City Council seeks to implement the Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund and override the outdated fund criteria adopted in 1989.

**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 2 - ADMINISTRATION**

**Chapter 2.48 - Boards, Commissions and Committees**

**Article VIII - Maritime Advisory Board**

**Section 2.48.250 - Duties**

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**Explanation:**

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The Maritime Advisory Board shall:

- A. Provide expert and informed analysis, based upon marine industry and trade positions and viewpoints, of the facts relating to the marine industry and pleasure boating in the City on relevant matters pending before the City Council, or any City agency, board or commission, including the advantages and disadvantages of any particular action;
- B. Make such recommendations to any decision-making body, agency, board, commission or official of the City on matters relating to the marine industry and pleasure boating in the City as the council deems appropriate;
- C. Administer the maritime industry economic development program—~~as established by Ordinance O-51-88 Revised, adopted March 13, 1989;~~
- D. Provide advice to the City concerning the administration of the ~~m~~Maritime ~~i~~Industry ~~e~~Economic ~~d~~Development ~~f~~Fund ~~as created by Ordinance O-51-88 Revised, adopted March 13, 1989.~~

## **Title 21 - PLANNING AND ZONING**

### **Chapter 21.64 - Standards for Uses Subject to Standards**

#### **Section 21.46.010 - Regulations applicable to all waterfront districts**

- E. If there is an increase in non-maritime uses granted through the above incentives, a fee established by resolution of the City Council and set forth in the fees schedule shall be assessed to the property owner for the purposes of supporting the Annapolis Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund per § 6.30.010 Fund and associated programs.

#### **Section 21.64.520 - Professional Offices**

- E. In the WMM, WMI, and WME districts, a fee based on the square footage of non-maritime uses, established by resolution of the City Council, and set forth in the fees schedule, shall be assessed to the property owner for the purposes of supporting the Annapolis Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund per § 6.30.010 and associated programs administered by the City of Annapolis.

#### **Section 21.64.550 - Retail sales of non-maritime-related goods.**

- E. In the WMM, WMI, and WME districts, a fee based on the square footage of non-maritime uses, established by resolution of the City Council, and set forth in the fees schedule, shall be assessed to the property owner for the purposes of supporting the

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Annapolis Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund per § 6.30.010 and associated programs administered by the City of Annapolis.

**Title 6 - REVENUE AND FINANCE**

**Chapter 6.30 - Special Funds**

**Section 6.30.030 - Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund**

**A. Established.**

A Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund is established to collect:

- a. Fees for non-maritime use of waterfront property required per § 21.46.010(E), § 21.64.520(E), and § 21.64.550(E);
- b. Other monies provided to the City for maritime economic development.

**B. Purpose.**

The City shall use the fund to promote the maritime industry through:

- a. Encouraging public-private partnerships in the development of maritime industrial parks;
- b. Promoting in general the maritime industry within the City, including education, career development, and sports programs;
- c. Providing shared dollars for the receipt of state, federal, and private grants for Bay access and waterfront improvement;

**C. Adminstration.**

1. All monies in the fund are subject to appropriation by the City Council.
2. The Finance Director shall hold and account for the fund.
3. The fund is a continuing, non-lapsing fund to be maintained and administered by the Planning and Zoning Department director with the advice of the Maritime Advisory Board.
4. If cash is received as consideration for the disposition of a capital asset purchased with monies from this fund, that cash shall be applied to the fund.

**SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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**SECTION III: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED** that the Planning and Zoning Department, within 90 days of enactment, shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary and proper for the full implementation of this Ordinance.

**ADOPTED this 9th day of December 2024.**

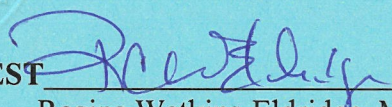
**Aye: 9** Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**THE ANNAPOLIS CITY  
COUNCIL**

  
Gavin Buckley, Mayor

Date: 12/14/24

**ATTEST**

  
Regina Watkins-Eldridge, MMC,  
City Clerk

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