



**City of Annapolis**  
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**Annapolis Harbor Lines at Hawkins Cove**

For the purpose of changing the City of Annapolis harbor line at Hawkins Cove to allow for the implementation of the Hawkins Cove Restoration project; and matters generally related to harbor lines.

**City Council of the**  
**City of Annapolis**

**Ordinance 3-26**

**Introduced by: Alderman Thorp**

**Co-sponsored by:** Mayor Littmann, Alderman Savidge, Alderwoman Contee,  
Alderman Smith-Brown, and Alderman Schandelmeier

**Referred to:** Port Wardens

**AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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**FOR** the purpose of changing the City of Annapolis harbor line at Hawkins Cove to allow for the implementation of the Hawkins Cove Restoration project; and matters generally related to harbor lines.

**BY** revising the maps entitled “Annapolis Harbor Lines” as referenced in § 15.18.020 of the City Code, 2026 Edition.

**WHEREAS,** Title 15 of the City Code regulates the location of piers, moorings, wharves, bulkheads, and the configuration of shoreline development within the developable waterway area; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2021, the City of Annapolis initiated a capital project on Hawkins Cove known as the “Hawkins Cove Restoration” project to improve ecological functioning and provide public water access and other community open space amenities; and

**WHEREAS,** The Hawkins Cove Restoration project is one of the short-term recommendations in the City’s Equitable Public Water Access Plan adopted by the City Council in 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Hawkins Cove is located immediately adjacent to the City’s largest public housing community, which has historically lacked access to the City’s waterfront; and

**WHEREAS,** The Hawkins Cove Restoration project is being coordinated with the complete revitalization of the adjacent public housing community, known as the “Eastport Choice Neighborhood Initiative,” for which a master plan was adopted by the Annapolis City Council in 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** Development and natural erosion along Hawkins Cove have, over time, added sediment to the cove, which currently prohibits access and navigability; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Annapolis is working with federal and state permitting agencies to determine the most effective ways to provide reasonable access to navigable waters; and

**WHEREAS,** Providing water access might involve dredging and constructing piers while, at the same time, ensuring that we prioritize public benefits by avoiding or minimizing impacts on tidal wetlands and habitats; and

**WHEREAS,** To ensure equitable access to public water, a pier may need to extend beyond the current harbor line to reach navigable waters; and

**WHEREAS,** In accordance with the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) § 26.24.02.02, the Maryland Department of the Environment may suspend the processing of an application for a community pier or dredging activity if the application does not comply with local land use requirements, such as the harbor lines set by the City of Annapolis; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Annapolis continues to work with the Maryland Department of the Environment to determine the optimal length for the pier and the necessary amount of dredging; and

**WHEREAS,** Harbor lines define the maximum channel-ward limits of marine construction for a given developable waterway area, and are graphically shown on the City of Annapolis’ “Annapolis Harbor Lines” maps; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council has amended the “Annapolis Harbor Lines” maps on several occasions over the years, reflecting updates and changes as deemed necessary by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** This ordinance includes a proposed amendment to the "Annapolis Harbor Lines" maps relating to the harbor line on Hawkins Cove, illustrated in Exhibit A, which is attached to this ordinance, incorporated herein, and made a part of it. Exhibit B displays the current harbor lines.

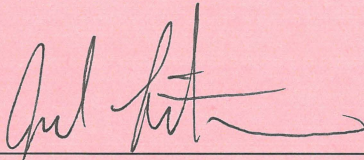
**SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the "Annapolis Harbor Lines" maps shall be amended as depicted on Exhibit A as Amended.

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

**ADOPTED this 13th day of April 2026.**

**Aye: 9** Mayor Littmann, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderwoman Contee, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Thorp

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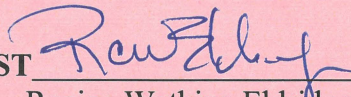


Jared Littmann, Mayor

Date:

4/29/2026

ATTEST



Regina Watkins-Eldridge, MMC,  
City Clerk

Date:

5/4/26

