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City Council of the
City of Annapolis

Resolution 25-25

Introduced by: Alderman Arnett

Co-sponsored by:

Referred to: Finance Committee

A RESOLUTION concerning

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WHEREAS, The City Council recognizes the importance of maintaining and enhancing access to the waterfront for both commercial and recreational activities throughout the City. However, current zoning restrictions confine many valuable maritime uses to designated Maritime Zoning Districts; and

WHEREAS, There is an increasing demand for a broader variety of maritime activities in waterfront areas, including those designated for residential use, and it is essential to carefully consider and implement appropriate regulations to ensure that maritime activities are compatible with residential uses and to minimize any potential negative impacts; and

WHEREAS, On April 14, 2025, the Annapolis City Council introduced Ordinance 9-25 to modify zoning regulations, allowing boat rentals, charters, and charter services along the waterfront in R4 residential districts. However, this ordinance requires thorough review by the Planning Commission and City Council committees to properly address the unique needs of residential waterfront areas; and

1 **WHEREAS,** While reviews of O-9-25 are ongoing, certain regulations in the City of Annapolis
2 may unintentionally create situations where companies could technically violate
3 City Code, leading to the issuance of citations; and
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5 **WHEREAS,** The Annapolis City Council aims to support waterfront activities throughout the
6 city, intending to prevent unnecessary burdens that may hinder their operation
7 while O-9-25 is under consideration.;
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9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that:

- 10 1. Relevant code enforcement departments are hereby directed to refrain from issuing
11 citations in R4 zoning districts regarding boat rentals, charters, and charter services for
12 violations of the following portions of the City Code:
- 13 a. Chapter 21.12, Use and Occupancy Permits;
 - 14 b. Chapter 21.40, Residential Districts;
 - 15 c. Chapter 21.48, Use Tables; and
 - 16 d. Chapter 21.66, Parking and Loading Regulations.
- 17 2. This waiver shall apply only to violations directly related to the ordinary and necessary
18 operation of boat rentals, charters, and charter services and shall not extend to violations
19 of laws related to safety or other serious offenses.

20 **AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
21 resolution shall take effect upon passage and end on August 31, 2025, or upon adoption of O-9-
22 25, whichever comes first.