

1 **Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception Fee Waiver**

2 For the purpose of identifying the Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception hosted by  
3 Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County that will be held on January 27, 2026, as a Special  
4 Event and waiving certain City of Annapolis fees for services related to that event.  
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7 **City Council of the**  
8 **City of Annapolis**

9 **Resolution 43-25**

10 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**

11 **Co-sponsored by:**

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13 **Referred to:** Finance Committee

14 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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16 **FOR** the purpose of the Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception hosted by Visit  
17 Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, which will be held on January 27, 2026, as a  
18 Special Event and waiving certain City of Annapolis fees for services related to that  
19 event.  
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21 **WHEREAS,** Section 14.18.110 of the City Code states that "the City Council may exempt certain  
22 special events from fees by resolution"; and  
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24 **WHEREAS,** The Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception hosted by Visit Annapolis  
25 and Anne Arundel County will take place on January 27, 2026, from 4:30 p.m. to  
26 7:30 p.m. in the circular parking lot behind the Visit Annapolis building; and  
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28 **WHEREAS,** Tourism in 2023 topped 45.1 million visitors statewide, according to the Maryland  
29 Office of Tourism; and  
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31 **WHEREAS,** Tourism attracts more than 6.8 million visitors to Annapolis and Anne Arundel  
32 County, generating \$4.1 billion in visitor spending. This spending generates \$455  
33 million in state and local taxes and supports 26,000 visitor-dependent jobs, which  
34 account for 10% of all employment in Anne Arundel County.  
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36 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that:

- 37 1. The Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception hosted by Visit Annapolis and Anne  
38 Arundel County that will be held on January 27, 2026, is hereby designated a Special Event  
39 to recognize its significance to tourism in our City.

1           2. The City of Annapolis waives reimbursement for costs related to the "Annual Meeting and  
2           Tourism Industry Reception" up to \$4,000, covering expenses such as security, cleanup,  
3           and other related services.

4   **AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this  
5 resolution shall take effect upon passage.