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2 **Towing Company Facility Location** – For the purpose of specifying that towing companies
3 licensed by the City of Annapolis may locate their facilities in proximity to the City border.

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**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

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Ordinance 39–15

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Introduced by: Alderwoman Finlayson

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13 **Referred to**

14 Economic Matters Committee

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17 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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Towing Company Facility Location

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21 **FOR** the purpose of specifying that towing companies licensed by the City of Annapolis may
22 locate their facilities in proximity to the City border.

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24 **BY** repealing and re-enacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the
25 City of Annapolis, 2014 Edition

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27 Section 7.52.060

28 Section 7.52.170

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31 **WHEREAS,** the Code of the City of Annapolis provides for the licensure and supervision of
32 providers of towing services within the City limits; and

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34 **WHEREAS,** the Annapolis City Council wishes to encourage open market competition among
35 providers of towing services within the City limits; and

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37 **WHEREAS,** the Annapolis City Council recognizes that towing service providers require
38 specialized equipment to meet the need to tow various sized vehicles; and

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40 **WHEREAS,** there are a very limited number of providers of towing services maintaining
41 necessary specialized equipment within the City limits.

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44 **SECTION 1: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**
45 **COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

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1 **Chapter 7.52 – Towing Companies**

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3 **7.52.060 - License—Investigation.**

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5 A. The City Clerk, after receipt of an application for a towing license, shall forward the
6 application to the Chief of Police or the chief's designee for investigation and inspection of
7 whether:
- 8 1. The applicant has adequate off-street storage facilities REASONABLY CONVENIENT
9 TO, AND within ONE MILE OF, the City limits;
 - 10 2. The applicant has facilities to provide towing services when requested on a twenty-four-
11 hour basis;
 - 12 3. The towing vehicles of the applicant are in good mechanical condition, equipped with
13 necessary towing gear and safety apparatus, and are registered as commercial hauling
14 vehicles with the Motor Vehicle Administration.
- 15 B. The Chief of Police or the chief's designee promptly shall report the findings to the City
16 Clerk. Thereafter, the City Council shall act upon the application.
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18 C. The City Council may reject an application when it finds that the applicant is not qualified to
19 perform the towing and storage services. The council shall provide an applicant written
20 notice setting forth the grounds for the rejection of the application.
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22 **7.52.170 - Residency required.**

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24 No person is eligible for a City towing license unless the person has the person's place of
25 business and storage facility connected with the business located REASONABLY
26 CONVENIENT TO, AND within ONE MILE OF, the City.

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28 **SECTION II: AND IT BE FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**
29 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its
30 passage.
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34 **EXPLANATION**

35 CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

36 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

37 Underlining indicates amendments
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