

O-3-15

**Risk Management Rules and Regulations**

Staff Report

This ordinance provides a definition of “Risk Management” and establishes that the City Council may adopt written rules and regulations as necessary in the interest of risk management. Such rules and regulations will have the full force and effect of law.

The City of Annapolis Parade Safety Rules are designed to reduce risk to participants and the public generally, and to protect the City against liability for injuries or damages that occur in connection with the conduct of a parade. Applicants who seek approval to conduct a parade in the City must complete a special event application and, if the application is approved, the applicant and all persons known to be participating in the parade must sign the Parade Safety Rules, Agreement & Compliance Certification to abide by the Parade Safety Rules. Signatures on the Compliance Certification allow the City to enforce the Parade Safety Rules.

Enforcement by consent to abide by the Parade Safety Rules, or any other risk management rules adopted in the future, would be supplemented by the passage of O-3-15, which is express statutory authority to adopt and enforce risk management rules.

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