



# LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

## O-12-23

This summary was prepared by the City of Annapolis Office of Law for use by members of the Annapolis City Council during consideration of Ordinance 12-23.

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### BACKGROUND

The *Wilma Lee* is a 75-foot skipjack owned and operated by the Annapolis Maritime Museum, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in good standing with the State of Maryland. The vessel is one of only a few remaining Chesapeake Bay skipjacks out of an estimated 800 that once sailed along the Maryland, Virginia and Carolina shores and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Annapolis Maritime Museum purchased the former oyster dredger in 2018 and has offered education programs, Chesapeake Bay tours, and private charters for up to 35 passengers since 2019. The museum has commercial captains on staff who operate and oversee the cruises.

### BILL SUMMARY

O-12-23 authorizes a lease the City of Annapolis negotiated with the Annapolis Maritime Museum to dock the *Wilma Lee* -- as part of a pilot program -- on City Dock during specific times of the year.

This lease is unrelated to the Maryland Day fee waiver (R-4-23) approved on March 13.

#### Lease Agreement

- The *Wilma Lee* will be allowed to:
  - offer tours of the boat
  - take paying customers on excursions in the Chesapeake Bay
  - sell alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and food, as long as the Museum gets the proper permit.
- The docking dates include:
  - April 7-21
  - May 5-19
  - June 9-23
  - July 14-28
  - August 4-18



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- The *Wilma Lee* will be docked at the Burtis Dock (i.e., Long Dock), and may be tied up on either side of the dock depending on an agreed-upon schedule (See 'docking location' attachment).
- The Annapolis Maritime Museum will pay the City for the guaranteed docking space, \$14,680 for the duration of the lease (10 weeks).
- The *Wilma Lee* will not pick up or drop passengers off at the end of Ego Alley (by the Market House) or Susan Campbell Park.
- Amplified music or other amplified sound on the Premises shall not exceed the maximum decibel levels specified in Chapter 11.12 of the City Code, which limits sound levels depending on where the boat is located and hours of operation.
- The museum can install a temporary sign (no larger than 32 square feet). It must be approved by the city's Historic Preservation Commission and meet other city requirements.
- The *Wilma Lee* cannot do maintenance at the slip, may not store anything on the dock, and the slip must be kept clean.
- The Annapolis Maritime Museum does not need to get a "peddlers, hawkers, and itinerant merchants" license.
- Other agreements are in the lease attached to O-12-23.