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2 **Forest Conservation – No Net Loss – Fees** – For the purpose of amending the Fees Schedule –
3 FY 2019 pertaining to payments instead of afforestation and reforestation.

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5 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
6 *City of Annapolis*

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8 **Resolution 49-18**

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10 **Introduced by: Alderwoman Finlayson**

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12 **Referred to:**

13 **Environmental Matters Committee**

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15 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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17 **Forest Conservation – No Net Loss - Fees**

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19 **FOR** the purpose of amending the Fees Schedule – FY 2019 pertaining to payments instead of
20 afforestation and reforestation.

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22 **WHEREAS,** the City’s current fees-in-lieu of planting are economically infeasible. Current
23 City fees are set at \$435,600 to \$522,720 per acre. By contrast, Anne Arundel
24 County’s fees are \$0.40 - \$0.50 per square foot, translating to \$17,424 to \$21,780
25 per acre. The City’s exponentially higher fees make its Forest Conservation Fund
26 cost-prohibitive – at the current rates no applicant will ever reasonably be
27 expected to pay the fees, meaning that the City will never receive any monies into
28 its Forest Conservation Fund. Setting the fees closer to other jurisdictions’ fees
29 will make payments into the Forest Conservation Fund a possible option in
30 addition to planting and the purchase of forest mitigation bank credits; and

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32 **WHEREAS,** Resolution 49-18 amends the Fees Schedule – FY 2019, adopted by R-15-18 and
33 effective July 1, 2018, pertaining to payments instead of afforestation and
34 reforestation.

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36 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the
37 FY 2019 Fees Schedule is amended as follows:

Section	Type of Fee	Amount of Fee
21.71.110	Payment instead of afforestation and reforestation inside a priority funding area	\$10.00 <u>\$1.00</u> per square foot
	Payment instead of afforestation and reforestation outside of a priority funding area	\$12.00 <u>\$1.20</u> per square foot

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44 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
45 resolution shall become effective upon the adoption of Ordinance 27-18.

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48 **EXPLANATION**

49 Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.

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~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.
Double Underlining indicates amendments.