

Staff Report

Resolution 2-14

Support for House Bill 493 and Senate Bill 488 for a Local Bond Bill on the Annapolis Police Department Indoor Range

The proposed resolution would express the Annapolis City Council's support of House Bill 493 and Senate Bill 488 for a local bond bill in the amount of \$250,000 for the Annapolis Police Department indoor range with a local match of \$250,000 from the City of Annapolis.

The Annapolis Police Department has an indoor firing range in the basement of the Taylor Avenue station dating to 1972. The indoor firing range was not included in 2009 reconstruction activities at the Taylor Avenue station.

The range has badly deteriorated to a point where it is unsafe by causing fired rounds to ricochet, fragment, or miss the traps and the ventilation system no longer properly directs or contains contaminants like lead and carbon monoxide. Consequently, the Annapolis Police Department closed the range in August 2013. Since the closure, the Annapolis Police Department has utilized an alternate range at the U.S. Naval Academy to train and qualify officers, free of charge based on temporary agreements, although this year new fees and charges will be imposed.

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