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2 **Pilot Program to Study Commercial Outdoor Dining in Privately Owned Parking Lots - For**
3 the purpose of approving a Pilot Program to study the use of private parking lots by restaurants
4 after the end of the period of the City's Emergency Declaration.

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

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9 **Resolution 22-22**

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11 **Introduced by: Alderman Arnett**
12 **Co-sponsored by:**

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14 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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16 **Restaurant Use of Private Parking Lots– A Pilot Study**

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18 **FOR** the purpose of directing the City Manager to conduct a Pilot Program to study the restaurant
19 use of privately owned parking lots after the end of the period of the City's Emergency
20 Declaration.

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23 **WHEREAS,** the City of Annapolis is currently considering ending its state of emergency which
24 allowed restaurants to utilize parking areas for outdoor dining as a safety and health
25 measure; and

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27 **WHEREAS,** the City has determined that there is an acceptance by the public of outdoor dining
28 as an acceptable and highly desirable offering by local restaurant establishments;
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31 **WHEREAS,** recent legislation introduced which would call for the elimination of all parking
32 requirements for commercial establishments throughout the City has yet to be
33 adequately reviewed or studied for its overall impact on the City's quality of life,
34 traffic and tax revenues; and

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36 **WHEREAS,** certain commercial and residential zones would experience more negative impacts
37 from outdoor dining and the loss of adjacent parking than others because of the lack
38 of reasonable time and place restrictions and regulations; and

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40 **WHEREAS,** the failure to conduct a thorough economic empirical analysis of the possible
41 consequences of such a wholesale change to restaurant parking requirements could
42 generate unintended consequences if not done in a more systematic and in
43 accordance with the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City Manager is directed
4 to initiate a Parking Lot Usage Pilot Program to study the impact of outdoor dining and the loss of
5 restaurant parking and to prepare a report of said impacts for presentation to the Council at the
6 conclusion of the Pilot study not later than 30 days prior to the sunset of this resolution.

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8 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the
9 implementation of O-9-22, if passed, shall be held in abeyance until the conclusion of the Pilot
10 Program.

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12 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the Pilot
13 Program shall temporarily extend the right of restaurants, within the areas formerly known as
14 Recovery Zones, to utilize their parking areas for outdoor dining in accordance with the permit
15 requirements established by the Department of Planning and Zoning.

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17 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the
18 effective end date of this resolution shall be 12 months from the date its passage.

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EXPLANATION

Underlining indicates matter added.
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