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2 **Annapolis UpRigging: Maritime and Heritage Festival – Fee Waiver** - For the purpose of
3 waiving certain City fees for the docking of tall ships the *Pride of Baltimore II* and *Lynx* at the
4 Annapolis City Dock; and expressing the support of the City Council for the First Annual Special
5 Event “Annapolis UpRigging: Maritime and Heritage Festival”.

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

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10 **Resolution 27-22**

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12 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley, Alderman Arnett**
13 **Co-sponsored by:**

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15 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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19 **FOR** the purpose of waiving certain City fees for the docking of tall ships the *Pride of Baltimore*
20 *II* and *Lynx* at the Annapolis City Dock; and expressing the support of the City Council for
21 the First Annual Special Event “Annapolis UpRigging: Maritime and Heritage Festival”.

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23 **WHEREAS**, both the *Privateer Lynx* and *Pride of Baltimore II* are narrow-bodied ships with
24 raked masts, which appear to be slanted backward, and were built for speed and
25 agility; both were designed to evade and pursue British ships and blockade
26 American ports; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the 114-ton *Lynx*, launched in 2001 in Rockport, Maine, is an interpretation of the
29 original, built in 1812 by Thomas Kemp in Fell’s Point, Maryland - the same place
30 where the ship that inspired *Pride of Baltimore II* was launched; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, Privateers built during wartime were used to prey on enemy ships and their cargo
33 and that required special permission, known as “letters of marque”; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, the original *Lynx* was commissioned less than a month before the beginning of the
36 War of 1812, making it one of the first American ships to set sail, though she was
37 captured by the British the following spring at the mouth of the Rappahannock
38 River and renamed the HMS Mosquidobit; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, the current *Lynx* is operated by a not-for-profit educational foundation based in
41 Newport Beach, Calif. The *Lynx* spent the winter in Mystic, Connecticut
42 undergoing extensive maintenance, including work on its engine, spars and rigging;
43 and

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45 **WHEREAS**, in 1975, the City of Baltimore adopted a proposal for the construction of a replica
46 sailing vessel as the centerpiece of its Inner Harbor revitalization efforts, and an

1 iconic clipper ship was chosen because of the pivotal role Baltimore privateer
2 vessels played in the War of 1812; and

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4 **WHEREAS,** the *Pride of Baltimore*, the first Baltimore Clipper to be built in 150 years, and the
5 first tall ship to represent a city and a state, was commissioned on May 1, 1977, in
6 a ceremony at the Baltimore Inner Harbor attended by thousands; and

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8 **WHEREAS,** during her nine years at sea, between her maiden voyage to Bermuda, New York,
9 and Nova Scotia in 1977, to her final European voyage in 1986, the *Pride of*
10 *Baltimore* extended the hand of friendship to countless visitors, logging more than
11 150,000 nautical miles, equal to six times around the globe, and sailing further in
12 nine years than most sailing vessels travel in their lifetimes; and

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14 **WHEREAS,** on May 14, 1986, on her way home from a successful European campaign, the
15 *Pride of Baltimore* was struck by a microburst squall north of Puerto Rico, sinking
16 within minutes and taking with her the captain and three crew members, since lost
17 at sea; and

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19 **WHEREAS,** by late summer of 1986, due to an outpouring of unsolicited public support, plans
20 for a replacement vessel were under way, and on April 30, 1988, the *Pride of*
21 *Baltimore II* was hoisted aloft and launched from her Inner Harbor birthplace,
22 officially being commissioned on October 23, 1988, at Brown's Wharf in Fells
23 Point, just blocks from the shipyard where *Chasseur*, the original *Pride of*
24 *Baltimore*, had been built in 1812; and

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26 **WHEREAS,** since her commissioning, the *Pride of Baltimore II* has sailed over 250,000 nautical
27 miles and visited more than 200 ports in 40 countries in North, South, and Central
28 America; Europe; and Asia; and

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30 **WHEREAS,** each season the vessel visits dozens of ports of call, welcoming aboard over
31 100,000 people for private sailing charters, dockside receptions, deck tours, day
32 sails, youth programs and overnight guest crew experiences; and

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34 **WHEREAS,** the *Pride of Baltimore II* is owned and managed by the 501(c)3 nonprofit Pride of
35 Baltimore, Inc., which relies on individual donations, corporate philanthropy, and
36 grants to bridge the gap between earned income and operating expenses each year;
37 and

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39 **WHEREAS,** the *Pride of Baltimore II* and the *Lynx* will be visiting Annapolis at the City Dock
40 on May 13 through May 15, 2022, to officially participate in the First Annual
41 Special Event "Annapolis UpRigging: Maritime and Heritage Festival"; and

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43 **WHEREAS,** the City of Annapolis, in recognition of the *Pride of Baltimore II* and *Lynx* non-
44 profits' mission to promote historical maritime education, and to foster economic
45 development and tourism in every port they visit, wishes to waive the fees for the
46 two tall ships to dock while visiting Annapolis on May 13 through May 15, 2022,

1 to officially participate in the First Annual Special Event “Annapolis UpRigging:
2 Maritime and Heritage Festival”.

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4 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the Council expresses its
7 support for the First Annual Special Event “Annapolis UpRigging: Maritime and Heritage Festival
8 and that the fees for docking the *Pride of Baltimore II* and *Lynx* at the Annapolis City Dock on
9 May 13 through May 15, 2022 are hereby waived.

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11 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
12 resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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14 **EXPLANATION**

15 Underlining indicates matter added.

16 [~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken.

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