



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

O-20-23

Chesapeake Nautical Cruises Lease

This summary was prepared by the City of Annapolis Office of Law for use by members of the Annapolis City Council during consideration of the legislation.

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BACKGROUND

Chesapeake Nautical Cruises, based in Tracys Landing, Maryland, owns and operates "The Sea Spirit," a 60-foot yacht, custom-built by DMR Yachts in 1989. It is certified by the U.S. Coast Guard to carry 85 passengers and has a climate-controlled interior.

The main deck features a yacht-like interior with wall-to-wall carpeting, a bar and comfortable seating. The upper deck is open for sightseeing.

Currently, *The Sea Spirit* has an agreement with the City to pick up and drop off passengers at City Dock for private charters and public cruises. The boat cannot dock at City Dock for extended times.



The Sea Spirit



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BILL SUMMARY

O-20-23 allows Chesapeake Nautical Cruises to dock two boats at the Burtis/Long Dock in City Dock.

The boats will be sharing 79 feet of dockage space with a five foot buffer between them.

The boats are:

- 1) The *Sea Spirit* (above), and
- 2) A 18' 6" jetboat built by Smoky Mountain Boats (below).



2014 jetboat by Smoky Mountain Boats. The name will be changed to "Annapolis Jetboat."

Annapolis Jetboat is U.S. Coast Guard certified. It's capable of seating 11 passengers plus the captain (12 total). Chesapeake Nautical Cruises is planning to offer 45-minute rides around Annapolis Harbor and down the Severn River.



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The lease dates :

- May 9-23, 2023
- June 11-25, 2023
- June 30-July 14, 2023
- August 13-27, 2023

Chesapeake Nautical Cruises, LLC, will pay the city \$12,375.32 in rent, and additional sums for utilities, trash and other City Dock services.

Chesapeake Nautical Cruises:

- May not let passengers off at the end of Ego Alley
- May sell alcoholic beverages if they have the proper permits
- Must keep the boat and dock area clean
- Must maintain music below the maximum allowed decibel levels
- May not do repair work at City Dock or store property there.

The full lease is in the ordinance.