



# City of Annapolis

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**Public paddlecraft rack pilot project in a waterfront park** – For the purpose of creating a City of Annapolis pilot program to allow a public paddlecraft rack in a street-end city park located on the City's waterfront.

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#### CITY COUNCIL OF THE

### City of Annapolis

#### Resolution 47-23

**Introduced by: Alderwoman Tierney**

**Co-sponsored by: Ald. Savidge**

**A RESOLUTION** concerning

#### **Public paddlecraft rack pilot project in waterfront parks**

**FOR** the purpose of creating a City of Annapolis pilot program to allow a public paddlecraft rack in a street-end city park located on the City's waterfront.

**WHEREAS,** The City of Annapolis acknowledges the importance of promoting outdoor recreational activities on its waterways and providing opportunities for residents to engage in healthy and enjoyable water activities; and

**WHEREAS,** Paddlecraft, which includes kayaks, paddleboards and canoes, is a popular Annapolis water sport that fosters physical activity, mental well-being, a stronger sense of community; and

**WHEREAS,** Waterfront access should be expanded in the City and facilitating paddle craft access in one of the city's street-end parks is expected to enhance the overall recreational experience;

### **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that:

1. **Findings and Declaration of Policy.** The Annapolis City Council finds and declares that:
  - a. Paddlecraft use on the City's rivers and streams is a healthy and enjoyable activity for Annapolis residents of all ages and skill levels; and
  - b. There is a growing demand for storage options for kayaks, paddleboards, and similar small crafts in the City of Annapolis; and
  - c. The Annapolis City Council is committed to promoting healthy and active lifestyles in our community.

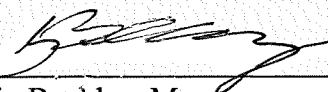
2. **One-Year Pilot Project for Paddlecraft Racks in City of Annapolis Parks.** The Annapolis City Council hereby approves a one-year pilot project for installing and operating a paddlecraft rack in a street-end park.
- Within 30 days of the resolution's adoption, the City Manager is authorized to promulgate rules and specifications for the paddlecraft rack and ensure aesthetics that complement the park's surroundings.
  - The City Manager is hereby authorized to establish a permitting process and regulations, which shall include but not be limited to storage duration, hours of operation for the paddlecraft rack, maintenance responsibilities, security measures that will be taken to protect the paddlecrafts, and the process for reporting any problems or concerns with the paddlecraft racks.
  - Such regulations are to be posted on the City website and at the paddlecraft rack location.
  - The City Manager shall consult with the Alderman/Alderwoman representing the Ward where the pilot project will be installed before the final location decision.
3. **Funding.** The pilot project's cost shall be funded by fees charged to city residents for using the paddlecraft rack. The fees for participation in the pilot project shall not exceed \$50 per person to join the paddle craft rack waiting list; \$300 for City residents to store paddle craft per year; and \$600 for non-residents to store paddlecraft per year.
4. **Evaluation.** The City Manager shall evaluate the pilot project at the end of the one year and submit a report to the Annapolis City Council with recommendations for whether or not to make the program permanent and whether it should be expanded.

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

**ADOPTED this 27th day of November 2023.**

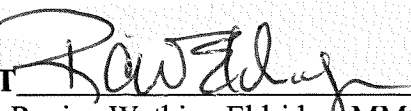
**Aye: 9** Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**THE ANNAPOLIS CITY  
COUNCIL**

  
Gavin Buckley, Mayor

Date: 12/8/23

**ATTEST**

  
Regina Watkins-Eldridge, MMC,  
City Clerk

Date: 12/8/23