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2 **2024 Annapolis Film Festival Fee Waiver** - For the purpose of identifying the Annapolis Film  
3 Festival that will be held on April 4-7, 2024, as a Major Special Event; and waiving charges for  
4 certain City of Annapolis costs related to city services for that event.

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

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10 **Resolution 13-24**

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12 **Introduced by Mayor Buckley**

13 **Referred to:**

14 Finance Committee

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16 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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18 **2024 Annapolis Film Festival Fee Waiver**

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20 **FOR** the purpose of identifying the the Annapolis Film Festival that will be held on April 4-7,  
21 2024, as a Major Special Event; and waiving charges for certain City of Annapolis costs  
22 related to city services for that event.

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25 **WHEREAS,** Section 14.18.110 of the City Code states that “the City Council may exempt  
26 certain special events from fees by resolution”; and

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28 **WHEREAS,** The Annapolis Film Festival and Annapolis Film Society bring together a diverse  
29 cross-section of our community and beyond for a shared cinema experience that  
30 enlightens, entertains, and inspires, sparking conversation and connection within  
31 our community; and

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33 **WHEREAS,** The Annapolis Film Festival showcases more than 70 films over four days and  
34 features panel discussions, post-screening Q&As, coffee talks, and more with  
35 filmmakers, directors, and industry experts each year; and

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37 **WHEREAS,** The Annapolis Film Festival:

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- 39 • Is one of the most prominent and well-regarded film festivals in the  
40 country and places Annapolis 'on the map' for filmmakers and film lovers;
  - 41 • Showcases diverse local, national and international voices;
  - 42 • Encourages participation of and connects with a diverse audience of  
43 residents and visitors;
  - Creates opportunities for filmmakers, creators, writers and artists

- 1 • Promotes ideas, fosters creative thinking, critical response and dialogue;  
2 and
- 3 • Helps to build awareness, broaden thinking, expand understanding and  
4 help to connect us to others in ways that go beyond our everyday  
5 experiences and circumstances - sorely needed in what can seem an  
6 increasingly divided and polarized world; and

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8 **WHEREAS,** The City of Annapolis recognizes the Annapolis Film Festival events contribute to  
9 the local economy, promote tourism and foster a welcoming spirit among residents  
10 and visitors alike.

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12 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

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15 1. The Annapolis Film Festival that will be held April 4-7, 2024, is hereby designated a Major  
16 Special Event in recognition of its significance to our heritage and public service to our  
17 City; and
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19 2. The City of Annapolis hereby waives reimbursement for the costs associated with  
20 the Annapolis Film Festival up to a maximum of \$2,500, including but not limited to  
21 costs for providing security, cleanup and other related services; and
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23 3. This waiver of fees is intended to express the city's appreciation for the annual Annapolis  
24 Film Festival's positive impact on the community and its commitment to fostering a  
25 welcoming and vibrant atmosphere for residents and visitors.

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