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Comprehensive Plan Consideration Extension – For the purpose of extending the time that the City Council has to consider the City's comprehensive plan, Annapolis Ahead 2040.

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**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 18-24

Introduced by: Mayor Buckley

A RESOLUTION concerning

Comprehensive Plan Consideration Extension

FOR the purpose of extending the time that the City Council has to consider the City's comprehensive plan, Annapolis Ahead 2040.

WHEREAS, Land Use Article, Title 3, of the Maryland Code requires the City of Annapolis to have a "comprehensive plan" that includes policies, statements, goals, and interrelated plans for private and public land use, transportation, and community facilities documented in texts and maps and adopted by resolution of the City Council to constitute the guide for the municipality's future development; and

WHEREAS, The comprehensive plan is required to be updated every ten years; and

WHEREAS, The City of Annapolis Planning Commission forwarded the required comprehensive plan to the City Council via a memo dated February 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Annapolis Ahead 2040 Comprehensive Plan was introduced on First Reader via R-4-24 on February 12, 2024; the Public Hearing on R-4-24 was held on February 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Environmental Matters Committee began its consideration of the comprehensive plan on March 14, 2024, while the Rules and City Government Committee began its work on the R-4-24 on March 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Committee work on R-4-24 has been interrupted by the City budget mandated by § 6.16.010 of the City Code to be introduced at the first meeting in April and completed by the start of the fiscal year on July 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, Land Use § 3-204(c)(4) of the Maryland Code states:

"(i) The recommendation of the planning commission shall be considered approved if the legislative body fails to approve, modify, remand, or disapprove the recommended plan in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection within 90 days after the date that the planning commission certifies an attested copy of the recommended plan to the legislative body in accordance with § 3-203(f) of this subtitle.

(ii) Notwithstanding subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, if the legislative body determines that there are exigent circumstances so that the legislative body is unable to act in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection, by resolution the legislative body may extend the deadline in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph for no more than one 60-day extension."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Council finds:

1. Exigent circumstances delaying consideration of the Annapolis Ahead 2040 Comprehensive Plan exist due to the annual consideration of the City budget; and
2. Therefore, the Council extends the deadline for action on the comprehensive plan until Friday, July 12, 2024.

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