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2 **Boat Launch Enforcement Authority** – For the purpose of permitting an authorized
3 agent of the City of Annapolis to exercise limited authority in boat launch enforcement;
4 ensuring that patrons that utilize boat ramp(s) pay appropriate launching fees; and matters
5 generally relating to extending boat launch enforcement powers to an authorized agent.

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

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10 **Ordinance 24-17**

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12 **Introduced by: Mayor Pantelides**

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14 **Referred to**

15 Environmental Matters Committee

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17 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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19 **Boat Launch Enforcement Authority**

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22 limited authority in boat launch enforcement; ensuring that patrons that utilize
23 boat ramp(s) pay appropriate launching fees; and matters generally relating to
24 extending boat launch enforcement powers to an authorized agent.

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26 **BY** repealing and re-enacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of
27 the City of Annapolis, 2016 Edition

28 15.04.050

29 15.12.020

30 15.24.010

31 15.24.050

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33 **SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS**
34 **CITY COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as
35 follows:

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37 **TITLE 15 – HARBORS AND WATERFRONT AREAS**

38 **Chapter 15.04 – MANAGEMENT OF CITY WATERS**

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40 **Section 15.04.050 - Delegation of authority.**

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42 ~~During a period of absence,~~ **FOR ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES UNDER THIS**
43 **TITLE**, the Harbormaster may delegate his authority to **AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OR**
44 **another member of the Harbormaster's staff.**

1 “AUTHORIZED AGENT” MEANS THE COMPANY OR LEGAL ENTITY,
2 AND ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND CONTRACTORS, THAT HAS BEEN
3 DESIGNATED BY THE CITY IN WRITING TO PERFORM ANY DUTIES OR
4 RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES UNDER THIS
5 TITLE.

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7 **CHAPTER 15.12 – DISTRESSED, SUNKEN, DAMAGED, DERELICT,**
8 **DISABLED, NEGLECTED, OR ABANDONED VESSELS OR PROPERTY.**

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10 **Section 15.12.020 - Leaving property or vessels on public docks, street endings or**
11 **shores and on private docks or shores without permission of the owner.**

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13 A. This section shall apply to all vessels which could be berthed and to all personal
14 property which could be offloaded at every public dock, street ending, park dock,
15 shore or other shoreside real property within the City.
16 B. A person may not berth, beach or leave any vessels or any personal property at any
17 street ending, park dock or upon any public shore without the permission of the
18 Harbormaster and subject to the limitation of berthing, beaching or storage provided
19 in subsections C and D of this section.
20 C. The number of vessels which may be stored at any public street ending, park dock or
21 upon any public shore having a boat launch shall not exceed one vessel for every ten
22 linear feet of width of the total public frontage available as measured and marked by
23 the Harbormaster, excluding the width of any launch ramps. Each public street
24 ending shall be posted to indicate the maximum number of boats which may be
25 stored at that location.
26 D. At any street ending having a boat launch, no vessel may be berthed, beached or left
27 in any manner which may obstruct access to and use of the boat ramp. Any street
28 ending having a boat launch shall be posted to indicate this restriction.
29 E. Except for vessels which are registered with the Harbormaster and which display a
30 current sticker provided by the Harbormaster, no vessel may be berthed, beached or
31 stored at any street ending, park dock, or upon any public shore for more than two
32 consecutive nights, and no vessel may be stored at any street ending for more than
33 ten nights in total per year.
34 F. Except for unpowered canoes and kayaks conforming to the provisions of Subsection
35 E of this section, no vessel of more than twelve feet in length or twenty-five
36 horsepower may be berthed, beached or left overnight at any street ending.
37 G. No vessel at a street ending, park dock or public shore may be left secured side to,
38 secured to a dock by both bow and stern lines, berthed by securing one line to the
39 shore or dock and one to an anchor, or berthed and secured by means of illegal
40 pilings or stakes.
41 H. Small vessels berthed, beached or left overnight at street endings, park docks, or on
42 public shores, or on adjacent public property, must first register with the
43 Harbormaster, pay applicable fees and display current stickers provided by the
44 Harbormaster.

- 1 I. Any small vessels found anywhere in City waters or beached on any City shores
2 shall be kept in good condition, clean, well-secured, bailed, safe for occupancy,
3 registered as required, and ready for use.
- 4 J. No person shall berth, beach or leave a vessel at any private dock or on any private
5 shore in the City without permission of the owner of the dock or shore. Upon
6 complaint of the owner of the dock or shore of a violation of this provision, the
7 Harbormaster may issue a citation and take other measures as provided in Subsection
8 L of this section.
- 9 K. NO PERSON SHALL LAUNCH A VESSEL AT ANY PUBLIC DOCK IN THE
10 CITY WITHOUT FIRST PAYING ANY APPLICABLE LAUNCH FEE AS
11 SPECIFIED IN THE CITY FEE SCHEDULE. UPON A VIOLATION OF THIS
12 PROVISION, THE HARBORMASTER, OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT, MAY
13 ISSUE A CITATION AND TAKE OTHER MEASURES AS PROVIDED IN
14 PARAGRAPH L OF THIS SECTION.
- 15 L. Any violation of this section is a municipal infraction. In addition, any vessels or
16 property found in violation of this section may be removed by the Harbormaster, OR
17 AN AUTHORIZED AGENT, at the expense of the owner, and held in impound per
18 Section 15.04.030 until all violations have been abated and all fees paid.
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21 **CHAPTER 15.24 - ENFORCEMENT**

22 **Section 15.24.010 - Additional enforcement responsibility generally.**

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24 In addition to the Harbormaster, AN AUTHORIZED AGENT, and members of the
25 City Police Department the Department of Planning and Zoning, and the Fire Department
26 shall enforce certain provisions of this title. The Department of Planning and Zoning shall
27 enforce those sections relating to structures and the issuance of permits therefor. The Fire
28 Department shall enforce those sections relating to fire protection.

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30 **Section 15.24.050 - Compliance.**

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32 A person may not wilfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful or reasonable
33 order or direction of the Harbormaster, AN AUTHORIZED AGENT, any Police Officer
34 or any law enforcement officer in connection with the enforcement of any provisions of
35 this title.

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38 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY**
39 **THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect from the date
40 of its passage.

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42 **EXPLANATION**

43 CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

44 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

45 Underlining indicates amendments

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