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2 **City Emblems – Prohibited Uses** – For the purpose of regulating the use of the City seal, City flag,  
3 and City logo.

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5 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
6 ***City of Annapolis***

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8 **Ordinance 13-18**

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10 **Introduced by: Alderman Savidge**

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12 **Referred to**  
13 **Finance Committee**  
14 **Rules and City Government Committee**

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16 **AN ORDINANCE concerning**

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18 **City Emblems – Prohibited Uses**

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20 **FOR** the purpose of regulating the use of the City seal, City flag, and City logo.

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22 **BY** adding the following portion to the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2018 Edition:

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24 Section 1.08.060

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26 **WHEREAS,** the City Council has adopted an official seal, flag, and logo, which are used in the  
27 authentication of the official documents and in the conduct of official City business;  
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30 **WHEREAS,** the authorized use of the City seal, City flag, or City logo informs the public that the  
31 City’s reputation for integrity and service to the public is behind an event or  
32 organization acting in partnership with the City; and

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34 **WHEREAS,** the unauthorized use of the City seal, City flag, or City logo may mislead the public  
35 into believing that the City of Annapolis is supporting certain activities, individuals  
36 or entities; ~~and~~

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38 ~~**WHEREAS,** appropriate regulations are necessary in order to insure that the City seal, City flag,~~  
39 ~~and City logo are not utilized except in conjunction with official City business.~~

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

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**TITLE 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Chapter 1.08 – CITY EMBLEMS**

**Section 1.08.060 - Prohibited Uses.**

For the purposes of this Section only, “City Emblem” is defined as the city seal, and city logo.

- A. The City emblem shall not be used for any political purpose, including but not limited to, campaign literature, mailers or handouts in a manner that would lead a reasonable person to mistakenly believe that the City of Annapolis, the city council, or any department, official, or employee of the city endorses, supports, approves, or sponsors; the stated political purpose.
- B. A violation of section 1.08.060A is a municipal infraction and the individual or entity shall be subject to a fine as established by resolution of the city council.

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

**EXPLANATION**

- Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.
- ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.
- Double Underlining indicates amendments.