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2 **Consent Decree -** For the purpose of approving the Consent Decree in settlement of *Heaven White,*
3 *et al., v. City of Annapolis, et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-01442-CCB.
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5 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
6 **City of Annapolis**
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8 **Resolution 48-20**
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10 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**
11 **Co-sponsored by:**
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13 **A RESOLUTION** concerning
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15 **Consent Decree**
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17 **FOR** the purpose of approving the Consent Decree in settlement of *Heaven White, et al., v. City*
18 *of Annapolis, et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-01442-CCB.
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20 **WHEREAS,** the City of Annapolis and the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis
21 ("HACA") were sued in Federal Court by 52 Plaintiffs alleging, among other things
22 that their civil rights were violated because the City of Annapolis did not inspect
23 HACA properties to the same degree as private rental units; and
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25 **WHEREAS,** the City of Annapolis anticipated that going through costly litigation and facing
26 uncertainty as to the outcome would negatively impact the City's already strained
27 financial resources, and would not be resolved for several years; and
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29 **WHEREAS,** the City of Annapolis continues to believe that the Plaintiffs, and all residents of
30 the City, deserve safe and decent housing; and
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32 **WHEREAS,** the Federal Court and all parties have negotiated a settlement and general release
33 of all claims in the form of a Consent Decree, which meets the City's desire for
34 curtailing expensive and time consuming litigation, implementing broad affordable
35 housing strategies, and conducting robust rental inspections uniformly throughout
36 the City of Annapolis.
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38 **NOW, THEREFORE,**
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40 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the Consent Decree attached
41 hereto and incorporated herein is hereby approved.
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43 **EXPLANATION**
44 Underlining indicates matter added.
45 [Strikethrough] indicates matter stricken.
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