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CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Annapolis

Resolution 48-20

Introduced by: Mayor Buckley
Co-sponsored by:

A RESOLUTION concerning

Consent Decree

FOR the purpose of approving the Consent Decree in settlement of *Heaven White, et al., v. City of Annapolis, et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-01442-CCB.

WHEREAS, the City of Annapolis and the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (“HACA”) were sued in Federal Court by 52 Plaintiffs alleging, among other things that their civil rights were violated because the City of Annapolis did not inspect HACA properties to the same degree as private rental units; and

WHEREAS, the City of Annapolis anticipated that going through costly litigation and facing uncertainty as to the outcome would negatively impact the City's already strained financial resources, and would not be resolved for several years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Annapolis continues to believe that the Plaintiffs, and all residents of the City, deserve safe and decent housing; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Court and all parties have negotiated a settlement and general release of all claims in the form of a Consent Decree, which meets the City's desire for curtailing expensive and time consuming litigation, implementing broad affordable housing strategies, and conducting robust rental inspections uniformly throughout the City of Annapolis.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Consent Decree attached hereto and incorporated herein is hereby approved.

EXPLANATION

Underlining indicates matter added.
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