



Legislation Text

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Issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes - For the purpose of authorizing and empowering the City of Annapolis (the “City”) to issue and sell, upon its full faith and credit, (i) one or more series of its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$26,616,084 (the “Bonds”), pursuant to Sections 19-301 through 19-309, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and Article VII, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Annapolis, as amended (the “Charter”), (ii) one or more series of its general obligation bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount equal to the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bonds (the “Notes”), pursuant to Sections 19-211 through 19-221, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended and the Charter and (iii) one or more series of its general obligation bonds to refund specified bonds previously issued by the City in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed 120% of the principal amount of bonds to be refunded (the “Refunding Bonds”), pursuant to Section 19-207 and Sections 19-301 through 19-309, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and the Charter; providing that the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds shall be issued and sold for the public purpose of financing and refinancing certain capital projects of the City as provided in this Ordinance; prescribing the form and tenor of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds; providing for the method of sale of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds and other matters relating to the issuance and sale thereof; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds; covenanting to levy and collect all taxes necessary to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds; and generally providing for and determining various matters relating to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Annapolis

Ordinance 24-23

Introduced by: Mayor Buckley

Co-sponsored by: Ald. Tierney

Referred to

Finance Committee

Financial Advisory Commission

AN ORDINANCE concerning

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the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and Article VII, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Annapolis, as amended (the “Charter”), and (ii) one or more series of its general obligation bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount equal to the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bonds (the “Notes”), pursuant to Sections 19-211 through 19-221, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended and the Charter; providing that the Bonds and Notes shall be issued and sold to finance and refinance certain public purposes of the City as provided in this Ordinance; prescribing the form and tenor of the Bonds and Notes; providing for the method of sale of the Bonds and Notes and other matters relating to the issuance and sale thereof; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of the Bonds and Notes; covenanting to levy and collect all taxes necessary to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and Notes; and generally providing for and determining various matters relating to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds and Notes.

RECITALS

For convenience of reference, the City of Annapolis, a municipal body corporate and politic of the State of Maryland, is hereinafter sometimes referred to as the “City” or as “Annapolis”.

The authority for the powers herein exercised with respect to the City’s bonds is contained in Article VII, Section 11 of the Charter of the City (the “Charter”) and Sections 19-301 through 19-309, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (the “Bond Enabling Act”); and the authority for the powers herein exercised with respect to the City’s bond anticipation notes is contained in the Charter and Sections 19-211 through 19-221, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (the “Bond Anticipation Note Act”).

The Charter and the Bond Enabling Act authorize and empower the City to borrow money for any proper public purpose and to evidence such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Charter and the Bond Enabling Act, subject to the limitation imposed by the Charter, as modified by Chapter 80, Acts of 2000 by the Maryland General Assembly, that no bonds shall be issued by the City if, by the issuance thereof, the total bonded indebtedness of the City incurred, less the amount of sinking funds established for the retirement thereof, would then exceed the sum of (i) 4% of the assessed value of all real property in the City taxable for municipal purposes and (ii) 10% of the assessed value of all personal property in the City taxable for municipal purposes. The Charter further provides that, in computing compliance with such limitation, outstanding bonds or other indebtedness of the City issued pursuant to the authority of any public local law enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland prior to January 1, 1955, or pursuant to the authority of any public general law of the State of Maryland, other than the Bond Enabling Act, together with tax anticipation notes issued pursuant to the Charter and applicable State law, revenue bonds payable as to principal and interest solely from the revenues from revenue-producing projects, and short-term obligations issued pursuant to certain sections of the Charter, shall not be taken into account.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 11 of the Charter, the City Council of the City (the “City Council”) may in its discretion hold a referendum on any such bond issue or may be required to do so as a result of a proper petition of registered voters filed for the purpose after the giving of notice to the City as prescribed in the Charter.

The City proposes to spend the proceeds of the Bonds and Notes authorized pursuant to this Ordinance to (i) finance and refinance the costs of certain public purposes of the City, subject to the provisions of this

Ordinance and (ii) pay (A) the costs of issuing the Bonds and Notes, (B) capitalized interest on the Bonds and the Notes and (C) other related costs.

The Charter contains no limitations upon the rate at which ad valorem taxes may be levied by the City for the payment of the principal of and interest on said indebtedness.

Since the adoption of Article XI-E as an amendment of the Constitution of Maryland, the General Assembly of Maryland has passed no law proposing a limitation upon the rate at which taxes may be levied by the City or a limitation upon the amount of bonded indebtedness which may be incurred by the City different from that set forth in the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL, that:

SECTION 1. All terms used herein which are defined in the Recitals hereof shall have the meanings given such terms therein.

SECTION 2. It is in the best interest of the City to borrow money and incur indebtedness, and the City is authorized and empowered to issue and sell upon its full faith and credit one or more series of its general obligation, fully-registered bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$26,000,000, to be known as the “Public Improvements Bonds, Series ___” (the “Bonds”), with the year in which the Bonds are issued in the foregoing blank, or such other designation as deemed appropriate by the Mayor of Annapolis (the “Mayor”) for the purposes of (a) financing and refinancing the costs of design, construction and development of the City Dock Resilience and Revitalization Project as set forth and described in the City’s Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program, (b) financing and refinancing the acquisition of land and design, construction and development of facilities thereon for the Elktonia/Carr’s Beach Park Project as set forth and described in the City’s Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program, (c) refinancing indebtedness incurred for the benefit of the City in connection with the demolition of the Noah Hillman Garage located in downtown City of Annapolis and the construction and development of a replacement garage at the same site and (d) payment of costs of issuance of and any capitalized interest on the Bonds and other costs and expenses related to the Bonds (collectively, the “Projects”).

SECTION 3. The City hereby covenants that any Bonds issued hereunder shall comply with all limitations of the Charter and that no Bonds shall be issued by the City if, by the issuance thereof, the total bonded indebtedness of the City incurred, less the amount of sinking funds established for the retirement thereof, would then exceed the sum of (i) 4% of the assessed value of all real property in the City taxable for municipal purposes and (ii) 10% of the assessed value of all personal property in the City taxable for municipal purposes.

SECTION 4. The Bonds authorized by this Ordinance shall be dated the date of their delivery and shall bear interest at interest rate or rates in accordance with an executive order of the Mayor and the provisions of this Ordinance as hereinafter provided. Interest on the Bonds shall be payable on the dates and in the years as may be determined by the Mayor in an executive order. The Bonds shall mature, subject to the option of prior redemption, in installments, including any mandatory sinking fund installments, in the years as shall be determined by the Mayor pursuant to an executive order; provided however, that the final maturity of the Bonds shall not exceed 30 years from the date of delivery of the Bonds. Each Bond shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date on which it is authenticated, unless authenticated upon an interest payment date, in which event it shall bear interest from such interest payment date, or unless authenticated prior to the first interest payment date, in which event it shall bear interest from the date of the Bonds; provided, however, that if at the time of authentication any bond interest is in default, such bond shall bear interest from the date to which interest has been paid.

SECTION 5. Certain of the Bonds may be subject to redemption prior to maturity as may be determined by the Mayor in an executive order. The Bonds so subject to redemption, if any, the redemption dates and the redemption prices shall be specified in an executive order by the Mayor.

SECTION 6. The Bonds shall be executed in the name of the City and on its behalf by the Mayor. The signature of the Mayor shall be imprinted or otherwise included on the Bonds manually or by facsimile and a facsimile of the corporate seal of Annapolis shall also be imprinted thereon, attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk of Annapolis (the “City

preceding each regular interest payment date (the "Regular Record Date"). Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered owner on the Regular Record Date, and may be paid to the person in whose name this bond is registered at the close of business on a date fixed by the Paying Agent for such defaulted interest payment (the "Special Record Date"), notice of which is given to the registered owner hereof not less than ___ days prior to such Special Record Date, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirement of any securities exchange on which the bonds of this series may be listed and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange.

"Business Day" means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or day on which banking institutions under the laws of the state governing the Paying Agent are authorized or obligated by law or required by executive order to remain closed.

This bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until this bond shall have been authenticated by an authorized officer of the Bond Registrar.

This bond is one of a duly authorized issue of general obligation bonds of the City aggregating _____ Dollars (\$ _____) in principal amount (the "Bonds").

The Bonds are numbered from one consecutively upwards prefixed by the letter "R", are in denominations of \$ _____ or any integral multiple thereof and are of like tenor and effect except as to maturity, number, interest rate, denomination and redemption provisions, and are issued pursuant to and in full conformity with the provisions of Sections 19-301 through 19-309, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and Article VII, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Annapolis, as amended, and by virtue of due proceedings had and taken by the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen of the City of Annapolis, particularly Ordinance No. _____ adopted on the ___ day of _____, 2022 (approved _____, 2022) (the "Ordinance").

The Bonds which mature on or before _____ are not subject to redemption prior to their maturities. The Bonds which mature on or after _____ are subject to redemption prior to their maturities on or after _____ at the option of the City either as a whole or in part at any time, in any order of maturities, at a redemption price expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, set forth in the table below, together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption:

Redemption Period (both dates inclusive)

Redemption Price

[If less than all of the outstanding Bonds shall be called for optional redemption, the City shall choose the maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed and the principal amount of each such maturity to be redeemed, in its sole discretion. If less than all of the Bonds of any one maturity of this issue shall be called for redemption, the Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot by the Bond Registrar in such manner as, in its discretion, it shall determine.]

[When less than all of a bond in a denomination in excess of \$ _____ shall be so redeemed, then, upon the surrender of such bond, there shall be issued to the registered owner thereof, without charge, for the unredeemed balance of the principal amount of such bond, at the option of such owner, Bonds in any of the authorized denominations, the aggregate face amount of such Bonds not to exceed the unredeemed balance of the bond so surrendered, and to bear the same interest rate and to mature on the same date as said unredeemed balance.]

[If the City elects to redeem all or a portion of the Bonds outstanding, it shall give a redemption notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, at least 20 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to each registered owner appearing on the books kept by the Bond Registrar. Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as all of the Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for the Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), such notice shall be given by a secure means (e.g. legible facsimile transmission, registered or certified mail or overnight express delivery) in a timely manner designed to assure that such notice is in DTC possession no later than the close of business on such 20th day; provided, however, that the failure to mail the redemption notice or any defect in the notice so mailed or in the mailing thereof shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. The redemption notice shall state (i) whether the Bonds are to be redeemed in whole or in part and, if in part, the maturities and numbers of the Bonds to be redeemed, (ii) the date fixed for redemption and the redemption price or prices, (iii) that the Bonds to be redeemed shall be presented for redemption at the office of the Bond Registrar and (iv) that interest on the Bonds called for redemption shall cease to accrue on the date fixed for redemption.]

From and after the date fixed for redemption, if notice has been duly and properly given and if funds sufficient for the payment of

the redemption price of the Bonds called for redemption plus accrued interest due thereon are available on such date, the Bonds so called for redemption shall become due and payable at the redemption price or prices provided for redemption of such Bonds, on such date interest on the Bonds shall cease to accrue and the registered owners of the Bonds so called for redemption shall have no rights in respect thereof except to receive payment of the redemption price plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Upon presentation and surrender of a bond called for redemption in compliance with the redemption notice, the Bond Registrar shall pay the redemption price of such Bond plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption. If Bonds so called for redemption are not paid upon presentation and surrender as described above, such Bonds shall continue to bear interest at the rates stated therein until paid.

This bond is transferable only upon the registration books kept at the principal office of the Bond Registrar, by the registered owner hereof in person, or by his or her attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender hereof together with a written instrument of transfer in the form attached hereto and satisfactory to the Bond Registrar duly executed by the registered owner or his or her duly authorized attorney, and thereupon, within a reasonable time, the City shall issue in the name of the transferee a new registered bond or bonds of any authorized denominations in aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of this bond or the unredeemed portion hereof, and maturing on the same date and bearing interest at the same rate. Said new bond or bonds shall be delivered to the transferee only after payment of any tax or governmental charge required to be paid with respect to and any shipping expenses or insurance relating to, such transfer and only after due authentication thereof by an authorized officer of the Bond Registrar. The City shall not be required to issue, transfer or exchange any bond during the period beginning _____ days before any selection of Bonds to be redeemed and ending on the day of publication and mailing of the notice of redemption or to transfer or exchange any bond called or being called for redemption in whole or in part. The City may deem and treat the person in whose name this bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal or redemption price hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes.

The full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged to the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on this bond according to its terms, and the City does hereby covenant and agree to pay the principal of this bond and the interest thereon at the dates and in the manner mentioned herein, according to the true intent and meaning hereof.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of Maryland, the Charter of the City and the Ordinance to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this bond, exist, have happened and have been performed, and that the issue of Bonds of which this is one, together with all other indebtedness of the City, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by said Constitution or statutes or Charter, and that due provision has been made for the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax or taxes upon all legally assessable property within the corporate limits of the City in rate and amount sufficient to provide for the payment, when due, of the principal of and interest on this bond.

In the presence of:

Notice: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

SECTION 8. All of the Bonds authorized by this Ordinance may be sold by solicitation of competitive sealed proposals at public sale in accordance with the provisions of the following Notice of Sale at the principal office of the City, on such date as may be selected by the Mayor, for cash at no less than par, to the bidder therefor whose bid is deemed to be for the best interests of Annapolis. Bids shall be received as provided in the Notice of Sale. The Bonds authorized by this Ordinance may also be sold, if the Mayor, after consultation with the Finance Director of Annapolis (the "Finance Director") and the City's Financial Advisor, determines that it would be in the best interest of the City, at private (negotiated) sale without advertisement, publication, notice of sale, or solicitation of competitive bids. The Mayor shall award the Bonds by executive order.

Unless the Bonds are sold at private (negotiated) sale, the City Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a notice of sale at least twice in a daily or weekly newspaper having general circulation in Annapolis. The first publication of such notice of sale shall be made at least 10 days prior to the date of sale. The City Clerk may give such other notice of the sale of the Bonds, within or without this State, by publication or otherwise, as the Mayor may deem appropriate.

The Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to make all necessary arrangements for the tabulation and comparison of the proposals received, including the employment of specially qualified personnel, if necessary, so that he or she

will be able promptly to advise the Mayor as to the proposal which produces the lowest true interest cost for the Bonds sold.

The Mayor and the Finance Director are hereby authorized to prepare and distribute a preliminary official statement and final official statement in connection with the sale of the Bonds.

The Notice of Sale, if used for the issue of the Bonds authorized by this Ordinance, shall be in substantially the form hereinafter set forth, with the insertions therein indicated. The terms and conditions stated in such Notice of Sale are hereby adopted and approved as the terms and conditions under which and the manner in which the Bonds shall be sold, issued and delivered at public sale, subject to such insertions, alterations, additions or deletions as the Mayor may deem advisable due to financial or market conditions or other circumstances prevailing at the time based upon the advice of the Financial Advisor.

NOTICE OF SALE

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CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND
General Obligation Bonds
Public Improvements Bonds, _____ Series

Electronic bids via the BiDCOMP/Parity Competitive Bidding System (“PARITY”) will be received until _____, prevailing Eastern time, on _____ (unless such date or time is changed as described herein) by City of Annapolis (the “City”) for the City of Annapolis, Maryland Public Improvements Bonds, _____ Series (the “Bonds”).

Terms of the Bonds

The Bonds shall be dated the date of their delivery and in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) each or any integral multiple thereof.

Interest on the Bonds is payable on _____, 202_ and semiannually thereafter on _____ and _____ until maturity. The Bonds will mature on _____, _____ in the following respective years and principal amounts:

Maturing _____	Principal <u>Amount</u>	Maturing _____	Principal <u>Amount</u>
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The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance the costs of certain public purposes of the City and to pay costs of issuance of and capitalized interest on the Bonds and other costs and expenses related to the Bonds.

Authority

The Bonds are issued pursuant to Sections 19-301 through 19-309, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and Article VII, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Annapolis, as amended. The Bonds are authorized pursuant to Ordinance No. _____. The Bonds are general obligations of the City and will constitute an irrevocable pledge of its full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power.

Book-Entry System

One bond representing each maturity of the Bonds will be issued to and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), as registered owner of the Bonds and each such bond shall be held in the custody of DTC. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry form only, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Purchasers will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. The winning bidder, as a condition to delivery of the Bonds, will be required to deposit the bond certificates representing each maturity with DTC.

Interest on the Bonds shall be payable when due and the principal or redemption price of the Bonds shall be payable at maturity or upon earlier redemption to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners of the Bonds by participants of DTC (“Participants”) will be the responsibility of Participants and other

nominees of beneficial owners. The City shall not be responsible or liable for such transfers of payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, Participants or persons acting through Participants.

Optional Redemption

Bonds maturing on or before _____, _____ are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. Bonds maturing on or after _____, _____ are subject to redemption prior to their maturities at the option of the City on or after _____, _____ either as a whole or in part at any time in any order of maturity at the option of the City, at par plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

Change of Bid Date or Time and Closing Date

The City reserves the right to change, from time to time, the date or time established for the receipt of bids and will undertake to notify prospective bidders via notification published on TM3. A change of the bid date or time will be announced via TM3 not later than _____ p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on the last business day prior to any announced date for receipt of bids, and an alternative sale date and time will be announced via TM3 at that time or at a later date. On any such alternative date and time for receipt of bids, the City will accept electronic bids for the purchase of the Bonds, such bids to conform in all respects to the provisions of this Notice of Sale, except for the changes in the date and time for receipt of bids and any other changes announced via TM3. The City reserves the right to change the scheduled delivery date for the Bonds. See "Delivery" below.

Bid Parameters

No bid of less than 100% of par or more than ___% on an "all-or-none" basis, no oral bid and no bid for less than all of the Bonds described in this Notice of Sale, will be considered. The Bonds are expected to be awarded by approximately _____ p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on _____, _____. All proposals shall remain firm until the time of award.

Bidders are requested to name the interest rate or rates in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%, the highest rate may not exceed the lowest rate by more than ___% and no interest rate may exceed ___%. A zero rate may not be named. No Bond shall bear more than one rate of interest which rate shall be uniform for the life of such Bond.

Basis of Award

The Mayor of the City shall not accept and shall reject any bid for less than all of the Bonds. The City shall award all of the Bonds to one bidder. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in any of the bids. The judgment of the City shall be final and binding upon all bidders with respect to the form and adequacy of any proposal received and as to its conformity with the terms of this Notice of Sale. The Bonds shall be awarded to the bidder naming the lowest true interest cost (TIC) for the Bonds in any legally acceptable proposal and offering to pay not less than par. The lowest true interest cost with respect to the Bonds shall be determined by doubling the semiannual interest rate, compounded semiannually, necessary to discount the debt service payments from the payment dates to the date of the Bonds and to the amount bid.

Where the proposals of two or more bidders result in the same lowest true interest cost for any Bonds, such Bonds may be apportioned between such bidders, but if this shall not be acceptable, the City shall have the right to award all of such Bonds to one bidder. There will be no auction. The right is reserved to the City to reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularity or informality in any proposal. The City's judgment shall be final and binding upon all bidders with respect to the form and adequacy of any proposal received and as to its conformity to the terms of this Notice of Sale. Any award of the Bonds may be made as late as _____ p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on the sale date. All bids remain firm until an award is made. Upon notice of such award, the winning bidder shall advise the City of the initial reoffering prices to the public of each maturity of the Bonds and the names of the members of the underwriting groups.

Procedures for Electronic Bidding

Bidders to Submit Bids by PARITY

Bids for the Bonds must be submitted electronically via PARITY pursuant to this Notice of Sale until _____, prevailing Eastern time, on the sale date but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY, potential bidders may contact i-Deal LLC at 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10018,

telephone (212) 849-5021.

Disclaimer

Each prospective electronic bidder shall be solely responsible to submit its bid via PARITY as described above. Each prospective electronic bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY for the purpose of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the City nor PARITY shall have any duty or obligation to provide or assure access to PARITY to any prospective bidder, and neither the City nor PARITY shall be responsible for proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by PARITY. The City is using PARITY as a communication mechanism, and not as the City's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. The City is not bound by any advice and determination of PARITY to the effect that any particular bid complies with the terms of this Notice of Sale and in particular the "Bid Parameters" set forth herein. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their submission of bids via PARITY are the sole responsibility of the bidders; the City is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for any of such costs or expenses. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in submitting, modifying, or withdrawing a bid for the Bonds, such bidder should telephone i-Deal LLC at () - - and notify _____ by facsimile at () - -.

Electronic Bidding Procedures

Electronic bids must be submitted for the purchase of the Bonds (all or none) via PARITY. Bids will be communicated electronically to the City at _____, prevailing Eastern time, on _____, _____. Prior to that time, a prospective bidder may (1) submit the proposed terms of its bid via PARITY, (2) modify the proposed terms of its bid, in which event the proposed terms as last modified will (unless the bid is withdrawn as described herein) constitute its bid for the Bonds or (3) withdraw its proposed bid. Once the bids are communicated electronically via PARITY to the City, each bid shall constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms therein provided. For purposes of the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained on PARITY shall constitute the official time.

Good Faith Deposit

A good faith deposit in the amount of \$ _____ is required of the winning bidder for the Bonds. The winning bidder for the Bonds is required to submit such good faith deposit payable to the order of the City in the form of a wire transfer in federal funds as instructed by _____, the City's Financial Advisor. The winning bidder shall submit the good faith deposit not more than two hours after verbal award is made. The winning bidder should provide as quickly as it is available, evidence of wire transfer by providing the City the federal funds reference number. If the winning bidder fails to comply with the good faith deposit requirement as described herein, that bidder is nonetheless obligated to pay to the City the sum of \$ _____ as liquidated damages due to the failure of the winning bidder to timely deposit the good faith deposit.

Submission of a bid to purchase the Bonds serves as acknowledgement and acceptance of the terms of the good faith deposit requirement.

The good faith deposit will be retained by the City until the delivery of the Bonds, at which time the good faith deposit will be applied against the purchase price of the Bonds or the good faith deposit will be retained by the City as partial liquidated damages in the event of the failure of the successful bidder to take up and pay for such Bonds in compliance with the terms of this Notice of Sale and of its bid. No interest on the good faith deposit will be paid by the City. The balance of the purchase price must be wired in federal funds to the account detailed in the closing memorandum, simultaneously with delivery of the Bonds.

Approving Legal Opinion

The approving legal opinion of _____, Bond Counsel, will be furnished to the purchasers without cost. There will also be furnished the usual closing papers and, in addition, a certificate signed by appropriate officers of the City, certifying that there is no litigation pending or, to the knowledge of the signers of such certificate, threatened affecting the validity of the Bonds and that on the date of the Official Statement mentioned below and at the time of delivery of the Bonds the statements and information contained in such Official Statement which are made and provided by the City are and will be true, correct and complete in all material respects and the Official Statement does not and will not omit any statement or information which is required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements and information therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or incomplete in any material respect.

Preliminary Official Statement; Continuing Disclosure

The City has deemed the Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Bonds dated _____, _____ (the “Preliminary Official Statement”) to be final as of its date for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Rule”), except for the omission of certain information permitted to be omitted by the Rule. The City agrees to deliver to the successful bidder for its receipt no later than seven business days after the date of sale of the Bonds such quantities of the final official statement as the successful bidder shall request; provided, that the City shall deliver up to _____ copies of such official statement without charge to the successful bidder.

The City has made certain covenants for the benefit of the holders from time to time of the Bonds to provide certain continuing disclosure, in order to assist bidders for the Bonds in complying with the Rule. Such covenants are described in the Preliminary Official Statement.

Delivery

The Bonds will be delivered on or about _____, _____ through the facilities of DTC in New York, New York, against payment therefor in federal or other immediately available funds.

Issue Price Determination

The City expects and intends that the bid for the Bonds will satisfy the federal tax requirements for a qualified competitive sale of bonds, including, among other things, receipt of bids for the Bonds from at least three underwriters, who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds (a “Qualified Competitive Bid”). The Mayor or his or her designee will advise the successful bidder as promptly as possible after the bids are opened whether the bid constitutes a Qualified Competitive Bid, or, in the alternative, a bid that fails to satisfy such requirements (a “Nonqualified Competitive Bid”).

If the bid is a Qualified Competitive Bid, as promptly as possible after the bids are opened, the Mayor or his or her designee will notify the successful bidder, and such bidder, upon such notice, shall advise the Mayor or his or her designee of the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public of each maturity of the Bonds. In addition, the winning bidder shall be required to provide to the City information to establish the initial expected offering price for each maturity of the Bonds for federal income tax purposes by completing a certificate acceptable to Bond Counsel to the City, on or before the date of issuance of the Bonds, substantially in the form set forth in Appendix _____ to the Preliminary Official Statement, with appropriate completions, amendments and attachments.

If the bid is a Nonqualified Competitive Bid, as promptly as possible after the bids are opened, the Mayor or his or her designee will notify the successful bidder, and such bidder, upon such notice, shall advise the Mayor or his or her designee of the initial sale price or initial offering price to the public, as applicable, of each maturity of the Bonds. In addition, the winning bidder shall be required to provide to the City information and assurances to establish the initial sale price or the initial offering price to the public, as applicable, for each maturity of the Bonds for federal income tax purposes by completing a certification acceptable to Bond Counsel in substantially the form set forth in Appendix _____ to the Preliminary Official Statement, with appropriate completions, omissions and attachments. It is noted that procedures for a Nonqualified Competitive Bid may require the winning bidder and, if applicable, other underwriters of the Bonds, to hold the initial offering prices for certain maturities of the Bonds for up to five business days after the sale date, as further specified in the form of such certification.

Miscellaneous

It is expected that CUSIP numbers will be printed on the Bonds. However, the validity, sale, delivery or acceptance of the Bonds will not be affected in any manner by any failure to print, or any error in printing, the CUSIP numbers on the Bonds, or any of them.

The right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any irregularity or informality in any bid, is reserved.

CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

By: /s/ _____
Mayor

By: _____
/s/ _____
Finance Director

SECTION 9. If any Bonds are sold pursuant to the foregoing Notice of Sale, the award shall be made by order of the Mayor. Such action of the Mayor shall also fix the final principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds and the interest rate or rates payable on the Bonds in accordance with the accepted proposal. The Mayor shall also be authorized to make all changes necessary to the form of the Bonds to comply with a book-entry only system.

SECTION 10. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be paid to the Finance Director. If applicable, the first proceeds of the Bonds in anticipation of the sale of which Notes were issued shall be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on such Notes. Upon approval of the appropriate vouchers, in accordance with the established procedure of the City, the Finance Director shall pay, from the proceeds of the Bonds in his or her hands, all expenses incurred in the issuance of the Bonds, including costs of advertising, printing, document reproduction and counsel fees and expenses. The balance of such proceeds shall be credited by the Finance Director to the several accounts on his or her books for the purposes described above and the Finance Director shall make disbursements for such purposes in accordance with the established procedure of Annapolis. Prior to expenditure of such proceeds, the same or any part thereof shall be invested by the Finance Director, with the approval of the Mayor, in any authorized investment of the City. If the funds derived from the sale of the Bonds shall exceed the amount needed to finance any of the purposes described in this Ordinance, or if the City Council determines that the public interest requires a change in the capital improvements program of Annapolis, the funds so borrowed and not expended for the purposes and other costs provided by this Ordinance shall be set apart in a separate fund by the Finance Director and applied in payment of the debt service on the Bonds, unless the City Council shall adopt an ordinance allocating such funds to some other public capital improvement project or projects of the City.

SECTION 11. In order to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds hereby authorized when due, there shall be appropriated in the next ensuing fiscal year of Annapolis and in each fiscal year thereafter, so long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, or until sufficient funds have been accumulated and irrevocably set aside for the purpose, an amount sufficient to meet the debt service on the Bonds coming due in such fiscal year and there shall be levied ad valorem taxes upon all property within the corporate limits of the City subject to assessment for full City taxes, in rate and amount sufficient in each such year to fund such appropriations and to provide for the payment when due of the principal of and interest on all Bonds maturing in each such fiscal year. In the event the proceeds from the taxes so levied in each such fiscal year shall prove inadequate for the above purposes, additional taxes shall be levied in the subsequent fiscal year to make up any deficiency.

Thereafter, prior to each interest payment date, the Finance Director shall deposit with the Paying Agent, from the tax proceeds above described, the amounts needed to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds coming due on each such interest payment date, all moneys so deposited with the Paying Agent shall be deemed and treated by the Paying Agent as trust funds for the use and benefit of the holders from time to time of the Bonds hereby authorized. Any such trust funds so held by the Paying Agent for the payment of particular Bonds for periods of more than two years from the payment dates of such Bonds shall, upon the expiration of any such two-year period and the failure of the holders of such Bonds to present the same for payment within such period, be returned by the Paying Agent to the City and, thereafter, the holders of any such Bonds shall have claims only against the City for payment of the obligations held by them and the Paying Agent shall be relieved of the trust hereby imposed.

To assure the performance by the City of the provisions of this Section, the full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment to maturity of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when the same respectively mature and become payable and to the levy and collection of the taxes hereinabove described as and when such taxes may become necessary in order to provide sufficient funds to meet the debt service requirements of the Bonds. This pledge is made hereby for the benefit of the holders, from time to time, of the Bonds.

The City hereby solemnly covenants and agrees with each holder of any of the Bonds to levy and collect the taxes hereinabove described and to take any other action that may be appropriate from time to time during the period that any of the Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid to provide the funds necessary to make principal and interest payments thereon when due.

SECTION 12. This Ordinance and the question of the issuance of Bonds hereunder shall not be submitted to a referendum of the registered voters of Annapolis, as permitted by law, unless, within 10 days after the passage of this Ordinance,

there shall be served upon the Mayor a notice signed by not fewer than 200 of the registered voters of Annapolis, advising that a petition for a referendum on the issuance of the Bonds is being circulated by one or more of the persons signing said notice and unless, within 20 days after the delivery of such notice, there shall also be filed with the Mayor a petition or petitions requesting the holding of such a referendum, properly signed as required by the Charter, by not fewer than 25% of the registered voters of Annapolis, as shown by the registered voters books of Annapolis, maintained by the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the City (the "Board of Supervisors"). In view of the foregoing, no action shall be taken by Annapolis pursuant to this Ordinance for a period of 10 days following its passage. If, within such ten-day period, the notice above described is filed as aforesaid, then no action shall be taken by Annapolis pursuant to this Ordinance for a period of 20 days following the filing of such notice. If, within such twenty-day period, a petition for referendum, as above-described, shall be filed as aforesaid, then no action shall be taken by Annapolis under this Ordinance unless and until the Mayor shall receive written advice from the City Attorney and the Board of Supervisors that such referendum petition does not meet the requirements of the Charter or unless and until the referendum requested in such petition shall be duly held in accordance with law and the Board of Supervisors shall certify to Annapolis that, in the election at which such referendum is held, a majority of the registered voters of Annapolis voting on the question referred duly cast their ballots in favor of the issuance of the Bonds hereby authorized. If this Ordinance shall be ratified or approved on any such referendum, then the Mayor and the City Clerk may proceed with the issuance of the Bonds hereby authorized, without further action by Annapolis.

SECTION 13. CUSIP numbers may be printed on the Bonds; provided, however, that the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds (even if incorrect) shall have no legal effect and shall not in any way affect the enforceability or validity of any Bond. Any expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds, including any CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of such numbers, in the discretion of the Finance Director, may be paid for by the City from the proceeds of the Bonds.

SECTION 14. In addition to the insertions and variations prescribed by this Ordinance, the Mayor is hereby authorized to make such further modifications in such forms as will not materially alter the substance of such forms. In connection with the issuance of any Bonds pursuant to this Ordinance, the City is hereby authorized to enter into one or more agreements as the Mayor shall deem necessary or appropriate for the issuance, sale, delivery or security of such Bonds, which may include (without limitation) (i) underwriting, purchase or placement agreements for Bonds sold at private (negotiated) sale in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance; (ii) trust agreements with commercial banks or trust companies providing for the issuance and security of such Bonds; (iii) any dealer, remarketing or similar agreements providing for the placement or remarketing of such Bonds; (iv) agreements providing for any credit or liquidity facilities supporting any Bonds; (v) agreements with commercial banks or trust companies providing for the deposit of proceeds of any Bonds; and (vi) continuing disclosure agreements, including any such agreements required to enable the underwriters of any Bonds to meet the requirements of paragraph (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule"). Each such agreement shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Mayor by executive order. The execution and delivery of each such agreement by the Mayor shall be conclusive evidence of the approval of the form of such agreement on behalf of the City.

SECTION 15. The provisions of this Section 15 shall only be applicable with respect to Bonds and Notes (collectively, "Tax-Exempt Obligations") which are issued pursuant to this Ordinance with the expectation that interest on such Tax-Exempt Obligations will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

The Mayor and the Finance Director shall be the officers of the City responsible for the issuance of such Tax-Exempt Obligations within the meaning of the "Arbitrage Regulations" (defined herein).

The Mayor and the Finance Director shall also be the officers of the City responsible for the execution and delivery (on the date of issuance of such Bonds) of a certificate of the City (the "Tax and Section 148 Certificate") which complies with the requirements of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Section 148"), and the applicable regulations thereunder (the "Arbitrage Regulations"), and such officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Tax and Section 148 Certificate and to deliver the same to Bond Counsel on the date of the issuance of such Bonds.

The City shall set forth in the Tax and Section 148 Certificate its reasonable expectations as to relevant facts, estimates and circumstances relating to the use of the proceeds of such Tax-Exempt Obligations, or of any moneys, securities or other obligations to the credit of any account of the City which may be deemed to be proceeds of such Tax-Exempt Obligations pursuant to Section 148 or the Arbitrage Regulations (collectively, "Tax-Exempt Proceeds"). The City covenants with each of the holders of any of such Tax-Exempt Obligations that the facts, estimates and circumstances set forth in the Tax and Section 148 Certificate will be based on the City's reasonable expectations on the date of issuance of such Tax-Exempt Obligations and will be, to the best of the certifying officials' knowledge, true and correct as of that date.

The City covenants with each of the registered owners of any of such Tax-Exempt Obligations that it will not make, or (to the extent that it exercises control or direction) permit to be made, any use of the Tax-Exempt Proceeds which would cause such Tax-Exempt Obligations to be “arbitrage bonds” within the meaning of Section 148 and the Arbitrage Regulations. The City further solemnly covenants that it will comply with Section 148 and the regulations thereunder which are applicable to such Tax-Exempt Obligations on the date of issuance of such Tax-Exempt Obligations and which may subsequently lawfully be made applicable to such Tax-Exempt Obligations as long as such Tax-Exempt Obligations remain outstanding and unpaid. The Mayor and the Finance Director are hereby authorized and directed to prepare or cause to be prepared and to execute any certification, opinion or other document, including, without limitation, the Tax and Section 148 Certificate, which may be required to assure that such Tax-Exempt Obligations will not be deemed to be “arbitrage bonds” within the meaning of Section 148 and the regulations thereunder.

The City further covenants with each of the registered owners of any of such Tax-Exempt Obligations (i) that it will not take any action or (to the extent that it exercises control or direction) permit any action to be taken that would cause such Tax-Exempt Obligations or a portion of such Tax-Exempt Obligations to be “federally guaranteed” within the meaning of Section 149 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and (ii) that it will not make, or (to the extent that it exercises control or direction) permit to be made, any use of the proceeds of such Tax-Exempt Obligations or a portion of such proceeds that would cause such Tax-Exempt Obligations or a portion of such Tax-Exempt Obligations to be “private activity bonds” within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The Mayor may make such covenants or agreements in connection with the issuance of such Tax-Exempt Obligations as he or she shall deem advisable in order to assure the registered owners of such Tax-Exempt Obligations that interest thereon shall be and remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and such covenants or agreements shall be binding on the City so long as the observance by the City of any such covenants or agreements is necessary in connection with the maintenance of the exclusion of the interest on such Tax-Exempt Obligations from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The foregoing covenants or agreements may include such covenants or agreements on behalf of the City regarding compliance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as the Mayor shall deem advisable in order to assure the registered owners of such Tax-Exempt Obligations that the interest thereon is and shall remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, including (without limitation) covenants or agreements relating to the investment of Tax-Exempt Proceeds, the payment of certain earnings resulting from such investment to the United States, limitations on the times within which, and the purposes for which, Tax-Exempt Proceeds may be expended, or the use of specified procedures for accounting for and segregating Tax-Exempt Proceeds.

Any covenant or agreement made by the Mayor pursuant to this section may be set forth in or authorized by the Tax and Section 148 Certificate or an order executed by the Mayor.

SECTION 16. Bonds issued under this Ordinance are specifically exempted from the provisions of Sections 19-205 and 19-206 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SECTION 17. Bonds authorized under this Ordinance may be combined for purposes of sale with bonds of the City authorized under other prior or future ordinances of the City.

SECTION 18. The City is also hereby authorized, pursuant to the Bond Anticipation Note Act and Article VII, Section 11 of the Charter, to issue and sell one or more series of its general obligation bond anticipation notes (the “Notes”). The maximum aggregate principal amount of Notes outstanding hereunder shall not exceed the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bonds authorized and unissued under this Ordinance. The proceeds of the Notes shall be applied to finance or refinance the Projects, and to pay costs of issuance of the Notes, not more than 12 months’ interest on the Notes and other related costs in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds authorized to be issued and sold under this Ordinance, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 19. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Ordinance, the Notes shall be issued in the same manner as the Bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance and shall have the terms and provisions determined in an executive order of the Mayor, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to make the determinations with respect to any Notes as if such Notes were Bonds.

All Notes authorized hereby shall mature on or before that date which is 30 years after the date of the first Note issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to determine the form of any Notes issued hereunder. The execution and delivery of the

Notes as herein provided shall be conclusive evidence of the approval of the form of such Notes on behalf of the City.

SECTION 20. The Notes hereby authorized may be sold for cash at no less than par, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery. The Notes may bear interest at fixed or variable rates as determined by executive order of the Mayor. Authority is hereby conferred on the Mayor to sell the Notes through a public sale or through a private (negotiated) sale, without solicitation of competitive bids, as the Mayor, after consultation with the Finance Director and the City's Financial Advisor, shall determine to be in the best interests of the City. Any sale of the Notes hereunder by private negotiation is hereby determined to be in the best interests of the City.

If the Mayor shall determine in accordance with this Section to sell any Notes at a public sale through the solicitation of competitive bids, then the Mayor may sell such Notes in accordance with such procedures as shall be determined by the Mayor.

SECTION 21. Notes issued under this Ordinance are specifically exempted from the provisions of Sections 19-205 and 19-206 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SECTION 22. The City hereby covenants and agrees with the holders of the Notes issued under this Ordinance to issue the Bonds in anticipation of the sale of which such Notes are issued when, and as soon as, the reason for deferring the issuance thereof no longer exists, and to pay the principal of and interest on such Notes from the first proceeds of such Bonds. This covenant shall be binding upon the City notwithstanding any limitation set forth in this Ordinance. If the City shall not, for any reason, issue and sell such Bonds as aforesaid, or if the proceeds from the sale of such Bonds shall be insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on any Notes, then the tax or other revenue which the City Council shall have previously determined to apply to the payment of such Bonds and the interest thereon shall be applied to the payment of the interest on and principal of such Notes. The foregoing provisions shall not be construed so as to prohibit the City from paying the principal or redemption price of and interest on any Note issued hereunder from the proceeds of the sale of any other Note issued hereunder or from any other funds legally available for that purpose.

If the City shall not, for any reason, issue and sell any Bonds in anticipation of which any Notes are issued, or if the proceeds from the sale of such Bonds shall be insufficient to pay the principal of or interest on such Notes, then the City shall include in the levy in each and every fiscal year that any of such Notes are outstanding ad valorem taxes upon all property within the corporate limits of the City subject to assessment for full City taxes, in rate and amount sufficient in each such year to fund such appropriations and to provide for the payment when due of the principal of and interest on all Notes maturing in each such fiscal year. In the event the proceeds from the taxes so levied in each such fiscal year shall prove inadequate for the above purposes, additional taxes shall be levied in the subsequent fiscal year to make up any deficiency.

To assure the performance by the City of the provisions of this Section, the full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment to maturity of the principal of and interest on the Notes hereby authorized as and when the same respectively mature and become payable and to the levy and collection of the taxes hereinabove described as and when such taxes may become necessary in order to provide sufficient funds to meet the debt service requirements of the Notes hereby authorized to be issued. This pledge is made hereby for the benefit of the holders, from time to time, of the Notes hereby authorized.

To the extent permitted by law, interest on the Notes hereby authorized may be capitalized and paid from the proceeds of the sale of such Notes or from the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds in anticipation of the sale of which such Notes are issued.

SECTION 23. The proceeds of Notes issued pursuant to this Ordinance may be used to pay, at maturity, or at the time of redemption, the principal or redemption price of, or the principal or redemption price of and interest on, Notes ("Refinanced Notes") previously issued pursuant to this Ordinance. If, and to the extent that, the proceeds from the issuance and sale of Notes are used to repay the principal of Refinanced Notes, such Notes shall constitute a renewal, continuance and reissuance of the indebtedness represented by the Refinanced Notes and authorized by this Ordinance and shall not constitute additional indebtedness hereunder or under any other authority.

SECTION 24. This Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its approval by the Mayor, on or following the date of its final adoption and, thereafter, within not more than three calendar days of such approval, notice of the adoption of this Ordinance shall be duly given by publication of the title hereof at least once in "The Capital," or another newspaper published and of general circulation in the City.

