



Legislation Text

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Pilot Program to Study Commercial Outdoor Dining in Privately Owned Parking Lots - For the purpose of approving a Pilot Program to study the use of private parking lots by restaurants after the end of the period of the City's Emergency Declaration.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 22-22

**Introduced by: Alderman Arnett
Co-sponsored by: Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Gay**

A RESOLUTION concerning

Restaurant Use of Private Parking Lots- A Pilot Study

FOR the purpose of directing the City Manager to conduct a Pilot Program to study the restaurant use of privately owned parking lots after the end of the period of the City's Emergency Declaration.

WHEREAS, the City of Annapolis is currently considering ending its state of emergency which allowed restaurants to utilize parking areas for outdoor dining as a safety and health measure; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that there is an acceptance by the public of outdoor dining as an acceptable and highly desirable offering by local restaurant establishments; and

WHEREAS, recent legislation introduced which would call for the elimination of all parking requirements for commercial establishments throughout the City has yet to be adequately reviewed or studied for its overall impact on the City's quality of life, traffic and tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, certain commercial and residential zones would experience more negative impacts from outdoor dining and the loss of adjacent parking than others because of the lack of reasonable time and place restrictions and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the failure to conduct a thorough economic empirical analysis of the possible consequences of such a wholesale change to restaurant parking requirements could generate unintended consequences if not done in a more systematic and in accordance with the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the City Manager is directed to initiate a Parking Lot Usage Pilot Program to study the impact of outdoor dining and the loss of restaurant parking and to prepare a report of said impacts for presentation to the Council at the conclusion of the Pilot study not later than 30 days prior to the sunset of this resolution.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the implementation of O-9-22, if passed, shall be held in abeyance until the conclusion of the Pilot Program.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Pilot Program shall temporarily extend the right of restaurants, within the areas formerly known as Recovery Zones, to utilize their parking areas for outdoor dining in accordance with the permit requirements established by the Department of Planning and Zoning.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the effective end date of this resolution shall be ~~12~~ 6 months from the date its passage.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that, upon passage of this Resolution, the Director of Planning and Zoning is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Resolution and thereby providing inter alia for an Application Processing Fee of no more than Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars (\$4,228.00) for applicants requesting reduced or zero parking requirements during the study period.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that, upon the date of passage of this Resolution, the Director of Planning and Zoning shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the following initiative: a fee-in-lieu of reduced or zero parking requirements if an Applicant makes such a request, throughout the duration of the study period.

EXPLANATION

Underlining indicates matter added.
[~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken.