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**Universal Lodge No. 14 - Permit Fees Waiver** - For the purpose of waiving the permit fees in connection with the restoration of the exterior of the historic Universal Lodge No. 14.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
City of Annapolis**

**Resolution 28-21**

**Introduced by: Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney  
Alderman Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Pindell Charles,  
Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Paone**

**A RESOLUTION** concerning

**Universal Lodge No. 14 - Permit Fees Waiver**

**FOR** the purpose of waiving the permit fees in connection with the restoration of the exterior of the historic Universal Lodge No. 14.

**WHEREAS**, the Universal Lodge No. 14 is a historic building located in Annapolis, Maryland, that was constructed about 1880 as a private dwelling and substantially expanded in the mid-1950s; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge for which it is named was founded in 1865 by a group of African American civilian employees of the U.S. Naval Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lodge purchased the building in the 1940s, and substantially renovated it for use as a meeting hall over the next decade; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lodge is a two-story gable-front frame and concrete-block building with a brick veneer facade and a gable finished in stucco, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Universal Lodge No. 14 has received \$223,000 in State Community Legacy Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Community Development continues to work with the Universal Lodge No. 14 in this restoration project, the Office of Central Services held a pre-bid meeting and anticipates that the full RFP will be released in September with a projected timeline for the commencement of construction of November, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to assist the Universal Lodge by waiving the permit fees for the restoration of the exterior of this historic building; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicable laws and regulations of the City of Annapolis require approval by the City Council for a waiver of permit fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City of Annapolis hereby waives all permit fees in connection with the restoration of the exterior of the Universal Lodge No. 14.

**EXPLANATION**

CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken

Underlining indicates amendments