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Title: Aggressive Panhandling - For the purpose of clarifying that aggressive panhandling is a misdemeanor offense; and generally relating to aggressive panhandling.

Sponsors: Gavin Buckley, Elly Tierney

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3/14/2022	1	City Council	adopt on second reader	Pass
3/14/2022	1	City Council	adopt on third reader	Pass
3/14/2022	1	City Council	amended	Pass
3/14/2022	1	City Council	adopt as amended	Pass
3/7/2022	1	Public Safety Committee	Recommend Favorably-Amendment	Pass
3/7/2022	1	Public Safety Committee	recommend with amendments	Pass
2/16/2022	1	Public Safety Committee	postpone	Pass
1/24/2022	1	City Council	declare the public hearing closed	
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CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Annapolis

Ordinance 4-22

Introduced by: Mayor Buckley
Co-sponsored by:

Referred to
Public Safety Committee

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Aggressive Panhandling

FOR the purpose of clarifying that aggressive panhandling is a misdemeanor offense; and generally relating to aggressive panhandling.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2022 Edition
11.12.068

SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

Title 11 - PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE Chapter 11.12 - PUBLIC PEACE AND ORDER

Section 11.12.068 Aggressive panhandling.

- A. Aggressive panhandling shall mean to accost and beg from persons in a public place and shall include the conduct of begging which harasses, menaces, intimidates, impedes traffic or otherwise causes harm. Aggressive panhandling shall not include the act of passively standing, sitting, or performing music, singing, or other performance with a sign or other indication that a donation is being sought without any vocal request other than in response to an inquiry by another person.
- B. It shall be unlawful AND A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE for any person to engage in an act of aggressive panhandling at any time, including any of the following actions:
- ~~1. Touching the solicited person without the solicited person's consent;~~
 - ~~2. Panhandling a person while such person is standing in line and waiting to be admitted to a commercial establishment;~~
 - ~~3. Blocking the path of a person being solicited or the entrance to any building or vehicle;~~
 - ~~4. Following behind, ahead or alongside a person who walks away from the panhandler after being solicited;~~
 5. Using profane or abusive language, either during the solicitation or following a refusal to make a donation, or making any statement, gesture, or other communication that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or feel compelled to donate;
 - ~~6. Panhandling in a group of two or more persons;~~
 - ~~7. Continuing vocally to solicit from a person after receiving a negative response.~~
- C. The ~~fine~~ PENALTIES for violations of Section 11.12.068 shall be set by resolution of the City Council.

SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Explanation:

UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law.
~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments.