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Maryland Association of Counties Pooled OPEB Trust Fund - For the purpose of authorizing the adoption and establishment of a non-pension post employment benefits trust.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Annapolis

Ordinance 19-15

Sponsored by: Mayor Pantelides

Referred to Finance Financial Advisory Committee Rules & City Government

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Maryland Association of Counties Pooled OPEB Trust Fund

FOR the purpose of authorizing the adoption and establishment of a non-pension post employment benefits trust.

WHEREAS, City of Annapolis (the "City"), provides other postretirement benefits under programs which provide non-pension benefits ("Other Post-Employment Benefits") for retirees of the City who have satisfied certain age, service and other requirements and their beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to establish a reserve to pay Other Post-Employment Benefits; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 17-102 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume), the City is authorized to create pooled investments under the stewardship of a separate body under an agreement with a political subdivision of the State for the investment of money intended for other postemployment benefits; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-102 also provides that the trustees or other officers in charge of an other postemployment benefits fund may invest and reinvest the money in their custody or control as provided by a law enacted by the governing body of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in the Maryland Association of Counties Pooled OPEB Trust Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE:

SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the City of Annapolis hereby adopts and establishes a trust (the "Trust") for the purpose of accumulating and investing assets to fund Other Post-Employment Benefits, in the form set forth in the Maryland Association of Counties Pooled OPEB Trust Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Trust Agreement").

SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the City hereby agrees to become a "Member" in the "Maryland Association of Counties Pooled OPEB Trust Fund" (the "Trust Fund"), as further defined in the Trust Agreement. The City hereby approves the Adoption Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit B and directs the appropriate officers of the City to execute and deliver the Trust Agreement and the Adoption Agreement.

SECTION III: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the purpose of the Trust Fund is to assist the City in funding Other Post-Employment Benefits provided by the City under programs which provide non-pension benefits for retirees of the City who have satisfied certain age, service and other requirements and their beneficiaries (collectively, the "Plans"), from time to time.

SECTION IV: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the adoption and establishment of the Trust by the City shall not create any obligation to provide benefits under the Plans and the City reserves the right, at any time and from time to time, to (i) decrease or discontinue contributions to the Trust Fund and (ii) decrease or terminate the benefits under the Plans.

SECTION V: 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

CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law. Strikethrough indicates matter stricken from existing law. <u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments