



Legislation Text

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Pride of Baltimore II - Docking Fee Waiver - For the purpose of waiving the fees for docking the *Pride of Baltimore II* at the Annapolis City Dock on March 25, 2019, and March 29-April 1, 2019, in celebration of “Maryland Day.”

CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Annapolis

Resolution 9-19

Introduced by: Mayor Buckley

A RESOLUTION concerning

Pride of Baltimore II - Docking Fee Waiver

FOR the purpose of waiving the fees for docking the *Pride of Baltimore II* at the Annapolis City Dock on March 25, 2019, and March 29-April 1, 2019, in celebration of “Maryland Day.”

WHEREAS, in 1975, the City of Baltimore adopted a proposal for the construction of a replica sailing vessel as the centerpiece of its Inner Harbor revitalization efforts, and an iconic clipper ship was chosen because of the pivotal role Baltimore privateer vessels played in the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, the *Pride of Baltimore*, the first Baltimore Clipper to be built in 150 years, and the first tall ship to represent a city and a state, was commissioned on May 1, 1977, in a ceremony at the Baltimore Inner Harbor attended by thousands;

WHEREAS, during her nine years at sea, between her maiden voyage to Bermuda, New York, and Nova Scotia in 1977, to her final European voyage in 1986, the *Pride of Baltimore* extended the hand of friendship to countless visitors, logging more than 150,000 nautical miles, equal to six times around the globe, and sailing further in nine years than most sailing vessels travel in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1986, on her way home from a successful European campaign, the *Pride of Baltimore* was struck by a microburst squall north of Puerto Rico, sinking within minutes and taking with her the captain and three crew members, since lost at sea; and

WHEREAS, by late summer of 1986, due to an outpouring of unsolicited public support, plans for a replacement vessel were under way, and on April 30, 1988, the *Pride of Baltimore II* was hoisted aloft and launched from her Inner Harbor birthplace, officially being commissioned on October 23, 1988, at Brown’s Wharf in Fells Point, just blocks from the shipyard where

WHEREAS, *Chasseur*, the original *Pride of Baltimore*, had been built in 1812; and since her commissioning, the *Pride of Baltimore II* has sailed over 250,000 nautical miles and visited more than 200 ports in 40 countries in North, South, and Central America; Europe; and Asia; and

WHEREAS, each season the vessel visits dozens of ports of call, welcoming aboard over 100,000 people for private sailing charters, dockside receptions, deck tours, day sails, youth programs and overnight guest crew experiences; and

WHEREAS, the *Pride of Baltimore II* will be visiting Annapolis at the City Dock from March 29 until April 1, 2019, officially participating in the Maryland Day Weekend events organized by the Four Rivers Heritage Area, and open for free deck tours Friday, Saturday and Sunday; and

WHEREAS, the *Pride of Baltimore II* is owned and managed by the 501(c)3 nonprofit Pride of Baltimore, Inc., which relies on individual donations, corporate philanthropy, and grants to bridge the gap between earned income and operating expenses each year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Annapolis, in recognition of the Pride of Baltimore Inc.'s mission to promote historical maritime education, foster economic development and tourism, and represent the people of Maryland in every port the *Pride of Baltimore II* visits, wishes to waive the fees for her to dock while visiting Annapolis on March 25, 2019, and from March 29 until April 1, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the fees for docking the *Pride of Baltimore II* at the Annapolis City Dock on March 25, 2019, and March 29-April 1, 2019, in celebration of "Maryland Day," are hereby waived.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.

EXPLANATION

Underlining indicates matter added.

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