



Legislation Text

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State of Emergency - For the purpose of amending and restating the Declaration of State of Emergency for the City of Annapolis issued on March 12, 2020; extending the termination date for said State of Emergency; and designating an Acting Mayor during the State of Emergency.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Annapolis

Resolution 24-20

**Introduced by: Mayor Buckley
Co-sponsored by:**

A RESOLUTION concerning

State of Emergency

FOR the purpose of amending and restating the Declaration of State of Emergency for the City of Annapolis issued on March 12, 2020; extending the termination date for said State of Emergency; and designating an Acting Mayor during the State of Emergency.

WHEREAS, Governor Hogan proclaimed a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency on March 5, 2020, which was renewed on March 17, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the State of Maryland, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, in accordance with Section 11.48.030.A of the Annapolis City Code, the Mayor issued a Declaration of State of Emergency due to the ongoing federal and state warnings regarding illness and deaths resulting from exposure to the COVID-19 virus existing on March 5, 2020, within the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Declaration of State of Emergency was for a period of 30 days and scheduled to terminate on April 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, to protect the public health, welfare, and safety, prevent the transmission of COVID-19, control the spread of COVID-19, and save lives, the Mayor finds it necessary to extend the current State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, pursuant to Section 11.48.030.B consents to extending the March 12, 2020, State of Emergency for an additional 30 days through May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor because of his public facing duties and need to have contact with residents and employees throughout the City at all times, puts him at higher risk for exposure to COVID19; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has most recently faced the possibility of exposure and was forced to self-quarantine, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable, for the continuance of City governance, that a designation of an Acting Mayor during the State of Emergency be made in case of the Mayor's incapacitation, unavailability, or inability to carry out his Mayoral duties or make said appointment of an Acting Mayor due to the effects of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the March 12, 2020, Declaration of State of Emergency issued by the Mayor of Annapolis shall be amended and restated to extend through May 11, 2020.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that Alderman Robert Savidge is hereby designated Acting Mayor during the State of Emergency in case of the Mayor's incapacitation, unavailability, or inability to carry out his Mayoral duties due to the effects of COVID19.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that any prior directives issued by the Mayor of the City of Annapolis concerning the current State of Emergency shall remain in full force and effect.

EXPLANATION

Underlining indicates matter added.

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