



## Legislation Text

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**Consent Decree** - For the purpose of approving the Consent Decree in settlement of *Heaven White, et al., v. City of Annapolis, et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-01442-CCB.

### **CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Annapolis**

#### **Resolution 48-20**

**Introduced by:** Mayor Buckley

**Co-sponsored by:**

**A RESOLUTION** concerning

#### **Consent Decree**

**FOR** the purpose of approving the Consent Decree in settlement of *Heaven White, et al., v. City of Annapolis, et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-01442-CCB.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Annapolis and the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (“HACA”) were sued in Federal Court by 52 Plaintiffs alleging, among other things that their civil rights were violated because the City of Annapolis did not inspect HACA properties to the same degree as private rental units; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Annapolis anticipated that going through costly litigation and facing uncertainty as to the outcome would negatively impact the City's already strained financial resources, and would not be resolved for several years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Annapolis continues to believe that the Plaintiffs, and all residents of the City, deserve safe and decent housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Court and all parties have negotiated a settlement and general release of all claims in the form of a Consent Decree, which meets the City's desire for curtailing expensive and time consuming litigation, implementing broad affordable housing strategies, and conducting robust rental inspections uniformly throughout the City of Annapolis.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the Consent Decree attached hereto and incorporated herein is hereby approved.

#### **EXPLANATION**

Underlining indicates matter added.  
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