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**Autonomous Urbanism** - For the purpose of expressing the sense of the City Council in recognizing the importance of the “Blueprint for Autonomous Urbanism” developed by the National Association of City Transportation Officials.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
City of Annapolis**

**Resolution 54-20**

**Sponsored by: Alderwoman Tierney**

**Co-sponsored by: Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Savidge**

**A RESOLUTION** concerning

**Autonomous Urbanism**

**FOR** the purpose of expressing the sense of the City Council in recognizing the importance of the “Blueprint for Autonomous Urbanism” developed by the National Association of City Transportation Officials.

**WHEREAS**, as a result of recent technological advances, companies have been testing self-driving automobiles and other vehicles on highways and city streets; and

**WHEREAS**, these companies have strong incentives - including, for those which are publicly traded, fiduciary obligations to shareholders - to maximize the number of vehicles and technology service subscriptions sold; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of City Transportation Officials has recognized that allowing these companies to deploy autonomous vehicles (AV’s) on city streets with no limits, no policy, and no coordination may:

- Worsen congestion rather than improve it;
- Reduce safety for pedestrians and bicyclists;
- Interfere with existing transit services;
- Exacerbate parking problems as AV’s queue for their next assigned rides.

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of City Transportation Officials studied the issue and, after concluding that cities need to establish rules, principles and performance criteria for the AV industry, produced its “Blueprint for Autonomous Urbanism”; and

**WHEREAS**, in the absence of having its own AV policy, the City Council wishes to recognize the importance of the “Blueprint for Autonomous Urbanism” developed by the National Association of City Transportation Officials.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the “Blueprint for Autonomous Urbanism” developed by the National Association of City Transportation Officials is formally recognized for its importance in establishing rules, principles and performance criteria for the AV industry.

**EXPLANATION**

CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments.