



Legislation Text

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Universal Lodge No. 14 - Permit Fees Waiver - For the purpose of waiving the permit fees in connection with the restoration of the exterior of the historic Universal Lodge No. 14.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 28-21

**Introduced by: Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney
Alderman Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Pindell Charles,
Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Paone**

A RESOLUTION concerning

Universal Lodge No. 14 - Permit Fees Waiver

FOR the purpose of waiving the permit fees in connection with the restoration of the exterior of the historic Universal Lodge No. 14.

WHEREAS, the Universal Lodge No. 14 is a historic building located in Annapolis, Maryland, that was constructed about 1880 as a private dwelling and substantially expanded in the mid-1950s; and

WHEREAS, the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge for which it is named was founded in 1865 by a group of African American civilian employees of the U.S. Naval Academy; and

WHEREAS, the Lodge purchased the building in the 1940s, and substantially renovated it for use as a meeting hall over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, the Lodge is a two-story gable-front frame and concrete-block building with a brick veneer facade and a gable finished in stucco, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Lodge No. 14 has received \$223,000 in State Community Legacy Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development continues to work with the Universal Lodge No. 14 in this restoration project, the Office of Central Services held a pre-bid meeting and anticipates that the full RFP will be released in September with a projected timeline for the commencement of construction of November, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to assist the Universal Lodge by waiving the permit fees for the restoration of the exterior of this historic building; and

WHEREAS, the applicable laws and regulations of the City of Annapolis require approval by the City Council for a waiver of permit fees.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the City of Annapolis hereby waives all permit fees in connection with the restoration of the exterior of the Universal Lodge No. 14.

EXPLANATION

CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken

Underlining indicates amendments