



Legislation Text

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Exception to Allow Public Kayak Rack Pilot Program - For the purpose of creating a City of Annapolis pilot program to allow a public kayak rack in a street-end city park located on the City's waterfront; changing Title 15 of the City Code to allow the pilot project; and generally dealing with the City's waterfront parks.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

Ordinance 25-23

**Introduced by: Alderwoman Tierney
Co-sponsored by: Ald. Savidge**

Referred to

Environmental Matters Committee

AN ORDINANCE concerning

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BY repealing and reenacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2023 Edition
15.12.020

SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

Title 15 - HARBORS AND WATERFRONT AREAS

Chapter 15.12 - Distressed, sunken, damaged, disabled, neglected or abandoned vessels or property.

Section 15.12.020 - Leaving property or vessels on public docks, street endings or shores and private docks or shores without permission of the owner.

- E. Except for vessels that are registered with the Harbormaster and which display a current sticker provided by the Harbormaster, no vessel may be berthed, beached or stored at any street ending, park dock, or upon any public shore for more than two consecutive nights, and no vessel may be stored at any street ending for more than ten nights in total per year.
- F. Except for unpowered canoes and kayaks conforming to the provisions of Subsection E of this section, no vessel of more than twelve feet in length or twenty-five horsepower may be berthed, beached or left

overnight at any street ending.

- G. No vessel at a street ending, park dock or public shore may be left secured side to, secured to a dock by both bow and stern lines, berthed by securing one line to the shore or dock and one to an anchor, or berthed and secured by means of illegal pilings or stakes.
- H. Small vessels berthed, beached or left overnight at street endings, park docks, or on public shores, or on adjacent public property, must first register with the Harbormaster, pay applicable fees and display current stickers provided by the Harbormaster.
- I. Any small vessels found anywhere in City waters or beached on any City shores shall be kept in good condition, clean, well-secured, bailed, safe for occupancy, registered as required, and ready for use.
- J. No person shall berth, beach or leave a vessel at any private dock or on any private shore in the City without permission of the owner of the dock or shore. Upon complaint of the owner of the dock or shore of a violation of this provision, the Harbormaster may issue a citation and take other measures as provided in Subsection K of this section.
- K. No person shall launch a vessel at any public dock in the City without first paying any applicable launch fee as specified in the City Fee Schedule. Upon a violation of this provision, the Harbormaster, or an authorized agent, may issue a citation and take other measures as provided in paragraph L of this section.
- L. Any violation of this section is a municipal infraction. In addition, any vessels or property found in violation of this section may be removed by the Harbormaster, or an authorized agent, at the expense of the owner, and held in impound per Section 15.04.030 until all violations have been abated and all fees paid.

M. Exceptions. The Harbormaster may grant exceptions to this section for the following:

- 1. Pilot program for public kayak racks in street-end parks.**

SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage.