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**2024 Annapolis Film Festival Fee Waiver** - For the purpose of identifying the Annapolis Film Festival that will be held on April 4-7, 2024, as a Major Special Event; and waiving charges for certain City of Annapolis costs related to city services for that event.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
City of Annapolis**

**Resolution 13-24**

**Introduced by Mayor Buckley**

**Referred to:**  
Finance Committee

**A RESOLUTION** concerning

**2024 Annapolis Film Festival Fee Waiver**

**FOR** the purpose of identifying the the Annapolis Film Festival that will be held on April 4-7, 2024, as a Major Special Event; and waiving charges for certain City of Annapolis costs related to city services for that event.

**WHEREAS,** Section 14.18.110 of the City Code states that “the City Council may exempt certain special events from fees by resolution”; and

**WHEREAS,** The Annapolis Film Festival and Annapolis Film Society bring together a diverse cross-section of our community and beyond for a shared cinema experience that enlightens, entertains, and inspires, sparking conversation and connection within our community; and

**WHEREAS,** The Annapolis Film Festival showcases more than 70 films over four days and features panel discussions, post-screening Q&As, coffee talks, and more with filmmakers, directors, and industry experts each year; and

**WHEREAS,** The Annapolis Film Festival:

- Is one of the most prominent and well-regarded film festivals in the country and places Annapolis 'on the map' for filmmakers and film lovers;
- Showcases diverse local, national and international voices;
- Encourages participation of and connects with a diverse audience of residents and

visitors;

- Creates opportunities for filmmakers, creators, writers and artists
- Promotes ideas, fosters creative thinking, critical response and dialogue; and
- Helps to build awareness, broaden thinking, expand understanding and help to connect us to others in ways that go beyond our everyday experiences and circumstances - sorely needed in what can seem an increasingly divided and polarized world; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Annapolis recognizes the Annapolis Film Festival events contribute to the local economy, promote tourism and foster a welcoming spirit among residents and visitors alike.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that:

1. The Annapolis Film Festival that will be held April 4-7, 2024, is hereby designated a Major Special Event in recognition of its significance to our heritage and public service to our City; and
2. The City of Annapolis hereby waives reimbursement for the costs associated with the Annapolis Film Festival up to a maximum of \$2,500, including but not limited to costs for providing security, cleanup and other related services; and
3. This waiver of fees is intended to express the city's appreciation for the annual Annapolis Film Festival's positive impact on the community and its commitment to fostering a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere for residents and visitors.

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.