

Establishing the Order of Succession for Mayor

For the purpose of establishing the order of succession for Mayor Jared Littmann if he is unable to serve due to temporary disability or absence from the City for longer than one day.

**City Council of the
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 2-26

Introduced by: Mayor Littmann

Co-sponsored by:

A RESOLUTION concerning

Establishing the Order of Succession for Mayor

FOR the purpose of establishing the order of succession for Mayor Jared Littmann if he is unable to serve due to temporary disability or absence from the City for longer than one day.

WHEREAS, Establishing a clear line of succession for the Mayor is essential in case the Mayor is unable to serve due to temporary disability or absence from the City for longer than one day; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 3(c) of the City of Annapolis Charter states, "[n]o later than the fourth council meeting after the mayor and aldermen/alderwomen take office, the city council shall, by resolution, designate the successive order of each current alderman/alderwoman beginning with the alderman/alderwoman who has served the longest length of time on the city council and ending with the alderman/alderwoman who has served the shortest length of time on the city council."; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds it suitable to designate a succession order based on the length of continuous service as an Alderman or Alderwoman as required by Article V, Section 3 of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, This succession plan is essential to ensuring the seamless continuity of our municipal government and effective leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that in the event the Mayor is unable to serve temporarily due to disability or absence from the City for

1 longer than one day, the following Aldermen and Alderwomen shall succeed to perform the
2 duties of Mayor in the following order, based on their length of continuous service:

- 3 1. Alderman Robert Savidge, Ward 7
- 4 2. Alderman Brooks Schandelmeier, Ward 5
- 5 3. Alderwoman Karma O'Neill, Ward 2
- 6 4. Alderman Harry Huntley, Ward 1
- 7 5. Alderman Keanuú Smith-Brown, Ward 3
- 8 6. Alderwoman Janice Allsup-Johnson, Ward 4
- 9 7. Alderwoman Diesha Contee, Ward 6
- 10 8. Alderman Frank Thorp, Ward 8

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12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that

- 13 1. Seniority shall be determined by length of continuous service on the City Council. In the
14 event two or more members have equal length of service, seniority shall be determined
15 by the ranking in this resolution, as required by Article V, Section 3(c) of the City of
16 Annapolis Charter.
- 17 2. The first available member in the order of succession who is able to serve shall assume
18 the duties of Mayor until the Mayor can resume duties or a new Mayor is elected or
19 appointed according to applicable City law.

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