..Title 1 2 **Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception Fee Wavier** – For the purpose of identifying 3 the Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception that will be held on January 28, 2025, as a 4 Special Event and waiving certain City of Annapolis fees for services related to that event. 5 ..Bodv 6 7 CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Annapolis 8 9 10 Resolution 57-24 11 12 **Introduced by:** Mayor Buckley 13 Co-sponsored by: Alds. Gay, Pindell Charles, Huntley, Finlayson 14 15 Referred to: 16 **Finance Committee** 17 18 A RESOLUTION concerning 19 20 **Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception Fee Waiver** 21 22 the purpose of identifying the Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception that will 23 be held on January 28, 2025, as a Special Event and waiving certain City of Annapolis fees 24 for services related to that event. 25 26 **WHEREAS**, Section 14.18.110 of the City Code states that "the City Council may exempt certain 27 special events from fees by resolution"; and 28 29 WHEREAS, The Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception will take place on January 30 28, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the circular parking lot behind the Visit 31 Annapolis building; and 32 33 WHEREAS, Tourism in 2023 topped 45.1 million visitors statewide, according to the Maryland 34 Office of Tourism: and 35 WHEREAS, Tourism attracts more than 6.8 million visitors to Annapolis and Anne Arundel 36 37 County and generates \$4.1 billion in visitor spending, providing \$455 million in 38 state and local taxes and employing 26,000 visitor-supported jobs, which represents 39 10% of all jobs in Anne Arundel County. 40 41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that: 42 1. The Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception hosted by Visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County that will be held on January 28, 2025, is hereby designated a Special Event 43 44 to recognize its significance to tourism in our City.

- 2. The City of Annapolis waives reimbursement for costs related to the "Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception" up to \$3,253, covering expenses such as security, cleanup, and other related services.
 - AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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