

Extending the Public Paddlecraft Rack Pilot Project

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**City Council of the
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 4-26

Introduced by: Mayor Littmann (by request of the Harbormaster)

Co-sponsored by: Alderman Savidge

Referred to: Finance Committee

A RESOLUTION concerning

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WHEREAS, The City of Annapolis acknowledges the importance of promoting outdoor recreational activities on its waterways and providing opportunities for residents to engage in healthy and enjoyable water activities; and

WHEREAS, Paddlecraft, which includes kayaks, paddleboards and canoes, is a popular Annapolis water sport that fosters physical activity, mental well-being, and a stronger sense of community; and

WHEREAS, Enhancing waterfront access in the city and improving paddle craft use at one of the street-end parks is expected to elevate the city's recreational experience, and this expectation will be assessed through the pilot project; and

WHEREAS, A paddlecraft rack was installed in June 2025 at Truxtun Park, following City Council adoption of R-47-23; however, the Annapolis Harbormaster has determined that a full boating season is necessary to evaluate the pilot project's effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Harbormaster recommends lowering the fee for City residents to store a kayak, canoe, or other paddlecraft on the public paddlecraft rack at Truxtun Park from \$300 per year to \$150 per year for City residents, and from

1 \$600 per year to \$350 per year for non-residents during the duration of the pilot
2 project.
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4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that:

- 5 1. **Extension.** The Annapolis City Council hereby approves an extension of the pilot project
6 for installing and operating a paddlecraft rack in a street-end park until the end of the
7 2026 boating season on December 1, 2026.

- 8 a. The City Manager is authorized to promulgate rules and specifications for the
9 paddlecraft rack, which continues through this extension.
- 10 b. The City Manager is authorized to implement a permitting process and
11 regulations for the paddlecraft racks, which shall include, but not be limited to:
- 12 i. Storage duration;
- 13 ii. Hours of operation for the paddlecraft rack;
- 14 iii. Maintenance responsibilities;
- 15 iv. Security measures to protect the paddlecraft;
- 16 v. Procedures for reporting any issues or concerns regarding the paddlecraft
17 racks.
- 18 c. Such regulations shall continue to be posted on the City website and at the
19 paddlecraft rack location.

20 2. **Funding.**

- 21 a. The pilot project's cost shall continue to be funded by fees charged for using the
22 paddlecraft rack.
- 23 b. The fees shall be as follows:
- 24 i. \$ 50 per person to apply and remain on any waiting list maintained by the
25 City;
- 26 ii. \$150 per year, per paddlecraft storage for City residents; and
- 27 iii. \$350 per year, per paddlecraft storage for non-residents.

28 3. **Evaluation.**

- 29 a. The City Manager, or their designee, shall assess the pilot project at the
30 conclusion of the pilot project and this extension, on December 1, 2026.
- 31 b. Within 30 days after the pilot project ends, the City Manager will submit a report
32 to the Annapolis City Council containing recommendations on whether to make
33 the project permanent and, if so, whether to extend it to other locations.

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