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2 **2025 Annapolis Film Festival Fee Waiver** - For the purpose of identifying the Annapolis Film
3 Festival that will be held on March 27-30, 2025, as a Major Special Event; and waiving charges
4 for certain City of Annapolis costs related to city services for that event.

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
8 **City of Annapolis**

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10 **Resolution 10-25**

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12 **Introduced by Mayor Buckley**

13 **Referred to:**

14 Finance Committee

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16 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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18 **2025 Annapolis Film Festival Fee Waiver**

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20 **FOR** the purpose of identifying the the Annapolis Film Festival that will be held on March 27-
21 30, 2025, as a Major Special Event; and waiving charges for certain City of Annapolis
22 costs related to city services for that event.

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

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

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

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37 **WHEREAS,** The Annapolis Film Festival:

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- 39 • Is one of the most prominent and well-regarded film festivals in the
40 country and places Annapolis 'on the map' for filmmakers and film lovers;
 - 41 • Showcases diverse local, national and international voices;
 - 42 • Encourages participation of and connects with a diverse audience of
43 residents and visitors;
 - Creates opportunities for filmmakers, creators, writers and artists

- 1 • Promotes ideas, fosters creative thinking, critical response and dialogue;
2 and
- 3 • Helps to build awareness, broaden thinking, expand understanding and
4 help to connect us to others in ways that go beyond our everyday
5 experiences and circumstances - sorely needed in what can seem an
6 increasingly divided and polarized world; and

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

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12 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

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15 1. The Annapolis Film Festival that will be held March 27-30, 2025, is hereby designated a
16 Major Special Event in recognition of its significance to our heritage and public service to
17 our City; and
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19 2. The City of Annapolis hereby waives reimbursement for the costs associated with
20 the Annapolis Film Festival up to a maximum of \$2,500, including but not limited to
21 costs for providing security, cleanup and other related services; and
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23 3. This waiver of fees is intended to express the city's appreciation for the annual Annapolis
24 Film Festival's positive impact on the community and its commitment to fostering a
25 welcoming and vibrant atmosphere for residents and visitors.

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