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**CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
City of Annapolis**

**Resolution No. R-64-11**

**Introduced by: Alderman Arnett, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderwoman Hoyle and  
Alderman Israel  
Co-Sponsored by Mayor Cohen**

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY			
First Reading	Public Hearing	Fiscal Impact Note	120 Day Rule
12/19/11			4/20/12
Referred to	Referral Date	Meeting Date	Action Taken
Finance	12/19/11		

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11 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

12 **A Parking Garage on Compromise Street**

13 **FOR** the purpose of expressing the sense of the Annapolis City Council regarding a parking  
14 garage on Compromise Street.

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16 **WHEREAS,** long-standing recommendations have been made by urban planners, City  
17 residents and merchants that valuable City Dock water front space should be  
18 transformed into a more pedestrian-friendly public space; and

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20 **WHEREAS,** The City's 2009 Comprehensive Plan calls for clearing City Dock of parking and  
21 providing an alternative site for the parking; and

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23 **WHEREAS,** the construction of a moderately-sized parking structure in the downtown area  
24 could enable the relocation of some portion of the City Dock parking spaces to  
25 provide waterfront public space; and

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27 **WHEREAS,** a downtown parking structure located within 2-3 blocks of downtown merchants  
28 could serve as a catalyst for unlocking the entire City Dock area for a  
29 comprehensive revitalization; and

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31 **WHEREAS,** a downtown parking structure would provide alternative downtown parking during  
32 the reconstruction of the Hillman Garage in the near future; and

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34 **WHEREAS,** The 2011 Phase One Report of the City Dock Advisory Committee identifies the  
35 Compromise Street corridor as "an important, if somewhat underrated, gateway"  
36 needing "mixed use and flexible uses that enhance downtown and the public  
37 enjoyment of City Dock"; and

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39 **WHEREAS,** extending the Main Street shopping district along Compromise Street by  
40 constructing new street-front retail with mixed uses above would enhance

downtown as a destination and add vitality to the Compromise Street corridor;  
and

**WHEREAS,** retail store fronts along Compromise Street will provide a more attractive gateway entrance for people crossing the bridge from Eastport; and

**WHEREAS,** Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) is planning a two-year renovation of Annapolis Elementary School to begin in the Summer of 2012, during which time students will be moved out of Annapolis Elementary School. This project provides a unique opportunity as well as urgency to concurrently pursue a mixed-use parking garage and retail development on the adjoining parcels owned by the City and AACPS; and

**WHEREAS,** new mixed-use development will generate additional property tax to the City and sales tax revenue to the State.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City Council expressly encourages and endorses a dialogue between the City and AACPS to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other formal arrangement to be submitted for review and approval by the City Council that will allow the construction of a parking garage and street front retail, subject to the time constraints and other requirements of AACPS.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

ATTEST:

THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

BY

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Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC, City Clerk

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Joshua J. Cohen, Mayor

**EXPLANATION:**

- Highlighting indicates matter added to existing law.
- ~~Strikeout indicates matter deleted from existing law.~~
- Underlining indicates amendments.