

ORDINANCE NO. 2976

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 ANNUAL BUDGET TO PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALISBURY ZOO PART-
TIME STAFFING NEEDS.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter of the City of Salisbury, the Mayor and City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Salisbury Zoo requires additional part-time staffing resources in order to continue operating at an efficient and safe level and to meet animal care, guest services, and educational program needs; and

WHEREAS, the part-time salary accounts within the Zoo’s current approved budget are projected to be insufficient to meet operational needs for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, unlike the prior fiscal year, there are no available excess appropriations within other Zoo personnel or operating accounts to transfer to cover this shortfall; and

WHEREAS, financial projections prepared by City staff indicate the need for additional appropriations to the following accounts:

Account 40000-501006 — Salaries, Part-Time: \$107,500 to support animal care and maintenance staffing; and

Account 40000-501011 — Part-Time Zoo Commission: \$60,000 to support guest services and education staffing, which is expected to be offset by increased Zoo-related revenues; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of additional funds will be funded from surplus; and

WHEREAS, the appropriations necessary herein must be made upon recommendation of the Mayor and the approval of four-fifths of the Council of the City of Salisbury;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 1. Upon the recommendation of the Mayor, the City Council hereby appropriates funds from the General Fund unassigned surplus as follows:

Account	Account Description	Increase/Decrease	Amount
40000-501006	Zoo Salaries Part-Time	Increase	\$107,500
40000-501011	Part-Time Zoo Commission	Increase	\$ 60,000
01000-469810	Current Year Surplus	Increase	\$167,500

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 2. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

Section 3. It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

Section 4. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 4.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 9 day of February, 2026 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council of the City of Salisbury on the 2 day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

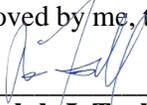


Julie A. English, City Clerk



April R. Jackson, City Council President

Approved by me, this 4th day of March, 2026.



Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor