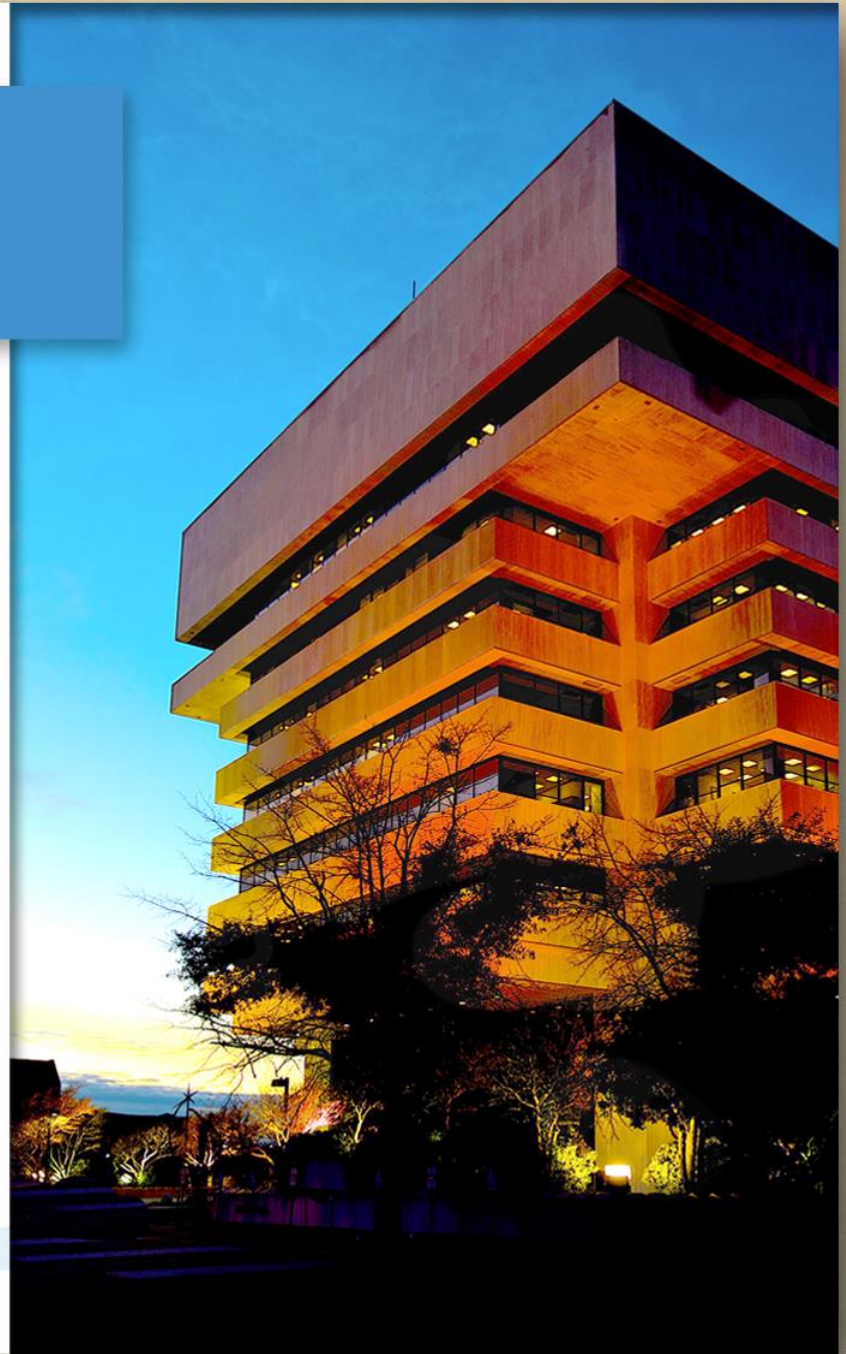


# HAMPTON VA

**Item #22-0142**

## **ZOA: Improved Surface Definition**

**City Council  
April 13, 2022**



# Sections

Amend Section 2-2 “Definitions”


# Goals

- To allow flexibility in the type of driveway installed to account for potential innovative options
- Maintain purpose of requiring parking on improved surface for aesthetic and limiting the impact of parking on green areas
- Ensure enforceability of the ordinance

# Existing Ordinance

## **Improved Surface:**

Concrete, asphalt, pavers designed to support the weight of motor vehicles; rock, gravel, oyster shells when contained by a border; or any other similar impervious surface, not to include grass, dirt or compacted soil.



# Proposed Ordinance

## Improved Surface:

The following materials when designed, installed, and permitted to support the weight of a vehicle shall be considered improved surface:

- concrete;
- asphalt;
- impervious pavers;
- porous paving systems installed according to manufacturer specifications which may incorporate grass, gravel, or soil elements, which are contained by a border, visually distinct from unimproved lawn area, and are appropriately maintained to retain all the foregoing criteria;
- loose materials such as rock, gravel, and oyster shells when contained by a border;
- other similar impervious surfaces but not to include compacted soil

# Porous Paving Systems



# Porous Paving Systems

- Requirements:
  - Must be bordered
  - Must be able to be distinguished on site
    - Systems buried under grass sod would not be distinguishable from unimproved grass, enforcement issue
  - Maintained to ensure it does not degenerate into compacted soil
  - Obtained a permit to install and include specifications for inspection

# Recommendations

Planning Commission & Staff recommend  
**approval** of  
Item #22-0142