AT A PUBLIC HEARING IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE HAMPTON PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, HAMPTON, VIRGINIA, ON THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 AT 3:30 P.M.

WHEREAS:

the Hampton Planning Commission has before it this day a rezoning application by the City of Hampton, Virginia to rezone into the Fox Hill 1 Zone of the Short-term Rental Overlay (O-STR) District all of the parcels of land generally bounded to the west by E. Little Back River Rd, starting at its intersection with Harris Creek Rd, following in a westerly direction until E. Little Back River Rd reaches the eastern boundary of LRSN 9000459, then following the eastern boundary of that parcel in a northerly direction and continuing along the eastern boundary of LRSN 9000460 in a northerly direction, then following the northern boundary of that property in a westerly direction until it reaches the canal east of W. River Point Dr., then following that canal in a northerly direction until it reaches the southwest branch of the Back River, then following the southwest branch of the Back River in a northeasterly direction until it reaches Harris River, then following Harris River and continuing in the waterway south of Melissa Ct in a westerly direction until it reaches the northern boundary of LRSN 11001212, then following the northern boundary of that property in a southwesterly direction and continuing across Forth Worth St, then following that property's boundary line to its westernmost point, then continuing along the northern boundary of LRSN 11000651 in a westerly direction until it reaches Harris Creek Rd, then following Harris Creek Rd in a northerly direction until the point where it reaches E. Little Back River Rd;

WHEREAS:

this application is in conjunction with Zoning Ordinance Amendments 24-0173 through 24-0177 which will together establish new restrictions on how and where short-term rentals within the City can operate, and will clarify other similar uses. The amendments establish density maximums within proposed short-term rental zones, and require a minimum separation between short-term rentals which are within single-family dwellings;

WHEREAS:

the City seeks to achieve a balance between the protection of neighborhoods and community cohesion and the economic, tourism, and recreational benefits that short-term rentals can provide the City;

WHEREAS:

in order to achieve this desired balance, the proposed amendments create a new zoning overlay district with fifty-one (51) subdistricts. Each subdistrict, referred to as an "STR Zone", permits a maximum number of short-term rentals within that area to establish a maximum density of short-term rentals;

WHEREAS:

the boundaries of the proposed STR Zones were created based on (1) core areas of the City which are the subject of an adopted Master Plan, (2) major roadways, including interstates, arterials, and other major or historic connector streets, and (3) major waterways, including rivers, canals, and stormwater conveyances;

WHEREAS:

these large roadways and waterways serve as physical boundaries between parcels and, therefore, will likely establish a physical divider between the impacts of uses on parcels, making them appropriate boundaries for the STR Zones. In establishing the dividing lines between the STR Zones, City staff also sought to balance the general size and shape of the areas;

WHEREAS:

this rezoning maps one area of the City into the Fox Hill 1 Zone of the

Short-term Rental Overlay (O-STR) District;

WHEREAS:

City staff recommends approval of this rezoning application with an

effective date of July 1, 2024;

WHEREAS:

no comments or questions were raised by the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS:

34 members of the public spoke during the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, on a motion by Commissioner Brian DeProfio and seconded by Commissioner Kathy Rogers,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Planning Commission recommends to City Council approval of Rezoning Application No. 24-0193 with an effective date of July 1, 2024.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES:

Rogers, Brooks, Coleman, Kellum, Harper, DeProfio, Harris

NAYS:

None

ABST:

None

ABSENT:

None

A COPY; TESTE:

Ronnie N. Brown

Secretary to the Commission