

**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 Northampton 4 Zone of the Short-term Rental Overlay (O-STR) District all of the parcels of land generally bounded to the south by W. Mercury Blvd, starting at its intersection with Wheaton Rd, following in a westerly direction until W. Mercury Blvd reaches the jurisdictional boundary with Newport News, VA, then following that jurisdictional boundary in a northerly direction until it reaches Todds Ln, then following Todds Ln in an easterly direction until it reaches Wheaton Rd, then following Wheaton Rd in a southerly direction until the point where it reaches W. Mercury Blvd;
- 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 Northampton 4 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. 24-0220 with an effective date of July 1, 2024.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

<b>AYES:</b>	Rogers, Brooks, Coleman, Kellum, Harper, DeProfio, Harris
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABST:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

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Bonnie N. Brown  
Secretary to the Commission