

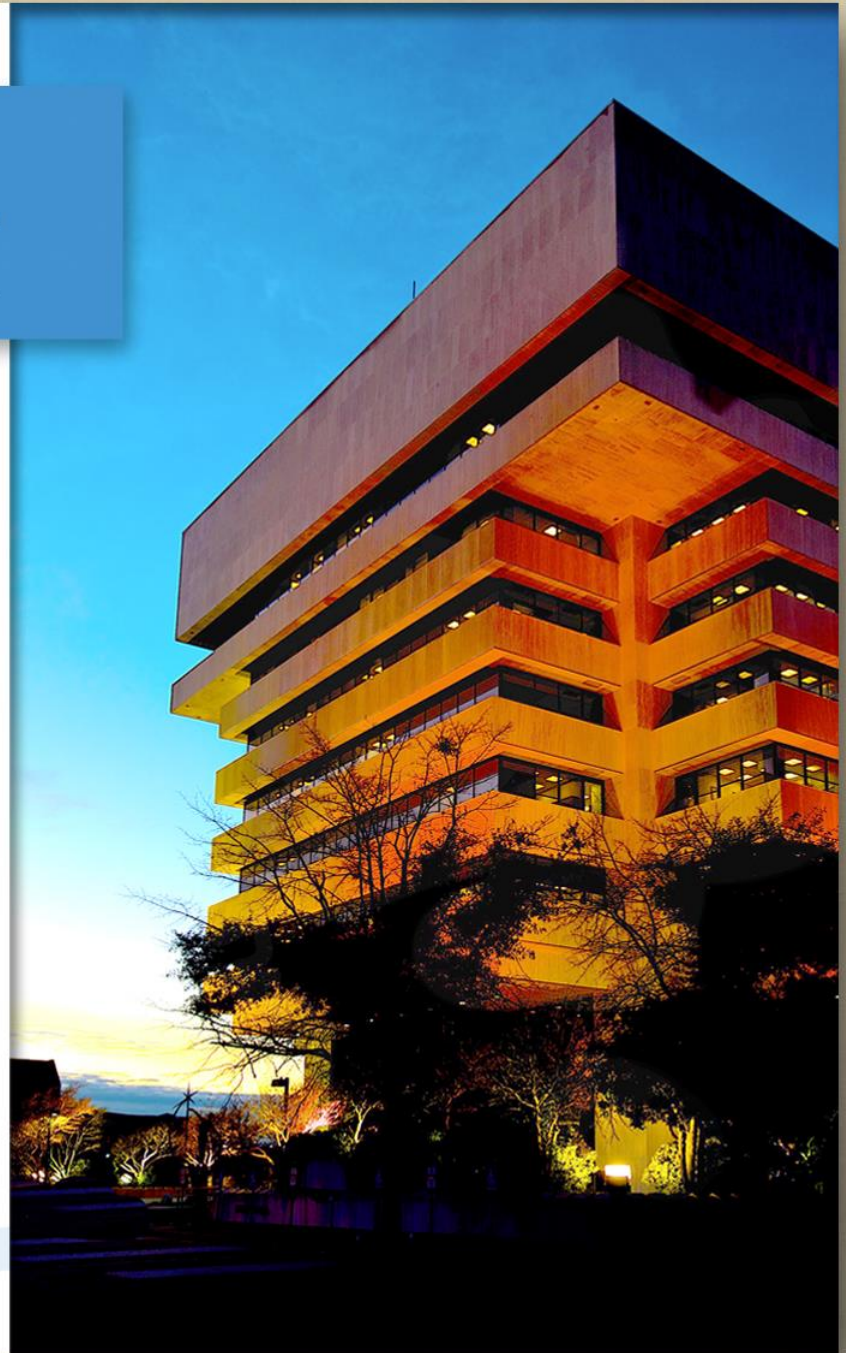
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Hampton Police Division



Chapter 7 Amendments: Boats, Beaches and Waterways

July 10, 2019



City Code 7-7

Removal or repair of dangerous or obstructing structures or vessels

- Virginia Code Sec. 15.2-909 gives the City authority to remove, repair or secure any vessel that has been abandoned in its waters, or any wharf, pier, piling, bulkhead or vessel that might endanger the health or safety of any person, or might obstruct the lawful use of the waters, after giving **reasonable notice** to the owner of the vessel, etc., if known.
- City Ordinance currently requires 30 days notice, HPD is requesting change to 10 days.
- 30 days is lengthy time period if the vessel is a hazard or obstruction.

City Code 7-7



City Code 7-10

Use of Sunset Creek boat ramp and Gosnold's Hope Park Boat Ramp

- Purpose of boat ramps is to put boats in and out of water, not to store boats.
- Amendment will prohibit use of the boat ramps for more than one hour.
- Violation is a Class 4 misdemeanor.

City Code 7-10

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City Code 7-26



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No Wake Zones

- Virginia Code Sec. 29.1-700 defines “No Wake” as the operation of a motorboat at the slowest possible speed required to maintain steerage and headway.
- Virginia Code Sec. 29.1-744 authorizes the city to establish no wake zones.
- Currently City Code has speed limits for vessels in certain areas of the City; however, marine patrol officers do not have ability to measure speed.

Sec. 7-26. - Speed limit in portion of Hampton River and in Sunset Creek.

The speed of all commercial and pleasure boats, vessels and other watercraft entering, leaving or moving about in that part of the Hampton River south of the Queen Street Bridge or in Sunset Creek shall not exceed five (5) miles per hour, and in no event shall any boat or craft, including outboards, be operated in such a manner as to create a wake to the injury of other boats or crafts anchored, tied up or plying in such portion of the Hampton River or in Sunset Creek, or to the fastening thereof.

(Ord. No. 10, § 4; Ord. No. 44; Ord. No. 186; Ord. No. 432; Code 1964, § 7-13; Ord. No. 1446, 11-15-06)

City Code 7-26

No Wake Zones

- Proposed amendment would provide that operators must comply with “no wake” definition rather than speed limit.
- Current City Code also limits enforcement to Sunset and Hampton Creeks; ignoring Dandy Point, Salt Ponds and Factory Point.

City Code 7-49

Dogs on beaches during certain period

- City Code prohibits dogs on beaches in the City during certain times of the year.
- Currently enforced by HPD and City's Park Rangers.
- Animal Control would like the ability to enforce as well.
- Virginia Code Sec. 3.2-6543 allows City Council to give them this authority.

City Code 7-49 Cont.

Dogs on beaches during certain period.

- Current penalty is a Class 1 misdemeanor – punishable by up to 1 year in jail and \$2500 fine. This is not in line with the City's running at large code.
- Amendment would mirror running at large, and make the first violation a Class 4 misdemeanor (punishable by up to \$250.00); the second offense a Class 3 misdemeanor (punishable by up to \$500.00); third or subsequent offense Class 2 misdemeanor (punishable by up to \$1,000 and six months in jail).

Conclusion / Questions

