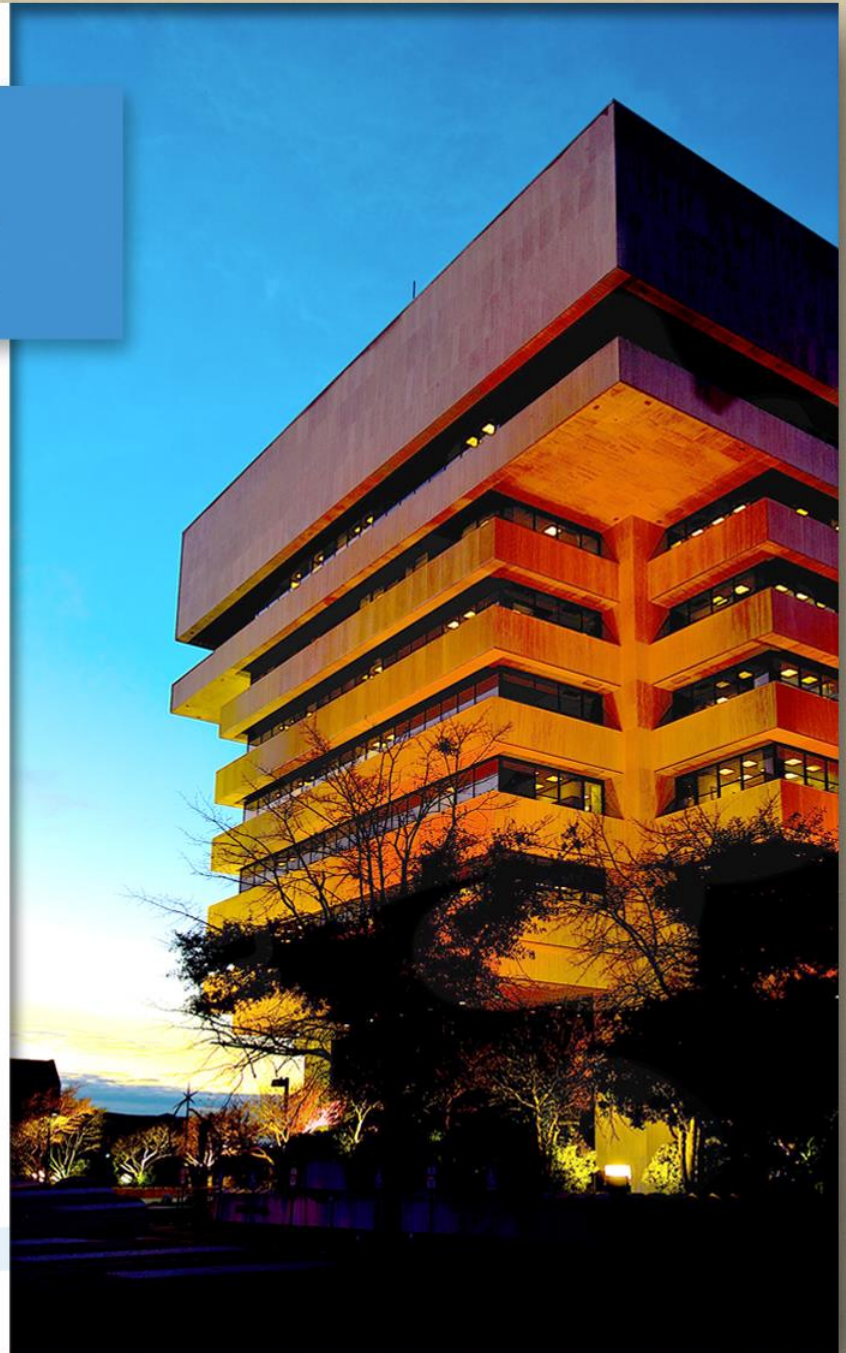


HAMPTON VA

Camping and Storage on Public Property

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Changes to Proposed Ordinance

- **WHEREFORE**, when someone's behavior is dangerous or disruptive, the City will address that behavior directly through outreach or co-responder teams and community court programs where possible: ~~No one has the right to endanger others, and no one should be abandoned;~~ and,
- **WHEREFORE**, the City's goal is compassionate compliance; protecting the community while never giving up on the individual; **this ordinance is intended as a measure of last resort, only to be used once an individual has been given access to resources and the opportunity for compliance;** and,

Changes to Proposed Ordinance

Any conviction will be a Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and up to \$1,000.00 fine.

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Prior to charging any person under this section, such person shall be given a verbal warning to cease such activity and reasonable time to comply with such warning, as well as information on alternative accommodations such as available homeless shelters or hotels, and public and charitable programs that offer housing assistance, and information on resources that provide mental health and other human services support. If on a subsequent occasion at least 24 hours after the initial warning, the same individual is found to still be in violation of this section, a police officer will provide an additional warning and information about services, and upon continued noncompliance, may issue a summons.

Conclusion / Questions

