



## FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #26 - HAMPTON

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### Use Permit Application

#### OVERVIEW:

The Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 26, Limited (FOP) is currently negotiating the purchase of the property located at 36 Wine Street in the City of Hampton. The property is currently owned by the National Association of Government Employees. Improvements upon the property consist of a two story building. Only the first floor suite would be covered under the requested Use Permit.

#### DETAILS:

- Square footage of the entire building is 2,394; the estimated size of the first floor suite is 1,050 sqft which does not include the common lobby area.
- There are no dwelling units on the property.
- The FOP does not have any employees. There are five officers of the organization. The FOP currently has 84 members. Approximately 80% of these members are retired law enforcement. Additionally, approximately 10% live outside of the Hampton Roads area.
- The FOP previously owned the property at 2204 Mingee Drive in the City of Hampton. Based upon a drop in membership and activity, the FOP determined that the building was too large for our current needs. The expectation for the new property is that the first floor suite will be used primarily for 2-3 evening meetings per month. Over the past 5 years the average attendance at meetings has been 8-10 people. The largest of these meetings was approximately 20 people, which was highly attended due to discussion about the sale of the Mingee Drive property. Realistic expectations will be 20 or less members attending the regular meetings. Previously, the FOP rented out a portion of the building for private events, such as weddings, reunions, or other parties. The FOP has no intention of using the property in this manner. Additional hours of operation may include private member dinners or social events. Again, these will be limited in frequency (once a month) and attendance (due to limited space) and generally held in the evening. There is no plan for live entertainment at the property.
- Based upon a previous agreement, owners of 32-40 Wine Street are entitled to a between 7 and 11 reserved parking spots in the lots to the north and south of the connected buildings. Currently, there are more than 200 public parking spaces within 300 yards of the property. Additionally, based upon the expected hours of operations of the FOP, there is significant public parking available.

- Based upon limited use of the property and the hours of operation, there will be minimal impact upon traffic for the ingress and egress of vehicles near the property.
- Again, the property will be used primarily as a meeting space during evening hours. Officers of the FOP may be on site to handle administrative duties during daytime hours. The second floor suite, which is not part of the Use Permit application, will be leased as commercial office space.
- The FOP is a non-stock Virginia corporation organized as a not-for-profit fraternal lodge under IRS Code 501(c)(8). It is a subsidiary of the State and Nation Fraternal Order of Police Lodges. Officers of the FOP are elected annually. The mission of the organization is to provide support, fellowship, and legal representation for current and retired law enforcement officers as well as provide service to the community including events like Cops & Kids. Cops & Kids is an annual event which provides for a holiday shopping spree for underprivileged children in the community.