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 Long Creek 3 Zone of the Short-term Rental Overlay (O-STR) District all of the parcels of land generally bounded to the west by Old Buckroe Rd, starting near its crossing of Long Creek, following in a northerly direction until Old Buckroe Rd reaches the Harris Creek Canal, then following the Harris Creek Canal in a northerly direction until it reaches the southern boundary of LRSN 10000012, then following the southern boundary of that property in an easterly direction until it reaches Hall Rd, then following Hall Rd in an easterly direction until it reaches the waterway at the southern boundary of LRSN 10000866, then following that waterway in an easterly direction until it reaches the western boundary of LRSN 12008073, then following the western boundary of that property in a southerly direction into Salt Ponds until it reaches Long Creek, then following Long Creek in a southwesterly direction (excluding LRSN 12007250) until the point where it reaches Old Buckroe 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 Long Creek 3 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. 24-0205 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:

Bonnie N. Brown

Secretary to the Commission