

**Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 5, Animals, Section 5-2, relating to the definitions of abandon and boarding establishment, in order to make that section consistent with applicable state code authority.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, that Chapter 5 of the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia be amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 5 – ANIMALS**

**Sec. 5-2. - Definitions.**

Unless otherwise expressly stated or the content clearly indicates a different intention, the following words and terms shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the meaning indicated in this section:

Abandon means to desert, forsake, or absolutely give up an animal without having secured another owner or custodian for the animal or by failing to provide the elements of basic care as set forth in Virginia Code § 3.2-6503 for a period of four (4) consecutive days.

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Boarding establishment means a place or establishment, other than public or private animal shelter, where companion animals not owned by the proprietor are sheltered, fed and watered in exchange for a fee. This shall not include any private residential dwelling that shelters, feeds, and waters fewer than five (5) companion animals not owned by the proprietor.

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This ordinance amendment will be effective July 1, 2018.  
State Law reference— Similar definitions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6500.