Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Section 1-31 Entitled, "Major Recreational Equipment, Parking and Storage Requirements" Pertaining to Recreational Vehicle Parking.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, that section 1-31 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hampton, Virginia be amended to read as follows:

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ARTICLE II. - REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO MANY OR ALL ZONING DISTRICTS

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Sec. 1-31. – Recreational vehicle regulations Major recreational equipment, parking and storage requirements.

The parking or storage of major recreational vehicles equipment including, but not limited to, travel trailers, utility trailers, pickup campers or coaches, motorized dwellings, tent trailers, boats and boat trailers. amphibious houseboats, or similar equipment normally used for recreational purposes shall be permitted as set forth in Chapter 21 of the City Code as an accessory use in all residential districts, subject, however, to the following regulations and requirements.

- (1) Such major recreational equipment shall not exceed twenty-eight (28) feet in length, eight (8) feet in width, and ten (10) feet in height, exclusive of masts, antennas, vent stacks, windshields, or other accessories.
- (1)(2) Permitted recreational vehicles Such major recreational equipment shall not be used for living, sleeping, housekeeping, or business purposes, nor shall such major recreational equipment be connected to any utility service, except for temporary periods solely for replenishing supplies, or for the servicing or repair of equipment.
- (3) Such major recreational equipment shall not be parked or stored in a manner which infringes upon the setback requirements for accessory buildings in the residential district in which the lot is located.
- (4) Such major recreational equipment shall not be parked or stored in the front yard in any residential district, except that:
 - (a) Such major recreational equipment may be parked in such front yard for a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours, for the sole purpose of loading or unloading;
 - (b) In the event such major recreational equipment cannot physically be placed within an enclosed garage, or cannot physically be placed in the side or rear yard of a residence without encroaching upon the lands of another, without violating the setback requirements for accessory buildings in the residential district, or without damage to structures or trees, then one (1) such major recreational equipment, or a combination thereof designed to be used and operated as one (1) unit, may be parked or stored on an improved driveway at a point furthermost from the public street right-of-way, not resulting in physical damage to structures or trees;

(c) A camper or coach, when loaded upon and entirely supported by, or when structurally a part of, a pickup truck or motor vehicle not exceeding the rated weight of three-fourths (¾) ton which is in operative condition, shall be deemed a part of the motor vehicle and not major recreational equipment, so long as such camper or coach is entirely supported by, or remains structurally a part of, such pickup truck or motor vehicle.

Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit commercial trailers from loading and unloading in a residential district, or to prohibit the temporary use of a trailer, on site, by a contractor, while construction is in progress.

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