Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 27, Pawnbrokers; Junk and Secondhand Dealers, Section 27-8, Retention of purchases, in order to allow secondhand dealers to move items out of the City of Hampton prior to the expiration of 15 calendar days.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, that Chapter 27 of the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia be amended to read as follows:

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## CHAPTER 27. PAWNBROKDERS; JUNK AND SECONDHAND DEALERS

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Sec. 27-8. Retention of purchases

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- Every secondhand dealer shall retain all secondhand articles acquired by him for a minimum (b) of fifteen (15) calendar days from the date on which a copy of the daily report required by section 27-10 is received by the chief of police of Hampton, Virginia or his designee. Until the expiration of this period, the secondhand dealer shall not sell, alter or dispose of any acquired item, in whole or in part, or remove it from the City of Hampton, Virginia. If an item is to be removed from the City of Hampton prior to the expiration of the 15 day period, the secondhand dealer must return the item to the City of Hampton, upon request of the chief of police or his designee, at the secondhand dealer's own expense, if the item is determined to be potential evidence in a criminal investigation. Any such item must be returned to the City of Hampton within 72 hours of a request being made to the secondhand dealer.
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