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Ordinance To Amend And Re-Enact Chapter 11 Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Hampton Virginia Entitled Parking By Amending Section 11-8 Pertaining to Parking Credits Exemptions and Reductions

**Background Statement:**

Chapter 11 of the Zoning Ordinance governs parking standards; Section 11-8 governs parking credits, exemptions and reductions. If approved, this amendment would allow parking credits to be issued for governmental uses based on a multitude of factors, including, but not limited to, pedestrian access, stormwater and environmental impacts, and shared parking.

Examples of where such a credit may yield a better and more resilient design, include around the municipal center and in the area of the Hampton Roads Convention Center, Coliseum, and future aquatics facility. These are facilities where the City controls programming so each facility may not need to fully provide its own parking; rather, when properly programmed, the facilities are able to share parking and limit unnecessary construction of parking and vacant asphalt.

This amendment would apply to property owned or leased by the City, and used for governmental purposes only.

**Recommendations:**

Staff Recommendation:

Approve

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Approve

**Whereas**, the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice so require;

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia that Section 11-8 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hampton, Virginia, be amended and re-enacted as follows:

**CHAPTER 11 - PARKING**

**Sec. 11-1. - Purpose.**

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**Sec. 11-8. - Parking credits, exemptions and reductions.**

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(7) *Governmental uses.* Understanding the unique nature of governmental uses, the zoning administrator may grant parking credits to property used for governmental purposes and either owned or leased by the City of Hampton. Governmental purposes shall include, but shall not be limited to, city services, community and recreational uses. The applicant requesting such credits shall submit a parking plan and supporting documentation relevant to the specific site and proposed uses. Other relevant data may also be requested of the applicant and/or local, state, and federal agencies. All such information shall be reviewed by the director of public works and the community development department director and a recommendation forwarded to the zoning administrator for review. The parking credit request shall be reviewed in accordance with the following criteria:

- (a) The health, safety, and public welfare of the community;
- (b) Consistency with the goals and objectives adopted in the City Hampton comprehensive plan, including resiliency goals;
- (c) Availability of pedestrian access and connections;
- (d) Reduced stormwater impacts and minimized excessive parking and the associated environmental impacts;
- (e) Availability of off-site parking;
- (f) Coordination between government uses to optimize shared parking.

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