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ORDINANCE 2018-09-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES, NORTH CAROLINA**

ARTICLE I. Purpose(s) and Authority.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-381, the Town of Southern Shores (the “Town”) may enact and amend ordinances regulating the zoning and development of land within its jurisdiction and specifically the location and use of buildings, structures and land. Pursuant to this authority and the additional authority granted by N.C.G.S. Chap. 160A, Art. 19 et. seq, the Town has adopted a comprehensive zoning ordinance (the “Town’s Zoning Ordinance”) and has codified the same as Chapter 36 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances (the “Town Code”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-174 the Town may also enact and amend ordinances that define, prohibit, regulate, or abate acts, omissions, or conditions, detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of its citizens and the peace and dignity of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town further finds that in accordance with the findings above it is in the interest of and not contrary to the public's health, safety, morals and general welfare for the Town to amend the Town’s Zoning Ordinance and Town Code of Ordinances as stated below.

ARTICLE II. Construction.

For purposes of this ordinance amendment, underlined words (underline) shall be considered as additions to existing Town Code language and strikethrough words (~~strikethrough~~) shall be considered deletions to existing language. Any portions of the adopted Town Code which are not repeated herein, but are instead replaced by an ellipses (“...”) shall remain as they currently exist within the Town Code.

ARTICLE III. Amendment of Zoning Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Shores, North Carolina, that Section 36-163 the Town Code shall be amended as follows:

PART I. That **Town Code Sec. 36-202, (d)** shall be amended as follows:

...

(6) Maximum allowable lot coverage.

- a. Maximum allowable lot coverage shall be 30 percent, except for town-owned facilities and fire stations;
- b. Maximum allowable lot coverage shall be 85 percent for town-owned facilities and fire stations.
- c. Gravel walkways shall not contribute to lot coverage.
- d. Open-slatted decks that allow water to penetrate through to pervious material, not exceeding a total of 25% of the total footprint area of the attached single-family dwelling, shall not contribute to lot coverage.
- e. Those allowances and/or exemptions listed in sub-section d. of this paragraph (6) shall be available only to an applicant for a building/zoning permit for a single-family dwelling or attached open-slatted deck over pervious material, upon presentation of a survey with all applicable requirements including plan certification, for a Lot Disturbance and Stormwater Management Permit as described in Sec. 36-171 (3) of the Town Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE IV. Statement of Consistency with Comprehensive Plan and Reasonableness.

The Town's adoption of this ordinance amendment is consistent with the Town's adopted comprehensive zoning ordinance, land use plan and any other officially adopted plan that is applicable. For all of the above-stated reasons and any additional reasons supporting the Town's adoption of this ordinance amendment, the Town considers the adoption of this ordinance amendment to be reasonable and in the public interest.

ARTICLE V. Severability.

All Town ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance amendment are hereby repealed. Should a court of competent jurisdiction declare this ordinance amendment or any part thereof to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance amendment nor the Zoning Ordinance or Town Code of the Town of Southern Shores, North Carolina which shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE VI. Effective Date.

This ordinance amendment shall be in full force and effect from and after the 5th day of September, 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Date: _____

Town Clerk

Vote: Ayes Nays

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Town Attorney