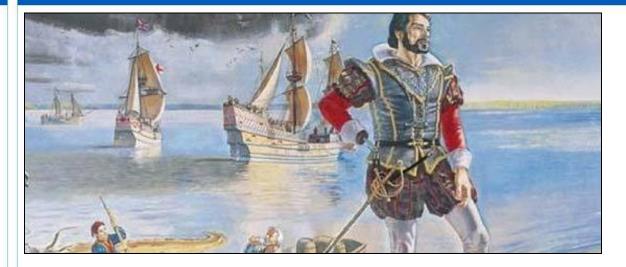
### **City of Newport News** Tourism Development Plan & Tourism Zones













































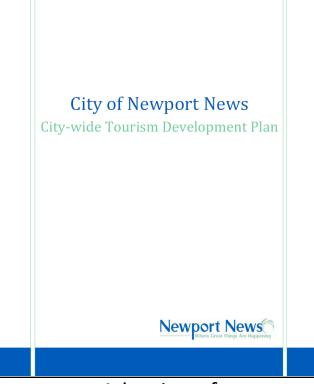




### **2006 Legislation** § 58.1-3851. Creation of local tourism zones.

- Enables localities to establish Tourism Zones
  - Within Tourism Zones, localities may:
    - grant *local* tax incentives and
    - provide certain regulatory flexibility.





Adoption of City-wide Tourism Development Plan By Resolution

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#### ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 40.2, ENTERPRISE ZONES AND TECHNOLOGY ZONES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, BY ADDING THERETO A NEW ARTICLE, NAMELY, ARTICLE III., TOURISM ZONES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

 That Chapter 40.2, Enterprise and Technology Zones, of the Code of the City of Newport News, Virginia, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained, by adding thereto a new article, namely: Tourism Zones, as follows:

#### CHAPTER 40.2

ENTERPRISE ZONES, AND TECHNOLOGY ZONES AND TOURISM ZONES

ARTICLE III. TOURISM ZONES

DIVISION 1. IN GENERAL

Sec. 40.2-17. Purpose.

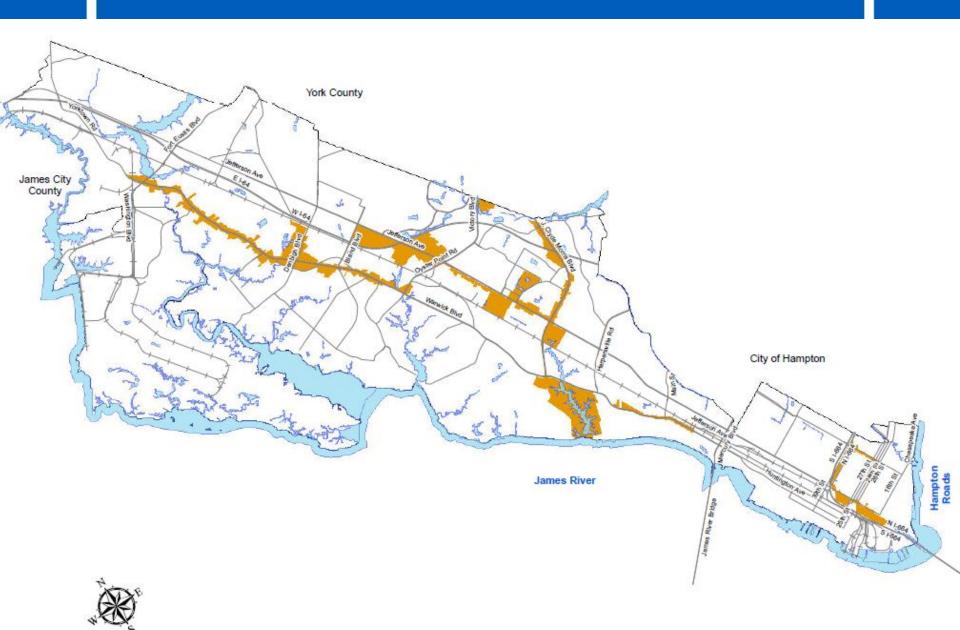
The City Council of the City of Newport News finds that the further development of its tourism tax base requires incentives and regulatory flexibility, and determines that an appropriate method of offering incentives for the areas described below is to create tourism noces as guided and authorized by Section 58.1-3851 of the Code of Virginia. The City Council finds that the establishment of tourism zones will create a more business-friendly environment and will foster development of tourism related businesses to the benefit of public health, safety, welfare and convenience through the enhancement of public revenues and the creation of employment opportunities.

Sec. 40.2-18. Administration.

This Article shall be administered and enforced by the City Manager or his designee. The City Manager or his designee shall develop criteria and guidelines for the level of investment required for any particular range of tax incentive and regulatory flexibility. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to negotiate Performance Agreements with potential new or expanded

Amendment to Chapter 40.2 of the Code of Ordinances





### 2006 Legislation

§ 58.1-3851. Creation of local tourism zones.

#### In Newport News:

- Both *existing* and *new* tourism-related businesses are eligible to participate in program.
- Only a portion of NEW local tax revenues generated by a tourism-related business can be reimbursed.
- Qualifying thresholds in the more economically-challenged zones are set lower than those of more affluent zones.
- Qualifying thresholds for *existing* Newport News businesses are *lower* than for *new* businesses.



### Local Tourism Zones Incentive Program Eligibility Criteria

Upper Warwie						
Ordinance, ad Boulevard / Denbigh where the City may City Manager or his	City of Newport News Patrick Henry Tourism Zones Incentive Guidelines					
other factors that det These guidelines are the Upper Warwick Tourism Zones.	Ordinance, adopted by City Council, 2011, establish the Upper Warwick Boulevard / Denbigh and the Southeast Community Tourism Zones as areas where the City may offer economic incentives to targeted businesses. The ordinance requires the City Manager or his designee to develop guidelines for the level of investment, job creation and other factors that determine any particular range of tax incentive.					
Category 1. Capital Investment	These guidelines are established for the purpose of implementing Ordinance with respect to the Upper Warwick Boulevard / Denbigh and the Southeast Community Tourism Zones.					
2. Job Creation	Category	Level	Point Range*	<b>Points Awarded</b>		
	<ol> <li>Capital Investment</li> </ol>	Expansion - \$250K min New - \$500K min	(10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35) (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30)			
<ol> <li>Eligible Local Taxes Generate Which May be</li> </ol>	2. Job Creation	Expansion - 4 FTE min New - 8 FTE min	(5, 10, 15, 20)			
Considered (meals, lodging admissions, and local sales)	3. Eligible Local Taxes Generated Which May be Considered	\$10K min	(5, 10, 15)			
4. BPOL Tax Generated	(meals, lodging, admissions, and local sales)					
<ol> <li>Annual Contribution to City's Strategic</li> </ol>	4. BPOL Tax Generated	\$1.5K min	(5, 10, 15)			
Priorities	5. Annual	5% min of Annual	(5, 10)			
6. Environmental Innovation	Contribution to City's Strategic Priorities	Incentives	(0,10)			
7. Public Art Contribution	<ol> <li>Environmental Innovation</li> </ol>	Project Based	(5-10)			
<ol> <li>SWaM Certifie Business</li> </ol>	7. Public Art Contribution	\$25K min	(5, 10)			
	<ol> <li>SWaM Certified Business</li> </ol>	Yes/No	(5)			
<u> </u>	Total Points for Project (Expansion: 15 points min. for eligibility) (New: 25 points min. for eligibility)					

Tourism Zones Ordinance Establishes:

- Minimum Capital Investment and/or
- Job Creation

Additional Staff-Developed Criteria and Guidelines:

- Local Tax Generation
- Contribution to Strategic Priorities
- Environmental Innovation
- Public Art Contribution
- SWaM Certification



### Tourism Zones Ordinance Eligibility Requirements

Minimum Eligibility Requirements in Ordinance					
Tourism Zone		Capital Investment	Job Creation		
Upper Warwick Boulevard / Denbigh	Existing	\$ 125,000	2 FTE		
Southeast Community					
Greater Hilton	New	\$ 250,000	4 FTE		
	Existing	\$ 250,000	4 FTE		
Patrick Henry	New	\$ 500,000	8 FTE		
		Newpo	rt News Great Things Are Happening		

# 2006 Legislation

§ 58.1-3851. Creation of local tourism zones.

In Newport News:

- Reimbursement of tax revenues would only occur after verification of payment of all tax and fee obligations due to the City.
- Types of taxes being considered are Gross Receipts Taxes.





#### **Existing Tax Base**







#### **Existing Tax Base**



#### New Taxes Generated from Expansion of Existing Business or Attraction of New Business



# **2011 Legislation** § 58.1-3851.1. Entitlement to tax revenues from tourism project.

Expands and Enhances the 2006 Legislation

Intended for "Gap Financing"

Gap Financing = Shortfall in Project Funding



# **2011 Legislation** § 58.1-3851.1. Entitlement to tax revenues from tourism project.

### Legislation Requirements:

- Establishment of Tourism Zone(s)
- Adoption of *specific* Tourism Plan for *particular* Tourism Project that fills an identified deficiency in the market
- Approval of the *specific* Tourism Plan by the Virginia Tourism Corporation
- Approval of the *specific* Tourism Project by the State Comptroller



**2011 Legislation** § 58.1-3851.1. Entitlement to tax revenues from tourism project.

State Sales Tax Entitlement

1% of State Sales Tax1% of Local Sales Tax1% Match from Developer

1% - 1% - 1% Must Be Used To Pay Down Project Debt



### Sales Tax in Virginia

If 5% Sales Tax =



#### Then State retains 3.5%



#### and the City receives 1.5%







### Each Contribute an Equivalent of 1% of Sales Tax Toward Debt Service of the 20% Gap Financing



### **Under 2011 Legislation**

#### Sales Tax State





### Project Developer



#### Debt Service of the 20% Gap Financing









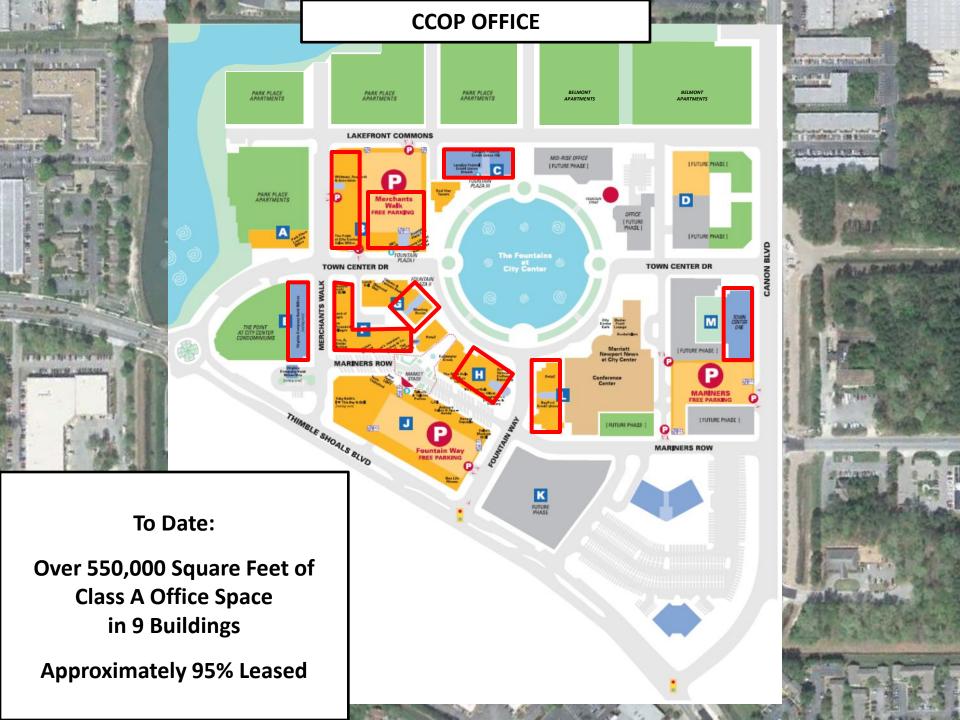


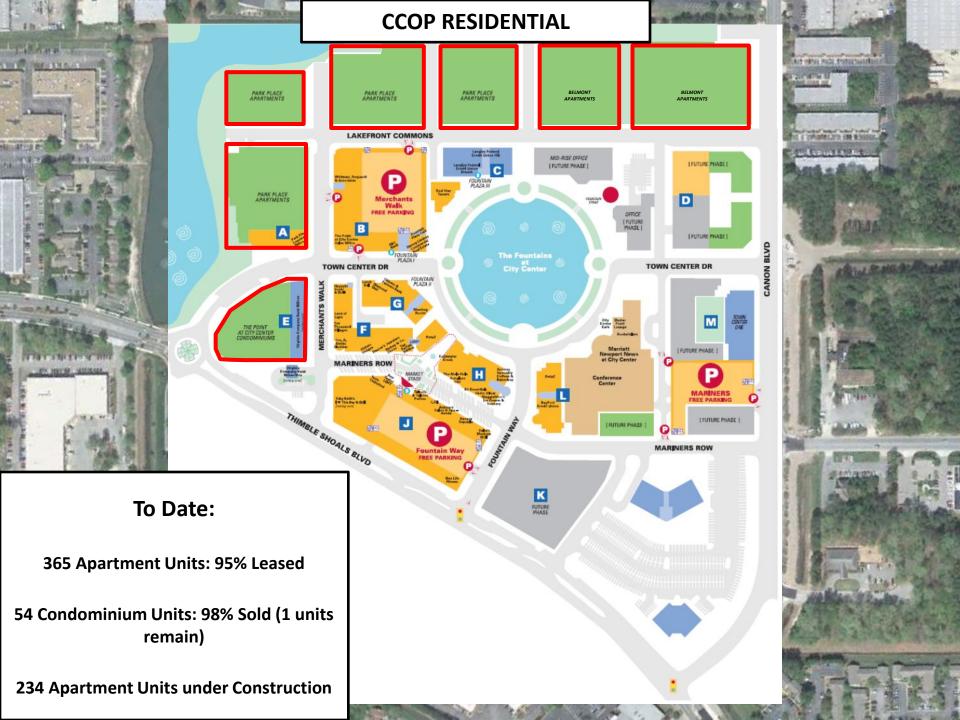
## City Center at Oyster Point Entertainment District

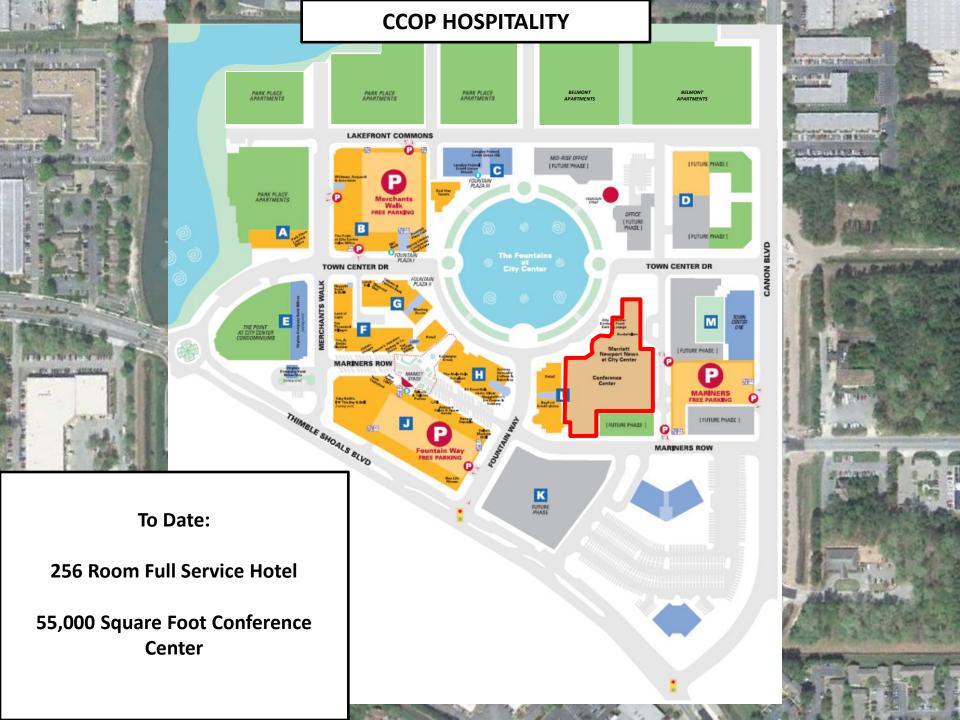


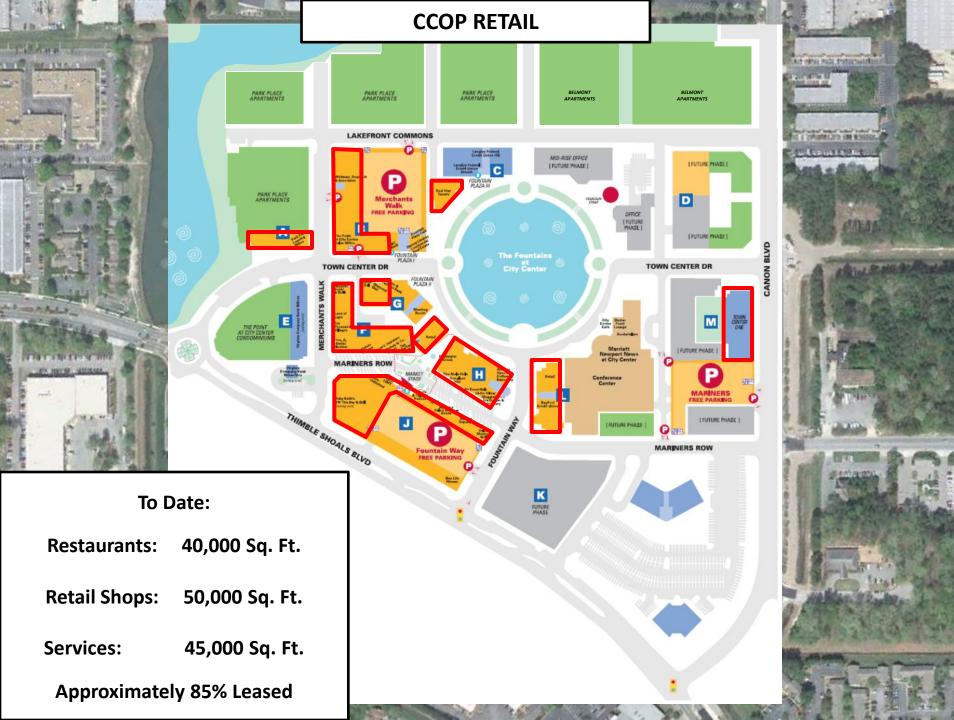
# City Center at Oyster Point Overview of Construction and Leasing





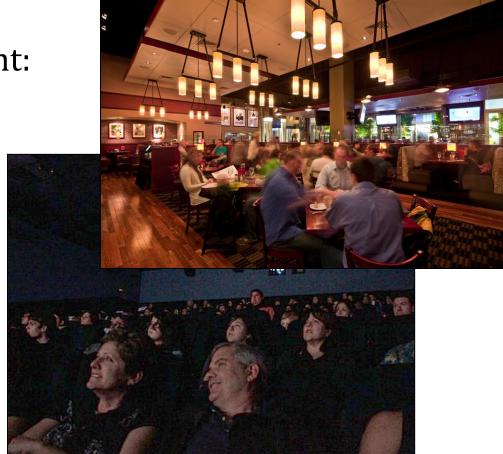








- Total Capital Investment:
   \$25,000,000
- LEED Certified Movie
   Theater
- Equipment and Furnishings Costs: \$6,150,000





- Job Creation:
   525 New Jobs
- Equates to Approximately 300 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)







• Projected Annual Sales: \$25,500,000







Tax Category	Project Details	Tax Rate	Taxes Generated
<b>Real Estate</b>	\$15,674,000 Construction Hard Costs	x0.85x\$1.10/\$100 (85%= hard costs)	\$146,552
Business Personal Property	<b>\$6,151,059</b> FF&E Costs	/3x\$4.25/\$100 (assessment is one-third of the total original cost)	\$87,140
Food & Beverage	<b>\$21,654,505</b> Total F&B Sales	x6.5%	\$1,407,543
Admissions	\$4,037,500 Total Admission Sales	x7.5%	\$302,813
Local Sales (1%)	<b>\$21,654,505</b> Total Taxable Sales	x1.0%	\$216,545
BPOL	<b>\$25,692,005</b> Total Sales	x\$0.20/\$100	\$51,384
		TOTAL	\$2,211,976



## **Tourism Zone Programs**







