

	<i>Key Development Review Dates</i>
January 26, 1953	Princess Anne County Subdivision Ordinance Adopted – (DB 319, PG 217; MB 34, PG 24) (When the Subdivision Ordinance was originally adopted, it pertained to the subdivision of three or more lots, until September 28, 1953 , at which time the definition of subdivision was changed to “any subdivision of two or more lots, except agricultural land of 5 acres or more”).
September 28, 1953	Princess Anne County Subdivision Ordinance changed definition of subdivision (DB 340, PG 1)
November 25, 1954	Princess Anne County Zoning Ordinance was adopted
September 18, 1957	Old City of Virginia Beach Ordinance was adopted
January 1, 1963	Merger of Princess Anne County and City of Virginia Beach
June 22, 1970	Virginia Beach Subdivision Ordinance Adopted (DB 1163, MB 83, PG 32) - (Subdivision by deed in the old City of Va Beach are (The Beach proper or the Old Beach Borough may be legal)
October 29, 1970	Virginia Beach Sign Ordinance Adopted
November 23, 1973	Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO) Adopted
February 25, 1975	Subdivision of five (5) or more acres of agricultural land did not require a plat until this date as long as they met all current zoning regulations - (DB 1468, MB 108, PG 43)
March 10, 1975	Trailer Ordinance Adopted (time limit on trailers removed March 1974)
July 11, 1977	C-1 Zoning District Created (MB 121, PG 15)
May 31, 1975	Uniform Statewide Building Code required handicapped parking
October 15, 1979	Ordinance 1002 – Automotive Repair became a conditional use
	Comprehensive Plan Adopted by City Council
July 14, 1980	“Zero Lot Line” Created, (MB 141, PG 25A)
March 8, 1982	B-5 Zoning District Created
November 14, 1983	R-7 (R5S) Non-Conforming Lots Amendment – (DB 2295, PG 1771)
June 24, 1985	Ordinance 1542 – Motor Vehicle Sales and Rental conditional use permit
August 5, 1985	R-7 (R5S) Duplexes and Garage Apartments deleted as a conditional use
	R08 (R5D, R5R) Garage Apartments deleted as an allowed use
November 4, 1985	Parking Lot Landscaping Ordinance #486 Adopted - Amended June 11, 1990
January 1, 1986	Subdivision Plats Recorded in DB 2378
August 27, 1986	City Council downzones land below green line
September 29, 1986	Sign Ordinance Revised – Cut down square footage, number and height of signs
February 9, 1987	Remove billboards as a conditional use
April 20, 1987	Declared B-5 District a special sign district and added regulations pertaining to free-standing signs in all districts
September 14, 1987	“Zero Lot Line” Removed from CZO
April 18, 1988	City Zoning Ordinance (CZO) Adopted
	Landscaping, Screening and Buffering Specifications and Standards Adopted
May 1, 1989	Last Deed Book subdivision plat recordation - DB 2821
May 2, 1989	Map Book Plat Recordation – (MB 190, PG 1)
May 15, 1989	Development Related Fee Changes Adopted by City Council – Effective May 16, 1989
May 22, 1989	AG-1/AG-2 Overlay District Adopted – No subdivisions less than 20 acres - Effective May 23,
June 1, 1989	Stormwater Management Ordinance (SWMO) – Appendix D Adopted
September 20, 1989	Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Adopted by the State
June 11, 1990	Parking Lot Landscaping Ordinance #486 Revised
	Tree Planting & Preservation – Appendix E Adopted
November 6, 1990	Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act – Appendix F Adopted - Effective January 1, 1991; Amended July 9, 1991, November 10, 1992 & June 23, 1993; and the Creation of the CBPA Board
March 5, 1991	Subdivision in AG-1/AG-2 requires a conditional use permit

April 23, 1991	Adopted 40' right-of-way – (MB 212, PG 4)
June 1, 1991	Permit for a fence required
September 3, 1991	Eating and drinking establishments serving alcohol within 500 feet of residential or apartment districts require a conditional use permit
January 26, 1992	American Disability Act (ADA) Adopted
March 24, 1992	Southern Watershed Management Ordinance Adopted
September 22, 1992	Adult Bookstore Definition Adopted
December 8, 1992	Definition of a “Family” amended
April 15, 1993	Article 12, Flood Plain Regulations Amended
May 11, 1993	Subdivision in AG-1/AG-2 of any lot 10 acres or larger into a total of 2 building sites permitted as a principal use
June 14, 1994	Antique Shops, Flex Suites and Specialty Shops - Adopted
	Setbacks for single family additions in the A-12, A-36 and RT-3 Zoning Districts
	Height and length requirements for commercial vehicles in a residential district
	Sign Ordinance changed in the I-1 and I-2 Zoning Districts and for churches
	Cellular Telephone Antennas
	Child Care and Child Educational Centers Allowed in I-1 and I-2 Zoning Districts
	Museums operated by nonprofit organizations in the RT-1 Zoning District
	Jacuzzis, hot tubs and similar structures must be five feet (5') from the property line
	Allowing handicapped parking standards by the Americans with Disabilities Act
June 28, 1994	Change to Agricultural Residential Density – Section 402 CZO
August 23, 1994	Air Installation Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) Adopted
April 11, 1995	Flea markets adopted as a conditional use, eating and drinking establishments requirements in Resort Tourist Districts Amended
May 23, 1995	Residential Tree Requirements Adopted
July 1, 1995	Manufactured Homes (single wide on permanent foundation) permitted by right in Agricultural
January 9, 1996	Bed & Breakfast Inns, Antique Shops, Museums, Art Galleries and Specialty Shops Adopted as a conditional use in Historic and Cultural Districts
December 17, 1996	Fence amendment to allow opaque (open) maintenance free fence installed within the right-of-
May 27, 1997	RT-3 District prohibits drive-thru facilities other than financial institutions
September 10, 1997	Beverage manufacturing shops permitted
October 28, 1997	Flex Suites – Permitted in all residential districts other than R-2.5
	AG-1/AG-2 Permits 1 dwelling unit within livestock barns
	Eating and Drinking Establishments – Removed establishment operating between 12:00 a.m. midnight and 2:00 a.m. and excludes minors (persons under 18 years of age).
April 14, 1998	Restaurants other than drive-in eating and drinking establishments amended – 1 space per 100 square feet of floor area
September 8, 1998	Ordinance 2505, Section 233.15 – Fiber optics transmission facilities as a conditional use
October 13, 1998	Ordinance 2511, Section 1700 – Shore Drive Corridor Overlay District Adopted
October 27, 1998	Ordinance 2513 – RT-1, RT-2, RT-3 Personal watercraft rentals as a conditional use
March 23, 1999	Ordinance 2523 – RT-1 and RT-2 Parking shall be required for hotels and motels and shall not be required for other uses or structures within the district.
May 25, 1999	O-1 and O-2 Districts – Section 801 Amended, Hair Care Centers including barber shops and beauty salons as a conditional use
November 27, 2001	R5R & R5D Duplex require yard setback and lot coverage (%)
April 24, 2001	Body Piercing & Tattoo Parlor Establishments permitted as conditional use permit

October 23, 2001	Changes to Section 5B of the Site Plan Ordinance regarding floodplains. "Floodplains subject Special Restrictions" may not be used to meet minimum lot area and width requirements.
January 28, 2003	Revised regulations for non-conforming lots in R-5S
December 2, 2003	Comprehensive Plan ADOPTED
July 6, 2004	Repealed Open Space Promotion option for State Code
August 10, 2004	Established RT-3 (LRG) Laskin Road Gateway (Section 1540) and adopted Laskin Road Gateway Design Guidelines
October 12, 2004	Established B4-C Central Business District Mixed Use District and adopted Mixed Use Development Guidelines
	Adopted Bikeways & Trails Plan
December 7, 2004	Revision to definition of lodging unit and elimination of loading space requirement in RT-1
February 8, 2005	Adopted regulations for Portable Storage Containers
	Amended Comprehensive Plan to encourage use of the Agricultural Reserve Program (ARP) throughout the transition area
February 28, 2005	Portable Storage Containers Def. Sec. III, Add Sec. 208
June 14, 2005	Adopted regulations for Mulch Processing Facility in AG Districts
July 5, 2005	Repealed Zoning Administrator's authority to grant variances to setbacks up to 25% of the required amount
September 13, 2005	Eliminated height restrictions for B-3A District
December 20, 2005	Amended the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate provision of AICUZ Overlay Ordinance and Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)
	Repealed Section 221.1g CZO and adopted Section 1800-1807 (AICUZ Overlay Ordinance) and Appendix I
	Amended Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the Interfacility Traffic Area Map and amended the Zoning Map to include same
	Amended CZO, revising regulations for RT-1, RT-2, and RT-3, and adopted Resort Area Plan and Resort Area Design Guidelines
	Amended CZO, establishing Old Beach Overlay District and adopted Old Beach Design Guidelines. Defined "Ancillary Single-Family," "Interior Yard," and "Mixed Use."
January 24, 2006	Amended CZO to establish the Historic Kempsville Overlay District (Article 20) and the B4-K
	Amend Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the Historic Kempsville Area Master Plan
February 14, 2006	Sec. 501, 901, 1001 Clear Zone
March 14, 2006	Amended CZO pertaining to rear yard setbacks for swimming pools and accessory structures on "through lots"
March 28, 2006	Article 18, Use APZ-1
April 11, 2006	Amended CZO to reduce required front yard setback to 30 feet from lots on east side of Sandfiddler Road
July 11, 2006	Use Amend APZ-1, Section 1809
January 23, 2007	Bar/ Nightclub requires Conditional use permit (definition of alcoholic beverage added to
April 24, 2007	Home-based wildlife rehabilitation facility/ Wildlife rehabilitation center definitions and specific standards added to ordinance.
August 14, 2007	Setback from water (setback for any dwelling unit from a permanent body of water shall be no less than 5' as measured from mean high water mark if tidal and normal water level if not). CZO
September 25, 2007	Assembly use definition changed . New definition states uses as arenas, assembly halls, auditoriums, bingo halls, civic centers, eleemosynary establishments, private clubs and union
September 25, 2007	Churches removed from ordinance and replaced with Religious uses.
September 25, 2007	Athletic Clubs removed from ordinance.

November 27, 2007	Major Recreational equipment definition changed. Utility type trailers added. Approved locations on lot changed to address L-shaped dwellings.
May 27, 2008	Animal hospitals, veterinary establishments, pounds, shelters and commercial kennels require conditional use permit in I-1 and I-2
June 24, 2008	Adopt Section 212, Motor Vehicle Signs (addresses admobile and mobile signs).
July 1, 2008	Non conformities (enlargement refers to square footage of building or structure enlarged, Structural alteration is defined by USBC, Nonconformity not illegal if there is a CO or if taxes paid for 15 or more years)