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Portsmouth Supports Citizens During Government Shutdown

(PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA) – As the government shutdown enters its 21st day, and over 800,000 federal employees did not receive paychecks, the financial impact has now become a reality for many.

Portsmouth has a rich history with our nation's military and Coast Guard. Many Coast Guard families and defense-related employees live within our great city, and we sincerely care about their continued well-being. As an official Coast Guard City, Portsmouth is taking steps to support these families during this difficult time.

Furloughed employees may apply for assistance with the following departments:

• **The Department of Social Services:**

To confirm your eligibility for food referrals and assistance with utility or rental payments, please contact the Intake Office at (757) 405-1800.

• **The Department of Public Utilities:**

Payment extensions are being offered to primary account holders who present furlough documents to the Customer Service Office located at Portsmouth City Hall (801 Crawford Street) • 2nd Floor. For more information, call (757) 393-8524.

• **The City Treasurer's Office:**

To confirm eligibility for tax deferments, visit the Treasurer's Office in Portsmouth City Hall, 801 Crawford Street, 1st Floor. For more information call 757-393-8651.

• **Dominion Energy Virginia:**

Virginia-based customer service team stands ready to discuss payment options. For more information, call 866-366-4357. Information is also available at www.dominionenergy.com.

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