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Portsmouth Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue Reaccredited!

The Portsmouth Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue has received re-accreditation status from the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia (CORVA). Accreditation is only achieved by Commissioner of the Revenue offices which have taken the extra steps to meet rigorous standards in continuing education, customer service, personnel and ethics policies, and fair and equitable assessment methods for taxes and property. The Portsmouth office was one of the first in Virginia to receive initial accreditation and has maintained its annual accreditation status to date.

Accreditation ensures that the office continues to operate at the highest levels of professionalism, that equitable policies and methods are in place to ensure taxpayers are treated fairly, and that the office is up to date on state and local tax matters.

“We are honored by this recognition,” stated Commissioner Edmondson, “reaccreditation reflects the hard work and professionalism of our team in continuously meeting the standards set by CORVA.”

About Franklin D. Edmondson, MCR, Portsmouth Commissioner of the Revenue

The Portsmouth Commissioner of the Revenue, Franklin D. Edmondson, MCR, was elected to office in 2005 and began service in January 2006. Commissioner Edmondson is a graduate of George Mason University and brings considerable experience in banking and finance to the position.

In 2009, he earned his Master Commissioner of the Revenue Certificate from the University of Virginia’s Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, in concert with the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia, and has maintained his certification since that time.

Commissioner Edmondson is a past president of both the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia and the Virginia Association of Local Elected Constitutional Officers, and is a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers, the Virginia Association of Assessing Officers, and the Virginia Association of Local Tax Auditors.

About the Portsmouth Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue

The Commissioner of the Revenue serves as an elected constitutional officer and holds office as an agent for state and local government. The Portsmouth Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, in its assessment role, processes Business Licenses, Business Personal Property Accounts, Excise Tax Accounts, Personal Property Accounts, Residential Sales Permits and State Income Tax Returns annually.

The Portsmouth Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue maintains accreditation from the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia having consistently met association standards in professionalism, exemplary customer service, established personnel and ethics policies, and fair and equitable assessment methods.

About the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia

The Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia is dedicated to the improvement of local tax assessments in Virginia. The association was formed in 1919 out of the desire of Commissioners to associate themselves to promote a common understanding of the problems faced in the assessment of taxes and the administration of revenue laws.

The Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia's mission is to demonstrate expertise and promote professionalism through the education of our membership, thereby ensuring the highest quality of services to our constituencies and stakeholders and the development of strategic relationships to further our organizational goals.