

## Government Affairs Reports-in-Brief on Municipal Activities October 2018

### **Portsmouth**

- ✓ Sept. 14, 2008: State of the Schools. Link: [http://www.ppsk12.us/news/featured\\_news/the\\_state\\_of\\_the\\_schools](http://www.ppsk12.us/news/featured_news/the_state_of_the_schools)
- ✓ Sept. 26, 2018: Portsmouth plans new 300-foot tower to solve emergency radio dead spots. Link: <https://www.13newsnow.com/article/news/local/portsmouth-plans-new-300-foot-tower-to-solve-emergency-radio-dead-spots/291-598380094>
- ✓ Sept. 25, 2018: New HRT Route 973 -- TCC Portsmouth to Naval Station Norfolk

### **Norfolk**

- ✓ On Sept. 28, 2018, the final community meeting of The Wards Corner Urban Development Plan was presented. This study will develop a new vision for the Wards Corner area in Norfolk, building on its strengths and opportunities. The Commonwealth's Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment has awarded a \$120,000 grant to Norfolk for consultant services to identify/adopt urban development areas (UDA) into our comprehensive plan, plaNorfolk2030. Link: <https://www.norfolk.gov/wardscornerstudy>
- ✓ On \_09/27/18 the Norfolk Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on Short Term Rentals and Home Stay. The planning commission (after hearing from the public) voted to approve the new ordinance and forward to the City Council for final action. Link: <https://www.norfolk.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Planning-Commission-Public-Hearings-13>

### **Chesapeake**

- ✓ Construction on the High Rise Bridge Project is underway. The new bridge will be 35 feet taller, 100 feet total and be able to handle shipping traffic with no bridge openings. Will add a third lane, totalling 4-6 lanes. Link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z\\_0aZDT3raQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_0aZDT3raQ) and [http://64highrise.org/news\\_and\\_traffic\\_alerts/default.asp](http://64highrise.org/news_and_traffic_alerts/default.asp)
- ✓ Voting is November 6 and many in Chesapeake will have new polling places. Precint 12 will move from Georgetown Primary to the Indian River Community Center. Precint 20, will move from Chittum to Alexander Baptist Church. Precint 52 from Shipyard Road to Grassfield Baptist Church. Precint 53 from Fairways to First Norfolk Church and Precint 58 from Expressway to Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Notices will be mailed to signs will be posted for directions.
- ✓ Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRy7KfKkfQI> and <http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/city-departments/departments/Voter-Registrar/Precinct-Changes-effective-September-2018.htm>

## **Virginia Beach**

- ✓ On Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, City Council discussion Short Term Rentals; they discussed the need for uniformity under the Law, how to enforce the regulations.
- ✓ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tc6uxKgGacc&index=7&list=PL31A7A8D73F3976B9&t=0s>
- ✓ <http://edocs.vbgov.com/weblink/0/doc/50107893/Page1.aspx>
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- ✓ On Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Workshop, Council received a revised Short Term Rental Ordinance that amends sections of the City Zoning Ordinance. The revision makes short term rentals a principle use in Sandbridge Special Service District and other area that an overlay is established. In other areas, STRs will be a conditional use.
- ✓ <http://edocs.vbgov.com/weblink/0/doc/50108766/Page1.aspx>
- ✓ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Us3LC9HtWNU&list=PL31A7A8D73F3976B9&index=4>
- ✓ On Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, City Council was briefed on Hurricane Florence, Virginia Beach Development Authority Annual Report, VIBE Creative District Update, and Sea Level Rise/Recurrent Flooding Update. City Council also voted for a resolution to refer revised STR Ordinance to Planning Commission
- ✓ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ay2SBzbCIL8&list=PL31A7A8D73F3976B9&index=2>
- ✓ <http://edocs.vbgov.com/Weblink/DocView.aspx?id=50108761>

## **Smithfield**

- ✓ On Sept. 20, 2018 the Isle of Wight County Board of Trustees discussed the School Safety Taskforce, without reaching agreement on leadership and equipment. Link: <https://isleofwight.novuseagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=81&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agenda>
- ✓ On Sept. 21, 2018 the town council noted that Pinewood Heights in Smithfield is among several localities in the state that will receive a community development block grant funding housing rehabilitation, downtown revitalization and water/sewer projects.