

Government Affairs Reports-in-Brief on Municipalities' Activity

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Portsmouth

✓ The Crawford Gateway Revitalization Strategy was presented by the city council to the public on Feb. 16. The goal is to remove the jail and all city government businesses off the waterfront. The council also agreed to the installation of the Sail Statue in the downtown traffic circle as a symbol of welcome to the downtown.

Norfolk

✓ At its Feb. 27 work session, the city council heard the SWIFT proposal from HRSD that would create a new type of water treatment that could help Norfolk address flooding resiliency. The council noted Norfolk has a \$4 billion backlog of needed infrastructure improvement.

Virginia Beach

✓ On Feb. 6, the city council voted 9-0 to reiterate opposition to offshore oil and gas exploration and prohibit it as was done by the state of Florida. There is concern that off shore oil rigs will affect the Navy's ability to perform exercise off the coast. This could increase the possibility that the Navy would relocate naval assets i.e. Carrier strike groups

✓ On Feb. 20, the Planning Commission's Alternative 3 for short-term rental regulation was presented.

✓ The school district's schools all are fully accredited for the first time since 2010-2011. It's budget is \$754 million has achieved Presentations:

✓ In the News: [Virginia Beach may allow vacation homes, Airbnb rentals anywhere. But some neighborhoods oppose it.](#) - PilotOnline.com

Chesapeake

✓ Solar farm in Hickory approved by city council on a 4-3 vote

✓ Livestock—Livestock on residential small farms was passed by a vote of 9-0.

✓ Level II Daycare—Increased regulations on Level II Daycare was denied by a vote of 9-0