

Glass, Katherine

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Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 3:41 PM
To: Glass, Katherine
Cc: Law, Brandi; Bever, Karen
Subject: Special Election to Fill the Vacancy of Commissioner of the Revenue Order
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Good afternoon, Ms. Glass,

I hope this email finds you well. Please add the attached Orders and letter from the Hampton Circuit Court Clerk regarding the Orders to your file for the interim Commissioner of the Revenue. There seems to be a mix up at the Court with two case numbers being entered, therefore there were two orders entered on different dates. The December 20, 2024, Order will be considered the original order and the December 17, 2024, order will be disregarded, according to the Clerk's letter.

Ms. Bever – cc'ing you for your situation awareness and so you also have a copy of the Order and the letter from the Clerk for your records.

Thank you,

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December 23, 2024

Courtney R. Sydnor
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City of Hampton, Virginia
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Dear C. Sydnor,

Re: Final Order
Civil No.: CL24-2698 and CL24-2717

Enclosed please find certified copies of the final order granting the petitioner's request. It has been recorded and is a matter of public record. The previous order you may have received is null and void. The duplicate order, case #CL24-2717 is not an original and cannot be presented by the court as such. Please disregard the order dated for December 17th, 2024, and please accept the order from case #CL24-2698, and dated December 20th, 2024, as the original order for the above referenced matter. If you need additional copies in the future, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Gracie Farrow
Deputy Clerk

Enclosures

cc: Matthew Scott
cc: Georgia Alvis-Long

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF HAMPTON

**RE: IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL
ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY
OF COMMISSIONER OF THE
REVENUE**

Case No. CL24-2698

ORDER

Current Commissioner of Revenue for the City of Hampton, Ross A. Mugler, has announced that he will retire effective December 31, 2024. Mr. Mugler's term ends on December 31, 2025.

The Petitioner, the Council for the City of Hampton, Virginia, by counsel, has filed a Petition, pursuant to Virginia Code § 24.2-228.1(B) requesting that this Court not issue a writ of election to fill the vacancy since Mr. Mugler's retirement is within twelve (12) months of the end of his current term. Good cause having been shown, it is SO ORDERED:

Pursuant to Section 24.2-228.1(B) of the Code of Virginia, a special election will not be held to fill the vacant office of Commissioner of the Revenue.

Current Senior Chief Deputy Karen Bever will serve as Interim Commissioner of Revenue through December 31, 2025.


THE CLERK is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Order to the Secretary of the Electoral Board (Matthew Scott, Office of the Registrar for the City of Hampton, 101 Kings Way, Hampton, Virginia 23669), the Secretary of the Virginia State Board of Elections (Georgia Alvis-Long, Virginia State Board of Elections, Washington Building, 1100 Bank Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219), and counsel for the Petitioner.

This matter shall be stricken from the docket.

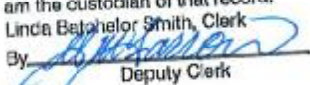
ENTERED this 20th day of December 2024.


Hon. Michael A. Gaten, Chief Judge

I ASK FOR THIS:


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