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### **Trash Collection On Schedule After Thursday Delays**

Portsmouth, VA – Friday trash routes are being collected today after delays were experienced on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Due to unexpected mechanical issues, the waste management company that accepts the City of Portsmouth’s trash, Wheelabrator, could not accept trash at the Portsmouth RDF plant for most of the day on Thursday. The only other option for refuse disposal that is available to the City of Portsmouth, the Norfolk Transfer Station, experienced much heavier traffic and trash volumes than normal. Because of the mechanical issues at Wheelabrator, and the delays at the Norfolk Transfer Station, trash that the City staff had collected was not able to be dumped, leaving city trash trucks filled with the trash and unable to continue with the normal trash collection routes.

Wheelabrator was able to resume operations this morning. As of noon today, City staff had cleared and collected the backlog of trash from the Thursday routes and are successfully collecting Friday trash routes which they are expecting to finish collecting today.

“We understand that some residents may be frustrated by this delay in trash collection, but we want them to know that our dedicated staff are working very hard to get all of the trash collected and dumped. To our residents, thank you for your patience,” said Director of Public Works Jarvis Middleton.

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