

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH**

**IN RE: CITY COUNCIL OF  
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA**

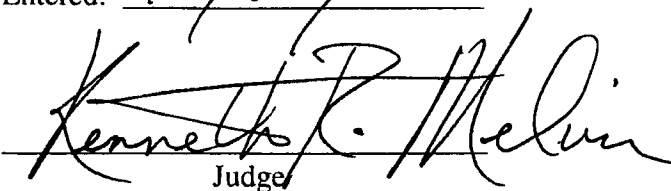
**CASE NO. L-20-5481**

**WRIT OF ELECTION**

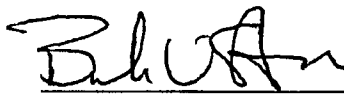
THIS CAUSE came this day to be heard upon City Council of Portsmouth, Virginia's Petition for Writ of Election.

IT APPEARING that at a general election held on November 3, 2020, Councilman Shannon E. Glover was elected Mayor of the City of Portsmouth with a term commencing January 1, 2021; that Mayor-Elect Glover's current term as a Council Member expires on December 31, 2022; that the Mayor-Elect intends to resign his seat as a Council Member, effective on or before commencing his term as Mayor; that as a result, it will be necessary to fill the Mayor-Elect's Council seat for the balance of the term; that § 24.2-228 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, provides that, when a Council vacancy occurs with a term of more than a year remaining, it is necessary to hold a special election to permanently fill the vacancy; that § 24.2-226 (A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, further provides that upon receipt of the petition for a writ of election, the Court shall issue the writ ordering the election promptly and shall order the special election to be held no later than the next general election; that the next general election is scheduled for November 2, 2021; that since a vacancy is anticipated, even though it has not yet formally occurred, City Council is authorized by § 24.2-226 (A) to file a request with this Court to begin the process of setting the special election; that this action does not limit or otherwise impair City Council's authority under the City Charter and State Code, once the vacancy is official, to appoint a temporary replacement to fill the seat pending qualification of the winner of the special election.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that pursuant to Virginia Code § 24.2-226, §24.2-228, §24.2-681, §24.2-682, and related statutes, a Writ of Election be, and hereby is, issued to hold a special election on November 2, 2021 to fill the unexpired term of Mayor-Elect Shannon Glover's Council Seat for the balance of the term which expires on December 31, 2022. The Clerk of this Court is further ORDERED to forward attested copies of this Writ of Election to the City Registrar, the members of the Electoral Board of the City of Portsmouth, the State Board of Elections, the Clerk of the City Council, and the City Attorney, and to post a copy of this Writ of Election at the Circuit Court courthouse of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia.

Entered: 12/22/2020  
  
Judge

I ASK FOR THIS:

  
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