THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE AND ITS GOVERNMENT

Chesapeake is a unique City. It was formed by the merger of the City of South Norfolk with Norfolk County in 1963. The 353 square miles of Chesapeake make it one of the largest cities in land area in Virginia. Its rapidly expanding population makes it one of the fastest growing cities in the country.

The City operates under a Council/Manager form of government. The Council, composed of nine (9) elected members, is the policy-making body responsible to the citizens for the general direction of the City. The City Manager is the executive head of the government, responsible to the Council for the day-to-day operation of the City.

The primary function of the City of Chesapeake is to provide essential services to the citizens as efficiently as possible. This means that we have a very important job to do. Every position within the City is important, and our ability to do our jobs in the best possible way is necessary for the smooth operation of our City government.