

Commonwealth of Virginia

Auditor of Public Accounts

P.O. Box 1295 Richmond, Virginia 23218

August 11, 2023

V. Leigh Henderson Treasurer

Philip J. Kellam
Commissioner of the Revenue

Kenneth Stolle Sheriff

Locality: City of Virginia Beach

We have reviewed the Commonwealth collections and remittances of the Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, and Sheriff of the locality indicated for the year ended June 30, 2023. Our primary objectives were to determine that the officials have maintained accountability over Commonwealth collections, established internal controls, and complied with state laws and regulations. We limited our work to the collection of Commonwealth revenues. Local governments hire certified public accountants to audit all other financial activities of the locality and these firms issue separate reports on the results of their audits.

The results of our tests found the Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, and Sheriff complied, in all material respects, with state laws, regulations and other procedures relating to the receipt, disbursement, and custody of state funds, except as follows.

The Sheriff did not comply with state laws and regulations as described below.

Maintain Accounting Records

Repeat: No

The Sheriff could not present for audit one of the manual receipt books used for Sheriff's fees. The Sheriff must retain these books for a period of three years after audit as required by § 15.2-1614 of

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the Code of Virginia. The Sheriff should review the accounting records retention schedule with his staff and maintain all accounting records in accordance with the Code of Virginia.

We discussed these findings with the Sheriff on August 11, 2023, and we acknowledge the cooperation extended to us during this review.

Sincerely,

Staci A. Henshaw Auditor of Public Accounts

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cc: Robert M. Dyer, Mayor
Patrick A. Duhaney, City Manager
Laura Harden, Director
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