

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
CITY COUNCIL POLICY No. 2022-01

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of Portsmouth takes pride being the “City of the Open Door” welcoming people of all genders, races, and religions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portsmouth currently does not hold any meetings on the federal holidays of New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Jr Day, President’s Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day (also observed as Indigenous Peoples’ Day), Veterans’ Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council adopts this Religious Holiday Policy to discourage the City of Portsmouth from holding any meetings on commonly accepted religious holidays, such as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, where the tenets of a resident’s religion prohibits attending meetings on such days and require their attendance at religious services.

Adopted by the Portsmouth City Council on: January 24, 2022.

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City Clerk