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TO: HONORABLE HOWARD BAUGHMAN, PRESIDENT
HONORABLE MEMBERS OF PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

FROM: M. TRENT WILLIAMS, PORTSMOUTH CITY AUDITOR

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2007

RE: PROPOSED SALARY INCREASE OF CITY AUDITOR

COPY: LOCAL MEDIA

As City Council came to a consensus last year that the salaries of elected officials and department heads should be put into a structure that would promote consistency and provide the opportunity for across the board raises whenever possible, I included a two percent increase in the proposed budget of the City Auditor to remain consistent with the requested cost of living increases proposed by most other department heads of the City. Although I believe in principle that this allows for a fair system and consistent method in determining administrative salaries, I also believe this issue is far overshadowed by other budgetary issues of potentially greater importance.

As a result, I respectfully request that City Council disregard the proposed 2% increase for the position of City Auditor and adjust the budget and appropriations ordinance accordingly. I have always strived to conduct this office and act in a manner personally that is at all times in the best interest of the citizens of this community. I would never suggest otherwise to Council to take an action that is not in the overall best interest of our City and therefore make this request to remain consistent with that philosophy.

Respectfully submitted,

M. TRENT WILLIAMS, AUDITOR