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City Storm Update on Closure of City Offices, Facilities

Charleston, S.C.—City of Charleston offices will be closed tomorrow, September 2 to non-essential personnel due to the forecast of severe weather as Hurricane Hermine passes the city. The closure does not apply to public safety employees and other city personnel needed to provide essential services.

The closure includes the Municipal Court, all parks, playgrounds and recreation facilities. Recreation Department activities scheduled to take place tomorrow are cancelled. Recreation facilities and activities are tentatively scheduled to re-open on Saturday, September 3. Public Service crews will collect trash on Friday up until the conditions of the storm become unsafe to do so. Any trash on the Friday route that is not collected on Friday will be collected on Saturday.

In addition to the Charleston Aquarium parking garage located at 24 Calhoun Street, residents who live in flood prone areas within the City may also park their vehicles free at the Visitors Center Garage located at 375 Meeting Street beginning at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, September 1. Cars must be removed by noon on Saturday, September 3. Residents should take a parking ticket from the machine, proceed to the top two decks to park and, when checking out, be prepared to show proof of residency to the attendant.

Residents who have questions about the storm can call the City of Charleston Citizen Information Line at 843-619-6133.

The City of Charleston road closure map will be updated throughout the storm.

Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg said, "The most recent forecast from the National Weather Service shows there is a significant risk of high winds, heavy rainfall and flash flooding in the Charleston area on Friday. We're asking all of our citizens to take a safety first approach and stay home tomorrow, if possible. Flash flooding can happen quickly and makes for dangerous conditions on the roads. For your safety, do not walk or drive into standing water."

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