

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

In re:

LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS	)	
TEMPORAY OFFICE HOURS	)	Standing Order 25-6
NEWPORT NEWS	)	

ORDER ESTABLISHING TEMPORAY OFFICE HOURS IN
NEWPORT NEWS DIVISIONS DURING THE LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS

On October 20, 2025, having exhausted all available funding, the Judiciary entered into Phase Two of the federal government's lapse in appropriations. During Phase Two, the Court must operate subject to the Anti-Deficiency Act which limits Court operations to "excepted activities" and requires the Court to suspend activities that do not imminently threaten the safety of human life or the protection of property.

To enable the Court to scale down operations while continuing to resolve cases consistent with its core constitutional functions, the undersigned find that it is necessary for the Clerk's office to operate on reduced hours, and the Newport News Division will be closed to in-person services on Fridays during the lapse in appropriations.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the Newport News Division be closed to in-person services, effective November 7, 2025, and will apply to all Fridays thereafter until Congress appropriates funds for the Judiciary.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 10/30/2025

Brian F. Kenney
Brian F. Kenney
Chief Judge