



# CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS

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### **KROGER PROJECT UPDATE**

Kroger has notified the Colonial Heights City Council that commencement of construction of its new store at 401 Temple Avenue, the site of the former Colonial Heights Courthouse, will be delayed until February 2017. Kroger's corporate office has decided to delay construction of the Colonial Heights store and numerous other planned stores in order to significantly reduce capital spending for the next few months. However, the City Council wants citizens to know the following facts:

- Kroger continues to express its commitment to building the Colonial Heights store, and City Council remains enthusiastic about the project.
- Although the Council has a contractual right to buy back the property from Kroger, Council is willing for the time being not to exercise its right.
- Currently Kroger pays \$33,852.80 in real estate tax on the property; therefore, even without a business on the property, the City is still receiving a significant benefit.
- The Council deeply appreciates the patience the citizens of Colonial Heights have shown, as well as their enthusiasm for the Kroger project.

Questions about this matter may be directed to William E. Johnson, Acting City Manager, at (804) 520-9332, or to Hugh P. Fisher, III, City Attorney, at (804) 520-9316.