

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



**SPECIAL ADVISORY from the City Manager for
Sunday, June 7, 2020**

**SPECIAL STREET CLOSURE AND PARKING BAN ADVISORY FOR
PORTSMOUTH UNITED: A RALLY HONORING LIVES LOST**

NORTH CHURCH, Sunday, June 7, 12 noon

**The following streets will be closed and there will be no parking allowed,
from 10 am to 5 pm:**

Market Square from Daniel Street at Penhallow

Pleasant Street from State Street to Congress Street

Market Street from Bow Street to Market Square

Congress Street from Market Square to Fleet Street

Portsmouth Police, Fire and DPW have plans in place to assure the safety and security of all participants.

**And a repeat of the message posted on May 31st by Portsmouth Police Chief Robert Merner on behalf
of the men and women of the Portsmouth Police Department:**

I want to express my heartfelt sympathy to the family friends and loved ones of George Floyd. We as a police agency are deeply disturbed by what we saw on that video.

These actions and inactions jeopardize the gains that have been made throughout the policing profession in our country.

The death of Mr. Floyd is deeply disturbing and should be of concern to not only all police officers and agencies but all Americans. The officers' actions are totally inconsistent with the training and protocols of our profession.

Law enforcement officers are trained to treat all individuals, whether they are a complainant, suspect or a defendant, with dignity and respect. The callous manner in which this arrest was carried out is reprehensible.

The men and women of the Portsmouth Police Department will continue to work with the community to enhance the opportunity to build the trust that is tantamount in modern day policing.

Chief Robert Merner

