



## Dr. William E. Ward, PhD.

Former Chesapeake Mayor William E. Ward served continuously on the Chesapeake City Council since first winning election in 1978. He was elected Vice Mayor for the term July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1986, and again from June 30, 1988 to October 4, 1990. He was appointed to fill the un-expired term of Mayor on October 4, 1990 and served until June 30, 1992, when he won election as Mayor, was re-elected in 1996, and again in 2000. His latest term expired on June 30, 2004, when he retired from public service after 26 years, with 14 years as Mayor. Mayor Ward was the longest serving Council Member and Mayor in Chesapeake's history.

Dr. Ward has resided in Chesapeake since the City was incorporated in 1963, and has served in numerous civic, fraternal and regional capacities. He served as an Executive Director of the Hampton Roads Partnership, the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, and the Southeastern Public Service Authority. In 2003, Governor Mark Warner appointed Mayor Ward to the Board of Visitors at Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia.

Dr. Ward is Professor Emeritus and former Chair of the History Department at Norfolk State University, where he taught from 1973 to July 1, 2000, when he retired from teaching. Dr. Ward received his Bachelor and Masters Degrees in History from Virginia State University in 1957 and 1960 respectively and was awarded a MA Degree in American and African History from Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1972, and doctorate in 1977.