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VIPA Announces Non-Cash Policy **Effective November 1st at All Seaports**

The Virgin Islands Port Authority Board of Governors approved a non-cash policy effective November 1 for the Authority's marine division at its September 22, 2016 board meeting. Cash will no longer be accepted at the Port Authority's seaports. Users of VIPA's marine facilities have several options to pay port use fees:

- Contact VIPA's accounting office at (340) 774-1629 to establish an account with the Port Authority and be billed monthly; or
- Pay at the seaports using a debit card with a VISA logo, a credit card (VISA or MasterCard only) or pay via check. Returned checks are subject to a \$30 fee charged by VIPA, and any other fees charged by respective banking institutions.

VIPA will continue to accept cash at its seaports until **November 15, 2016** to give customers time to set up an account or obtain debit or credit cards to make payments. For more information, the public may contact VIPA's public information officer, Monifa Brathwaite, at (340) 774-1629 or MBrathwaite@viport.com.

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