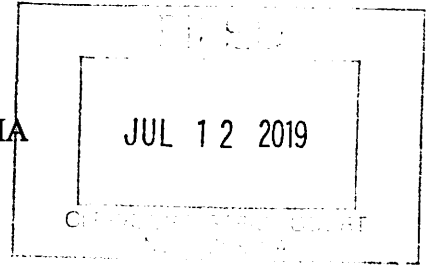


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Norfolk Division



LATASHA HOLLOWAY, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, *et al.*,

Defendants,

Civil Action No. 2:18-cv-0069

ORDER

Before the Court is a Motion to Bifurcate Trial pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(b) filed by the City of Virginia Beach, *et al.* (“Defendants”). Defendants fail to prove that bifurcation would serve the purposes of judicial economy and that the parties would not be prejudiced by separate trials.¹ The Motion, filed before any discovery, is premature.

Accordingly, Defendants’ Motion to Bifurcate (ECF No. 79) is **DENIED** with leave to renew after completion of discovery. If Defendants choose to file a renewed Motion to Bifurcate, it shall be filed on or before September 17, 2019.

The Clerk is **REQUESTED** to forward a copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Arenda L. Wright Allen
United States District Judge

July 12th, 2019
Norfolk, Virginia

¹ See *Novopharm Ltd. V. Torpharm, Inc.*, 181 F.R.D. 308, 310 (E.D.N.C. 1998); see also *F & G Scrolling Mouse L.L.C. v. IBM Corp.*, 190 F.R.D. 385, 391 (M.D.N.C. 1999) (Courts “should examine the individual situation of each party to ensure that no one party is placed at a distinct disadvantage as a result of the court’s decision.”).