



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: December 16, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Appointment of Will Richter to the position of Safety Officer for the Grand Rapids Fire Department effective January 1, 2025.

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BACKGROUND:

With the recent resignation of Andy Horton from his role as Safety Officer with the Grand Rapids Fire Department, City staff posted the Safety Officer position internally and received six (6) letters of interest. All applicants were interviewed. The interview committee is recommending appointing Will Richter to the position of Safety Officer with the Grand Rapids Fire Department effective January 1, 2025, with a monthly salary of \$325.34.

Will Richter has been a firefighter for close to nine (9) years. Will currently serves as our Fire Relief Treasure and was instrumental in researching and transitioning to the new SVF PERA plan for our Relief Association pension plan. In Will's 9 years of serving on the Grand Rapids Fire Department, he has consistently been one of the highest percentage Fire Fighters every year in regard to making calls, meetings, and drill. He is a highly valued and respected member of the Grand Rapids Fire Department and will do well in this role.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to appoint Will Richter the position of Safety Officer for the Grand Rapids Fire Department effective January 1, 2025, with a monthly salary of \$325.34.