



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: September 8, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider accepting the retirement from Jacob (Jake) Barsness from his position as Firefighter.

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BACKGROUND:

Jacob (Jake) Barsness, Firefighter, has provided his formal notification that he is retiring from his position as Firefighter with the Grand Rapids Fire Department effective September 4, 2025.

Jake Barsness has proudly served as a Firefighter for the past 10 years. Throughout his career, he has been a dedicated and reliable member of the department, known as one of our most experienced fire truck operators. Beyond his firefighting duties, Jake also took on additional custodial responsibilities, always willing to go the extra mile in support of the department.

We sincerely thank Jake for his years of service, hard work, and commitment to the fire department, and we wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to accept the retirement from Jacob Barsness from his position as Firefighter with the Grand Rapids Fire Department effective September 4, 2025.