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City Hires Tanner Salyers as New Safety-Service Director

Current Knox County Recorder has served on City Council, is also Recreation Director

MOUNT VERNON, October 9, 2023 – The City of Mount Vernon has hired Tanner Salyers as its new Safety-Service Director. His first day in the office will be Monday, October 16, 2023, when he will begin his onboarding and orientation.

Salyers, who has served as Knox County Recorder since June 2021, sat on the Mount Vernon City Council from 2019 to 2021, and is currently the City’s Recreation Director. He succeeds as Safety-Service Director Richard Dzik, who left in September of this year to become the City Manager of Huber Heights, Ohio, after serving as Safety-Service Director here since December 2019.



“Tanner is a self-starter and is someone who does his homework before making a decision. He’s a creative problem solver and understands what we’re trying to accomplish in the City through modernizing our structure and services to the public,” said Mayor Matthew Starr.

“We’re excited to have him on board.”

Salyers is a graduate of Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Kent State University, and has a Master’s Degree in Public Administration. Mayor Starr noted that Salyers, with an educational background in government and economics, has studied for the position he’s now assuming.

Starr added that Salyers, as a former member of City Council, understands the legislative side of government, has overseen a departmental budget at the County Recorder’s office, and also knows how the legislative process works at the State level. He has connections in Columbus, throughout the State, and in Washington, D.C.

Tanner Salyers

“The City of Mount Vernon is experiencing an exciting time for its people and its government. We have an opportunity for smart growth and smart development,” said Salyers.

“I look forward to working with the Mayor, his administration, and all of our team members at the City as well as Council in seeing our mission carried forward.”

Salyers lives in the north end of Mount Vernon with his wife and daughter. They attend Lifepoint Church.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:

The City of Mount Vernon is an innovative community with an authentic hometown feel. The City is dedicated to providing modern services with an emphasis on continual improvement, customer service and equitable laws that support our citizens and visitors, while retaining and attracting investors in our community. Home to 17,000 people, Mount Vernon is the county seat for Knox County and boasts historic buildings and districts as well as business and professional, educational and recreational opportunities through many adaptive reuses of the community's infrastructure and spaces. The City has strong ties to higher education, with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Kenyon College and Central Ohio Technical College operating satellite locations in the historic downtown. Located 40 miles northeast of Columbus, Mount Vernon is near the geographic center of Ohio and has connections all over the globe.

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