

**RESOLUTION**

**FIRE CHIEF BENJAMIN KRAYNEK**

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2026, the Police and Fire Commission of the City of Manitowoc appointed Assistant Chief of Fire Rescue Benjamin Kraynek to the position of Fire Chief for the City of Manitowoc upon the retirement of Fire Chief Todd Blaser on May 29, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Manitowoc that the recommendation of the Police and Fire Commission to appoint Assistant Chief of Fire Rescue Benjamin Kraynek as Fire Chief for the City of Manitowoc is hereby approved, effective May 30, 2026.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Manitowoc, that Fire Chief Benjamin Kraynek is placed at Grade S, as a full-time exempt position with a rate of \$125,080.00 in the City of Manitowoc Compensation Plan. Paid Time Off accruals shall remain unchanged in accordance with the Employee Policy Manual.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fire Chief is authorized to fill any additional sworn officer vacancies that result from filling the Fire Chief position in accordance with the Compensation Plan, the Mayor’s Executive Budget, and the Labor Agreement with the International Association of Firefighters Local 368.

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APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

**Fiscal Impact:** Anticipated budget neutral. No tax levy or 2026 budget amendments needed.  
**Funding Source:** General Fund – Fire Department Budget (1100-22100)  
**Finance Director Approval:** /SMA  
**Approved as to form:** /EGN

This resolution was drafted by Jessica C. Lillibridge, HR Director