



TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, City Manager

DATE: March 25, 2021

RE: **Notification of Retirement – Police Chief**

As indicated in the attached memorandum, Chief of Police Joe White has advised my office of his intent to retire effective the close of business Monday, June 21, 2021. Chief White's pending departure represents a significant loss to the Police Department, the City's management team and the greater Ketchikan community. Joe assumed the position of Police Chief four years ago and immediately undertook the task of having the department take a more proactive approach in engaging the community. Events such as "Coffee with a Cop," serving at First City Homeless Services' "Empty Bowls" and "Shop with a Cop" are just a few examples of Chief White's initiatives. Joe's stewardship of the department has established a direction and message that I will seek to have his successor follow.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Joe for his many years of service to the department and the community. I wish Joe and his family the best in their future endeavors and offer my hope that he thoroughly enjoys a well-earned retirement.



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KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TO: Karl Amylon
City Manager

FROM: Joseph White
Chief of Police

DATE: March 25, 2021

RE: **Retirement**

April 8, 2021 will be 25 years of service with the Ketchikan Police Department. Over that time I have worked with so many amazing people, all dedicated to the safety of our community. I have enjoyed great community support for our department and feel blessed to have done my whole career in Ketchikan.

As Chief, I had the opportunity to help guide our department and develop new areas to interact with our community. I thank the council for always supporting myself and this department. I would also thank you for the support you have given me over the last four years.

My last day working for the City of Ketchikan will be June 21, 2021, which will be my retirement date.