

**TO:** For Immediate Release

**FROM:** Robert G. Vine, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Resignation of Fire Chief Larry McRae

**DATE:** July 1, 2026

Fire Chief Larry McRae submitted his resignation from employment, concluding more than fifty (50) years of dedicated service with the City of Mount Pleasant. McRae's resignation is effective July 1, 2026.

McRae began his employment with the City of Mount Pleasant in 1976. McRae rose to the rank of Fire Chief in 1984. McRae led the Fire Department as its Chief for over forty (40) years.

The City acknowledges and thanks McRae for his decades of service and commitment to the Mount Pleasant Fire Department, the City, and residents across Titus County.

The City anticipates posting for the Fire Chief position in the near future. In the meantime, Deputy Chief Aristeo Rodriguez has been named Acting Fire Chief and will lead the department during the transition. Rodriguez is a 27-year veteran of the Mount Pleasant Fire Department and has served as Deputy Chief for the past eight years. He also has experience with the Addison Fire Department and Farmers Branch Fire Department, holds a Master Firefighter Certification through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, and graduated from the Texas Fire Chiefs Academy in 2020.

City officials said residents in Mount Pleasant and Titus County should not see any disruption in fire protection, emergency response, or public safety services during the transition. The department remains fully staffed and operational under Rodriguez's leadership.