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CITY OF GREENBELT ADDRESSES RECENT COURT DECISION REGARDING CAREER FIREFIGHTER STAFFING

GREENBELT, MD—The City of Greenbelt, along with the Town of Berwyn Heights, City of College Park, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., and other plaintiffs, filed a lawsuit against Prince George's County, Maryland, and Fire Chief Tiffany Green on June 28, 2024. This week, we received news that the case was dismissed by the Circuit Court.

"This decision has raised concerns within the city and surrounding communities" said Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor of Greenbelt. "City Council's responsibility is to ensure that our residents, businesses, and visitors receive exceptional public safety services, including fire and emergency medical services. We will work closely with the community, firefighters, and stakeholders to navigate this transition responsibly."

As part of this process, the city will host a series of community meetings to discuss the changes, gather feedback, and address any concerns. The meetings will provide a platform for residents to voice their opinions and learn more about the plans for maintaining public safety.

"We want to assure the community that their safety remains our top priority," said Josue Salmeron, City Manager of Greenbelt. "We are dedicated to finding solutions that allow us to effectively respond to emergencies and will continue our advocacy until we find a compromise where our fire and medical needs are addressed properly."

The City of Greenbelt appreciates the dedication of its firefighters, both career and volunteer, and is committed to maintaining a robust fire service that meets the needs of its residents.

For more information about the upcoming community meetings or to share your thoughts, please visit www.greenbeltmd.gov.

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About Greenbelt

The City of Greenbelt is a diverse, welcoming community of 25,000 residents and 600 businesses outside Washington, D.C. It is widely known as an affordable public cooperative community founded in the New Deal era. Greenbelt prioritizes being environmentally friendly and has abundant parks, trails, and lakes to enjoy. The city has a national historic landmark district. It is home to the nation's first space flight complex, the NASA Goddard Flight Center, and the future home of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). For more information on the city, go to www.GreenbeltMD.gov.