



City Council

Special Recognition - Introduction of City Building Official Larry Merrell

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Recognize Larry Merrell as the City of Olympia's new Building Official.

Report

Issue:

Receive an introduction to Larry Merrell as City Building Official.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Leonard Bauer, Deputy Director, Community Planning and Development, 360.753.8206

Background and Analysis:

Larry Merrell was appointed as City of Olympia Building Official effective August 16, 2019. In this role, he oversees review of proposed building plans, building and electrical inspections, code enforcement, and floodplain administration. He is also a key member of the City's emergency response team.

Larry has served as the City's building inspection supervisor for nearly two years, demonstrating excellent leadership ability, exceptional communication skills, and a deep knowledge of all building codes. Prior to coming to Olympia, he served in lead roles for building inspection and code enforcement for Washington County, Oregon; and the City of Rocklin and Town of Mammoth Lakes, California. He also worked as a project coordinator and plumber for the University of California - Irvine campus. Overall, he has 34 years of experience in the building and construction field.

Larry holds numerous certifications related to building inspection, code enforcement and emergency

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response. He has also been an officer and board member for local chapters of the International Code Council several times during his career.

Attachments:

None