

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2024**

**TITLE: COMMENDATION  
CAPTAIN/FIRE MARSHAL RICHARD W. HARDGROVE**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO RICHARD W. HARDGROVE FOR HIS 32 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BARBERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO THIS COMMUNITY.**

**WHEREAS**, Richard Hardgrove began his career as a Barberton Firefighter/Paramedic on January 19, 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Hardgrove was promoted April 16, 1996 to Lieutenant and on May 23, 1997 to Captain/Fire Marshal; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard has completed numerous certifications over the years including State of Ohio Firefighter Level II, State of Ohio Paramedic, State of Ohio Fire Inspector, NFPA 1021 Fire Officer 1 & 2, Incident Safety Officer, NIMS ICS 300 & 400, IAAI-CFI Certified Fire Investigator, and numerous certifications in fire investigation methods, arson investigation methods, firework and pyrotechnics, fire codes, and building inspections; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard has had many accomplishments over his career, including supervising the Barberton Fire Department’s fire inspectors and fire safety educators along with being responsible for the department’s data recording software; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard obtained his Bachelor of Science in Fire and Safety Engineering Technology from the University of Akron. His dedication and experience will be greatly missed as his last date with the Barberton Fire Department was February 28, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard’s experience will be greatly missed; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That the Council of the City of Barberton hereby honors and gives public recognition to Firefighter/Paramedic Richard Hardgrove for his 32 years of dedicated service to the Barberton Fire Department and to this community.

**SECTION 2.** That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed January 8, 2024

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2024

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Mayor