



City of Franklin

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CITY OF FRANKLIN ANNOUNCES HIRING OF NEW CITY ATTORNEY

The appointment marks the city's first non-contracted attorney in 37 years

FRANKLIN, WI., (July 8, 2026) – During the July 7 City of Franklin Common Council meeting, the committee voted unanimously to appoint Christina M. Lucchesi as the municipality's first full-time staff city attorney. Lucchesi will replace Jesse Wesolowski of Wesolowski, Reidenbach & Sajdak, S.C. who has been contracted to provide legal services to the City of Franklin for over three decades.

"This is an exciting time for Franklin as we welcome Christina as our new city attorney. Throughout the recruitment process, she demonstrated the exceptional legal knowledge, professionalism, integrity and the collaborative approach to public services that we are looking for," said City of Franklin Mayor, John Nelson. "I would like to thank City Administrator, Kelly Hersh, who, for the past year led the recruitment process which included a thorough evaluation of many qualified candidates."

Lucchesi holds a Juris Doctor degree from Marquette University Law School and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, with a Bachelor of Arts in History.

"I enjoyed my 15 years as a Franklin resident and am honored to have the opportunity to represent the community as city attorney," said Lucchesi.

The city attorney serves as the chief legal advisor to the Mayor, Common Council, city boards, commissions, and city employees, and provides legal guidance on broad range of municipal matters that directly impact the Franklin community. The position plays a vital role in ensuring the city operates in compliance with state and local law, while supporting transparent, effective and responsible local government.

Lucchesi will begin her new role immediately, with Wesolowski serving in a consulting position as we make this monumental transition.

"On behalf of the entire community, we want to thank Jesse for his decades of commitment to serving the City of Franklin," said Mayor Nelson.

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