



# City of Lakewood

February 3, 2025

Dear Mayor Whalen, Deputy Mayor Moss, and City Councilmembers,

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my decision to step down and retire from my position as City Manager from the City of Lakewood, effective June 5, 2025.

**Jason Whalen**  
Mayor

Serving this incredible community has been a great honor, and I am so fortunate to have worked alongside such talented, dedicated individuals since being appointed City Manager in September 2013.

**Mary Moss**  
Deputy Mayor

Throughout my tenure, I have been inspired by the resilience and spirit of this organization and community. Together, we have achieved significant milestones that have made Lakewood stronger, more vibrant, and more connected.

**Michael D.  
Brandstetter**  
Councilmember

Whether it was fostering economic growth, investing in public infrastructure, prioritizing public safety and the well-being of our residents, community events, or providing support and assistance to JBLM and our service members and their families, every step forward has been a testament to the collective effort of this organization and community. These achievements reflect the vision of the City Council, the dedication of City staff, and the unwavering support of our residents.

**Ryan Pearson**  
Councilmember

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the City Council for entrusting me with this role, to the City staff for their professionalism and hard work, and to the residents and businesses of Lakewood for their trust and partnership. You have made this journey both meaningful and rewarding.

**Patti Belle**  
Councilmember

As I am preparing to transition into this new chapter of my life, I am confident that Lakewood is poised for continued success, and I do so with confidence that this City is in good hands.

**J. Trestin  
Lauricella**  
Councilmember

While I am leaving this position, my connection to Lakewood will remain strong. This City will always hold a special place in my heart, dating back to when I first arrived at Fort Lewis (now JBLM) so many years ago and I look forward to continuing to support its success in other ways.

**Paul Bocchi**  
Councilmember

I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition as I leave the City and will do everything I can to support the City during this period.

**John J. Caulfield**  
City Manager

Thank you for allowing me to serve the City of Lakewood.

Sincerely,

John J. Caulfield, ICMA-CM  
City Manager