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## **NEWS ALERT: Scott Zimmerman Hired as City Inspector** *New position created by City Council in February*

MOUNT VERNON, April 11, 2025 – The City of Mount Vernon has hired former City employee Scott Zimmerman as its new City Inspector. His first day in the newly created position was Monday, April 7, 2025. The Mount Vernon City Council adopted legislation to create the position of City Inspector on February 24, 2025.



*Scott Zimmerman*

The City Inspector is responsible for ensuring compliance with local zoning and property maintenance regulations, utility inspections, and other duties assigned pertaining to other City ordinances, in alignment with the Ohio Revised Code. The position involves conducting inspections of residential, commercial and public properties to verify adherence to state and local regulations.

“Mount Vernon is growing, there’s more and more going on here every year, and we’ve made great progress at keeping our City looking its best,” said Mayor Matthew Starr.

“And I have every confidence Scott will continue with what we’ve accomplished, and improve on our practices. He’s always represented our City well, and I look forward to seeing what he’s able to achieve with his continued professionalism.”

Scott began his career in public service at the Mount Vernon Developmental Center, a state facility where he worked from 1984 through 1997. After two years at the Ariel Corporation, he returned to public service with a position in the City’s Street Department, where he worked as a traffic signal technician, then foreman of the Parks Department, followed by a promotion to superintendent of the parks’ buildings and lands. In 2016 Scott became director of Ariel~Foundation Park, and since 2018 has been owner-operator of Complete Maintenance, LLC, a small tree service and herbicide business.

“First of all, I’d like to express how thrilled I am to be back and to be able to serve the community that we live in and that I’ve grown up in,” said Scott.

“Secondly, I have 30-plus years of public service between the state and local governments. In those 30 years, I have come to treasure the privilege of serving the members of our community and helping protect and sustain its growth in a positive way.”

Serving under the City Inspector will be an Assistant City Inspector. That position, which is in the process of being filled, was previously that of the Code Enforcement Officer. The last such officer, Greg Bemiller, retired at the end of February.

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### **ABOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

The City of Mount Vernon is an innovative community with an authentic hometown feel. The City is dedicated to providing modern services with an emphasis on continual improvement, customer service and equitable laws that support our

citizens and visitors, while retaining and attracting investors in our community. Home to 17,000 people, Mount Vernon is the county seat for Knox County and boasts historic buildings and districts as well as business and professional, educational and recreational opportunities through many adaptive reuses of the community's infrastructure and spaces. The City has strong ties to higher education, with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Kenyon College and Central Ohio Technical College operating satellite locations in the historic downtown. Located 40 miles northeast of Columbus, Mount Vernon is near the geographic center of Ohio and has connections all over the globe.

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