



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

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*Fire Commissioner*  
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*Through the Office of the Mayor*

Honorable City Council Members  
Of the City of Mount Vernon  
City Hall, Mount Vernon, New York

September 15, 2025

Re: Leave of Absence

Dear Honorable City Council Members.

I hereby request a one-year leave of absence for Fire Inspector Taj Bridgers so that he may serve as a probationary firefighter in our department.

This week will commence on Wednesday August 27, 2025, and continue through Thursday August 27, 2026.

The vacant Fire Inspector position will be provisionally filled until the City of Mount Vernon Civil Service establishes a list of candidates.

Respectfully submitted:

Kevin B. Holt  
Fire Commissioner