

**CITY OF FIRCREST
RESOLUTION NO. 2030**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, RECORDING SINCERE
GRATITUDE AND HONORING THE SERVICE AND MEMORY
OF JOHN BECTHOLT AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR
HIS DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF FIRCREST.**

WHEREAS, John Bechtholt was highly recommended by the City Manager for appointment to the City of Fircrest Civil Service Commission and was confirmed by the City Council on August 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, John Bechtholt was reappointed to the Civil Service Commission on April 4, 2020, and again on April 5, 2026, for an additional six-year term; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bechtholt served the City of Fircrest with integrity, professionalism, and dedication, carrying out his duties and responsibilities with thoughtfulness and care; and

WHEREAS, John Bechtholt was a driving force behind the Fircrest Business Association and was known for his commitment to supporting local businesses, strengthening community connections, and encouraging civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, John served as President and Chief Executive Officer of TAPCO Credit Union from March 1992 through June 2010, where he demonstrated strong leadership, generosity, and a lasting commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, through his role with TAPCO Credit Union, John graciously hosted many Fircrest Business Association meetings and helped create opportunities for business leaders, residents, and community members to gather, collaborate, and work together for the benefit of Fircrest; and

WHEREAS, John's service to Fircrest extended far beyond his role on the Civil Service Commission, as he was a nearly 50-year resident of the community, served on the Centennial Celebration Historical Committee, and was an active and valued member of the Fircrest business community; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bechtholt passed away on May 10, 2026, leaving behind a lasting legacy of service, leadership, friendship, and dedication to the City of Fircrest and its residents;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST THAT:

Section 1. The City Council, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Fircrest, hereby honors the life and memory of John Bechtholt and commemorates his dedicated public service, community leadership, and many contributions to the City of Fircrest.

Section 2. The City Council expresses its sincere gratitude for Commissioner Bechtholt's faithful service on the Fircrest Civil Service Commission and for the integrity, professionalism, and care with which he carried out his duties and responsibilities.

Section 3. The City Council further recognizes John Bechtholt's long-standing commitment to the Fircrest community, his support of the local business community, and his enduring legacy of service to the City and its residents

Section 4. The City Council extends its heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, colleagues, and loved ones of John Bechtholt and joins the community in remembering his life and honoring his service.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FIRCREST, WASHINGTON,** at a regular meeting thereof this 9th day of June
2026.

APPROVED:


Mayor Nikki Bufford


Councilmember David M. Viafore

S. Reynolds
Councilmember Shannon Reynolds


Councilmember Brett L. Wittner


Councilmember Hunter T. George

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ATTEST:

Arlette Burkhardt, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joanna Eide, City Attorney