City of Gardner – *Mayor's Office*

Mayor Michael J. Nicholson

November 12, 2026

Hon. George C. Tyros, Council President
And City Councilors
Gardner City Hall, Rm 121
95 Pleasant Street
Gardner, MA 01440

RE: A Communication from the Mayor Regarding Intent to Resign from the Office of Mayor and Mayoral Succession

Dear Mr. President and Councilors,

As you are aware, on November 3, 2026, I was elected to serve as State Representative for the Second Worcester District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. I am deeply honored by the confidence the voters have placed in me and look forward to continuing my service to the residents of Gardner and the surrounding communities in this new capacity.

In anticipation of assuming this new office, I am writing to formally notify the City Council of my intention to resign from the Office of Mayor of the City of Gardner, effective at **12:00 noon on Friday, January 8, 2027**.

This correspondence is intended to provide the City Council with advance notice of my planned departure so that it may begin preparing for the transition of municipal leadership and take any necessary steps consistent with the City Charter. My formal letter of resignation will be submitted separately at the appropriate time.

Pursuant to Section 32 of the City Charter, when a vacancy occurs in the Office of Mayor during the final twelve months of the term, the President of the City Council shall succeed to the Office of Mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term. As my anticipated resignation will occur during the final twelve months of the current mayoral term, this provision will govern the succession.

Accordingly, upon the effective date and time of my resignation, the President of the City Council will succeed to the Office of Mayor for the remainder of the term, which expires in January 2028. I am providing this advance notification to afford the City Council, City Clerk, and other appropriate municipal officials sufficient time to prepare for this transition and address any resulting organizational or administrative matters.

Between now and January 8, I intend to continue fulfilling the responsibilities of Mayor and working closely with the City Council, department heads, and municipal employees to ensure an orderly and seamless transition. My administration will cooperate fully in providing any information or assistance necessary to facilitate that process.

Serving as Mayor of the City of Gardner has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside the City Council in service to our community, and I look forward to continuing that relationship in my new role as State Representative.

Thank you for your continued service to the City of Gardner.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Nicholson
Mayor, City of Gardner