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Dana Ziemer Resigns Her Position on the Ridgefield City Council

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June 16, 2021 - Ridgefield City Councilmember Dana Ziemer is resigning her position effective June 30, 2021, due to her family's plans to move later in the summer. Councilor Ziemer submitted her resignation effective in June to create a smoother transition for City Council, since the City is already currently recruiting for a new Councilmember. The City will use the same process to appoint a replacement for her newly vacant position.

Councilor Ziemer moved to Ridgefield in 2011. Since then, she has extensively volunteered on many Ridgefield School District and City committees. She was elected to the Ridgefield City Council in 2020. Her focus on the Council has been advocating for Ridgefield kids, balanced growth, and providing a positive example for future women leaders in government. Councilor Ziemer also had a special interest in City Parks and the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge due to her wilderness experience and love of the outdoors. Her passion for youth and experience in the schools were a great asset to the Council when partnering with the Ridgefield School District.

When informed of the resignation, Mayor Don Stose said: "I want to thank Dana for her contributions to the Council, Ridgefield Schools and our Community. She brought a fresh and unique perspective to Council decisions and will be missed."

On Friday, June 11, 2021, the City of Ridgefield opened a process to recruit and select a new Councilmember due to former Councilor Sandra Day's resignation. The same process and timelines will be used to appoint a second Councilmember to fill Councilor Ziemer's vacant position. The goal is to swear-in two new Councilors at the July 22nd Council meeting. For more information on the appointment process: <https://ridgefieldwa.us/city-council-vacancy-june-2021/>