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COVINGTON WELCOMES NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Covington, Wash. – The City of Covington said goodbye to one community development director and welcomed a new one this week, as Community Development Director David Nemens resigned his position to pursue other opportunities.

Nemens came to Covington in 2006, not long after the city decided to separate the planning and building functions from the Public Works Department. He built the department and oversaw the Downtown Plan & Zoning Study, which marked a major shift in the city's approach to commercial development.

“David recruited an incredible staff that will provide top-notch service for years to come,” said City Manager Derek Matheson. “I am very grateful for his time here and wish him the best in the next phase of his career.”

Matheson has appointed Planning Manager Richard Hart as the new community development director. Hart joined the city in 2007 after eight years as community development director in Mercer Island. A native of Oklahoma, he was the director of planning and community development in Ardmore, Okla., for nine years before his move to Washington.

“Richard is a true leader in his profession,” said Matheson. “I have tremendous confidence in his ability to lead an outstanding community development team and help the Management Team implement the City Council's ambitious vision for community and economic development.”

The Community Development Department is responsible for long range and current planning, building plan review and inspection, permit services, and some economic development activities.

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