

Statement From Mayor and Council — Bar Nunn Police Department

For many years, the Town Council and I have heard the consistent request from our residents: to establish our own police department here in Bar Nunn. This has been a goal of the council for more than a decade, and today we are taking the next important step toward making that a reality.

We are announcing the hiring of an **Interim Police Chief**. This individual will not only guide us through the process of planning a future department but will also provide the expertise necessary to evaluate what it will take—financially and operationally—to establish a sustainable police department.

We chose to give this position the title of Interim Police Chief, rather than simply "consultant," because that title carries weight and credibility when working with outside agencies. Having a chief in place allows Bar Nunn to explore funding opportunities that are otherwise unavailable, and it ensures that conversations with state and federal agencies, as well as other municipalities, will be taken seriously. This distinction strengthens our ability to find grants, equipment assistance, and cooperative support.

We understand that one of the biggest concerns among our residents is cost. Hiring an Interim Police Chief is not the creation of a full department—it is a step toward gathering the information we need. His role is to research funding opportunities, explore equipment and staffing needs, and bring back a clear picture of the actual costs. Once we have this information, we will revisit our town budget to determine what is feasible and what timeline makes sense for our community.

We are extremely grateful for the support we have received from the Natrona County Sheriff's Office over the years. Their deputies have served Bar Nunn with professionalism and dedication, and we will continue to work closely with them. At the same time, we believe it is important for Bar Nunn to take proactive steps toward building its own department so our residents can have a dedicated level of protection and service.

The Town Council believes this is the right step forward, and we look forward to working together with our residents as we carefully and responsibly pursue the creation of a Bar Nunn Police Department.

Peter Boyer, Mayor

Dan Sabrøsky, Council

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Steven Clark, Council

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