



Statement from the City of Gaylord

Date: March 18, 2026

The City of Gaylord is aware of the serious concerns raised by our community regarding allegations involving Ward 2 Council Member Robert Wilson. We want to assure residents that we hear you, and we share your commitment to the safety and integrity of our community.

To ensure justice for the parties involved and to protect the integrity of the investigation, we are unable to comment on the specific allegations. The matter has been referred to the Michigan State Police and is under active investigation. No warrants have been issued and no arrests have been made to our knowledge.

We understand residents are asking what action the city can take. We want to be transparent about the process:

- The City Council must refer allegations against a council member to a committee for an investigation. City council may then act on the recommendation with formal charges. It is anticipated that council will make that referral at its upcoming meeting.
- Residents of Ward 2 have the right to initiate a recall petition. To do so, official forms must be obtained through the City Clerk's office. It is important to note that the Michigan Election Law requires the use of official forms of a particular size and font. A minimum of 140 verified signatures from Ward 2 residents is required.
- A council member may also voluntarily resign.
- The Michigan Constitution also provides that a council member may be removed from office by the Governor under certain circumstances, including a felony conviction.

We recognize this situation is deeply troubling, and we are committed to keeping our community informed as the process unfolds to the extent we are permitted by law. We ask for your patience as the appropriate legal authorities conduct their investigation.

For questions about the recall process, please contact the City Manager's office at 989-732-4060

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