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### **Mayor Emily Styron files lawsuit for judicial determination of authority under Zionsville Reorganization Resolution 2014-11**

Mayor Emily Styron filed a lawsuit yesterday seeking a judicial determination of the authority of the mayor to demote the chief of the Zionsville Fire Department. Specifically, the lawsuit is asking for clarity and delineation of the roles and authority of the mayor and the Town Council. Such an action to seek judicial determination is specifically authorized in the Zionsville Reorganization Resolution 2014-11.

“There is a fundamental disagreement between the executive branch and the legislative branch in Zionsville over the authority of the mayor to decide who should lead a Town department,” said Mayor Emily Styron. “I believe the result of this legal action will provide clarity to my administration and to all future mayors of Zionsville about whether or not a mayor has the ability to select their own leadership team to run town departments. There must be no ambiguity.”

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