OFFICE OF THE SPOKANE CITY ATTORNEY

TO: ETHICS COMMISSION

CC: RANDY MARLER, COMPLAINANT
WILLIAM GRUMMONS, RESPONDENT

FROM: MEGAN R. KAPAUN, STAFF DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: INITIAL REVIEW OF COMPLAINT AGAINST DEPUTY CHIEF WILLIAM GRUMMONS

DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2026

Under the authority of SMC 1.04B.150 and in my role as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Spokane, I have given preliminary review to the Ethics Complaint submitted by Randy Marler against Deputy Chief William Grummons.

The complaint met the requirement 1.04B.140 with respect to the complaint being submitted on the correct form and by alleging violations against Deputy Chief Grummons as a staff member in the City of Spokane who is subject to the Ethics Code. The complaint identified SMC 01.04B.050 (J) and (K) as the sections of the Code of Ethics that Deputy Chief Grummons is alleged to have violated. The complaint details that six Seattle Seahawks tickets were gifted to the Spokane Fire Department and alleges Deputy Chief Grummons improperly used his position to allocate the tickets for his personal benefit. The allegations made against Deputy Chief Grummons, if true, may be considered a violation of Sections J and K of SMC 1.04B.050 which address "Acceptance of Compensation, Gifts, Favors, Rewards, or Gratuity" and "Fair and Equitable Treatment".

Thus, it is my determination that:

1) Deputy Chief William Grummons is an employee of the City of Spokane to whom the City Code of Ethics does apply.

2) The allegations against Deputy Chief William Grummons set forth in the complaint by Randy Marler, if true, may be considered a violation of SMC 1.04B.050.

It is my opinion and recommendation that at the December 16, 2026, meeting of the Ethics Commission, the complaint against Deputy Chief Grummons be moved to investigation pursuant to SMC 1.04B.150(A)(3).

Megan R. Kapaun
Assistant City Attorney/Staff Director