



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Traci Leach, Deputy City Manager

Date: September 24, 2024

Reference: Consider approval of an Ordinance of the City of Coppell, Texas, appointing Alternate Municipal Judges of the Municipal Court of Record No. 1 of the City of Coppell; authorizing the City Manager to execute an engagement agreement.

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Introduction:

This item is presented for Council consideration and approval of an Ordinance to re-appoint all three current Municipal Court Alternate Judges for another two (2) year term, ending September 30, 2026. Hon. Kimberly Lafferty, Petere Graham, and Stephen Feil are currently serving as Alternate Judges. **There are no changes proposed to the new two-year agreements.**

Background:

Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances outlines the Council's responsibilities related to the Municipal Court. One of those duties is to appoint a Presiding Judge and any Alternate Judges to administer the work of the Court. Judges are appointed for a term of two years and must be licensed attorneys in good standing in Texas, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Texas, and have two or more years' experience in the practice of law in this state.

All current agreements are set to expire September 30, 2024. All of the sitting judges would like to serve another term.

Legal:

The City Attorney has reviewed the Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact:

Municipal Judge services are budgeted in the General Fund. The actual impact is dependent upon annual workload.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance to re-appoint Hon. Kimberly Lafferty, Peter Graham, and Stephen Feil as Alternate Municipal Judges for the Coppel Municipal Court of Record.