

ORDINANCE # __599__

An Ordinance modifying Title 3, Section 1 for the Town of Ashland City, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the Town of Ashland City in Ordinance 596 determined that it was in the best interest of the Town to abolish General Sessions jurisdiction and set forth that all new cases cited after October 1, 2022 would be cited to Cheatham County General Sessions.

WHEREAS, the Town further determined that all cases cited prior to October 1, 2022 would appear in front of the municipal Judge and that the Judge would continue with General Sessions jurisdiction until all of cases were adjudicated and the term of the probation had expired.

WHEREAS, the Town has determined after reviewing all active cases through the end of September 30, 2022 that the Court should be able to complete General Sessions jurisdiction on or before June 30, 2024 which will be at the end of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Town of Ashland City, Tennessee that Title 3, Chapter 1 shall be amended as follows by replacing 3-101 Section 2 and 3 in the entirety as follows:

CITY JUDGE

3-101

(2) Qualifications and term. Anyone serving as city judge shall be a licensed attorney in the State of Tennessee and a resident of the State of Tennessee for two (2) years. The Judge shall be twenty-five (25) years of age or older. However, up until June 30, 2024, the Judge shall also be a resident of Ashland City, TN.

(3) Jurisdiction and powers. (a) The city judge may impose fines, costs and forfeitures, and punish by fine for violation of city ordinances. (b) The judge may preserve and enforce order in the court and enforce the collection of all fines, costs and forfeitures imposed. Prior to the passage of this Ordinance, the Judge has had concurrent general sessions jurisdiction with Cheatham County General Sessions court. The Judge shall continue with concurrent General Sessions jurisdiction until June 30, 2024 in order to adjudicate all current matters. However, beginning October 1, 2022, all cases cited by the police department that are not municipal offenses shall be cited to Cheatham County General Sessions.

Date of effect. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

1st reading _____

2nd reading _____

Mayor

City Recorder