

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Kelly DiMartino, City Manager

SUBJECT

Resolution 2026-002 Directing Evaluation and Proposed Arrangements for Reorganizing the Administration of Municipal Court.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to consider a resolution to direct staff to evaluate and propose arrangements for reorganizing the administration of Municipal Court. The primary objective is to enhance operational efficiency and improve customer service by moving business operations under the City Manager's Office.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

With increasing service and technology demands of Municipal Court, there is a need for strategic realignment of the Municipal Court's administrative functions to better meet those demands and improve customer service.

While the City Manager's Office would oversee the logistical and financial "business" of the court, the Judge would retain autonomy over all legal rulings, sentencing decisions, and courtroom procedures. This model would provide the necessary administrative support to the Court while protecting the independence of the bench from executive interference.

Should this Resolution be adopted, staff would bring back necessary Code changes for Council's consideration to begin the process in Q1 2026.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 2026-002