

RESOLUTION 2024-088  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPOINTING LINDA COOKE AS AN ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL JUDGE  
OF THE FORT COLLINS MUNICIPAL COURT AND AUTHORIZING THE  
EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

A. Article VII of the City Charter provides that the City Council shall appoint the judge or judges of the Municipal Court for two-year terms.

B. The City Council has previously appointed Judge Brown, Judge Nieto and Judge Simchowitz as Assistant Municipal Judges.

C. Because the current Assistant Municipal Judges also have other work outside the City, there have still been multiple occasions where none of them were available to provide backup coverage for Chief Judge Jill Hueser.

D. Chief Judge Hueser is therefore recommending that the City Council appoint an additional Assistant Municipal Judge, Linda Cooke, as back-up for herself.

E. The City Council recognizes that Linda Cooke is a reputable and qualified attorney, who is licensed to practice law in the state of Colorado, and wishes to appoint Ms. Cooke to serve in such capacity on the recommendation of the Chief Judge.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. Linda Cooke is hereby appointed as Assistant Municipal Judge, for a term beginning July 1, 2024, *nunc pro tunc*, and ending June 30, 2026, to serve as Assistant Municipal Judge for the City as deemed necessary by the Chief Judge

Section 2. The compensation to be paid by the City to Ms. Cooke for serving in this capacity shall be at the rate of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per hour.

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an employment agreement between the City and Linda Cooke in a form consistent with Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted on July 2, 2024.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Effective Date: July 2, 2024  
Approving Attorney: Ingrid Decker