

RESOLUTION 2024-084
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
REAPPOINTING SARAH SIMCHOWITZ 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. On January 17, 2023, the City Council appointed Sarah Simchowitz as an Assistant Municipal Judge to back up Chief Judge Jill Hueser for a term beginning January 1, 2023, *nunc pro tunc*, and ending December 31, 2024.

C. Judge Simchowitz has served admirably, and the Chief Judge has recommended that City Council reappoint Judge Nieto for another two-year term. Although Judge Nieto's current term does not expire until December, the Chief Judge is requesting appointment of four new Assistant Judges by separate Resolutions, and recommends that the City Council reappoint the current Assistant Judges now so that all the Assistant Judges will be on the same schedule for possible future reappointment.

D. The City Council recognizes that Sarah Simchowitz is a reputable and qualified attorney and wishes to reappoint her 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. Sarah Simchowitz is hereby appointed Assistant Municipal Judge, for a term beginning July 1, 2024, *nunc pro tunc*, and ending June 30, 2026, to serve as an Assistant Municipal Judge for the City as deemed necessary by the Chief Judge

Section 2. The compensation to be paid by the City to Judge Simchowitz 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 in a form consistent with Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, between the City and Sarah Simchowitz to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted on July 2, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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