

7.01.001 Municipal Judge

- (a) Position created. There is hereby created the position of judge of the municipal court for the city.
- (b) Appointment. The position shall be filled by appointment, the appointment to be made by vote of the city council.
- (c) Removal. The judge may be removed, disciplined, or censured pursuant to section 1-a(6) of article V of the Texas Constitution.
- (d) Term. The term of office to be held by the judge so appointed shall be 2 years. If the judge is not reappointed by the 91st day following the expiration of a term of office, absent action by the appointing authority, the judge shall continue to serve for another term of office beginning on the date the previous term of office expired.
- (e) Qualifications. In order for a person to be eligible for appointment to the position of judge of the municipal court, he or she must:
 - (1) Be at least 21 years of age;
 - (2) Have a minimum of a high school or equivalent education;
 - (3) Be familiar with the duties of the office of the judge of the municipal court; and
 - (4) Not have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.
- (f) Powers and duties. The municipal judge:
 - (1) May exercise all the powers and duties vested in the office by the state;
 - (2) Shall hear all cases which may be filed in the municipal court and which shall be within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the court, as set forth in Texas Gov't. Code section 29.003, and any amendments thereto; and
 - (3) Shall supervise the municipal court clerk(s) appointed to assist with the business of the court, particularly concerning the implementation of court policies and procedures.

(1990 Code, ch. 7 sec. 4; Ordinance 214 adopted 1/6/88; 2007 Code, sec. 31.03; Ordinance 2019.06.10A, sec. 2, adopted 6/10/19)

State law references—Municipal court judges, V.T.C.A., Government Code, sec. 29.004 et seq.; term of municipal court judge, V.T.C.A., Government Code, sec. 29.005.

7.01.002 Associate Judge

- (a) Position created; appointment; term. The position of associate judge is hereby created. Such appointment shall be made by the city council at any time by vote of the city council. Such position shall be subject to the same term of years and qualifications as set forth for the municipal judge.
- (b) Duties. The associate judge of the municipal court shall hear all cases in conjunction with, in the absence of, or at any other time the municipal judge is unable to serve. Such cases shall be filed with the municipal court and within the exclusive jurisdiction of the court, as set forth in Texas Gov't. Code section 29.003, and any amendments thereto.
- (c) Compensation. The associate judge of the municipal court shall serve with compensation as determined by the city council, and shall not be eligible for any city reimbursements without the approval of the city administrator up to \$2500.

(Ordinance 543 adopted 2/5/15)

HISTORY

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