

Administrative Conformity of the Statement of Appointed Officer and the Oath of Office to Judges

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Summary

- Question
 - **Appoint Presiding Judge Lawrence G. Morales and Judge Leslie C. Kassahn.**
- Options
 - Recommended:
 1. Adopt resolution as presented.
 - Denial
 - Other
- Declaration
 - The City administer the Statement of Appointed Officer and the Oath of Office to the Judges.

Background

- According to the City's Code of Ordinances (Chapter 7, Section 7.01.003) the Judges are appointed by the City Council for a term of two years, coterminous with the Mayor
 - This would normally be done at the council meeting following the canvass of the election; with staff transitions, this was not done.
- Last appointed on June 7, 2022.
- Two your term ended 2024.
- New term will end 2026.

Background

- According to the Texas Government Code Sec. 29.005
 - A municipal court judge who is not reappointed by the 91st day following the expiration of a term of office shall, absent action by the appointing authority, continue to serve for another term of office beginning on the date the previous term of office expired.
- Both judges are already serving out their term; however, the staff thought it was appropriate to still address this item with the council.

Fiscal Impact

- \$37,510.00 budgeted for judicial services in the FY2025 budget
- Necessary judicial services continued at Leon Valley Municipal Court.

Recommendation

- Recommend approval.