

Section 7.08. Public Works Department. There will be established a public works department to administer, supervise and coordinate the construction and maintenance of the streets, parks, water/wastewater and thoroughfares, the drainage system, and all public property and equipment not the responsibility of another department. The department will have and be responsible for other duties, projects and works as provided by ordinance or assigned by the city manager. The director of public works will administer and manage the department. The director of such department is appointed and removed by the city manager. [Amended November 2020]

Section 7.09. City Attorney. There shall be a department and office of city attorney. The council appoints and removes a city attorney by majority vote. The city attorney shall be a competent and duly licensed attorney and shall have not less than five years experience practicing municipal law in Texas. The city attorney and any appointed associates shall be competent and duly licensed attorneys. He or she shall receive for his or her services such compensation as may be fixed by the council and shall advise the city on all legal matters and represent the city in all litigation and other legal matters. The city attorney may appoint assistant city attorneys, and the council may retain different or additional attorneys for specific matters when it deems same to be necessary. The city attorney shall be the legal advisor of the council and all offices and departments of the city.

Section 7.10. Municipal Court. ~~The department of the Municipal Court shall be established and maintained.~~ There shall be a court, designated as the “Municipal Court” of the City of Manor, for the trial of misdemeanor offenses, with all such powers and duties as are now, or may hereafter be, prescribed by laws of the State of Texas relative to municipal courts. The municipal court shall be organized and supervised as follows:

- a) ~~The presiding municipal judge and the associate judges shall be authorized by a majority of council and are appointed by the city manager.~~ **The City Manager shall appoint the Presiding Municipal Judge and any Associate Judges and recommend their compensation subject to Council approval. The Judges shall possess a current license in good standing with the State Bar of Texas.**
- b) ~~The presiding municipal judge and associate judges shall be compensated as recommended by the city manager and approved by the city council. The municipal judge is responsible for the supervision and management of the court.~~
- c) **The Presiding Municipal Judge and Associate Judges shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years and such term shall coincide with the term of the mayor. Any vacancy in the office of municipal judge by death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.**
- d) **The Presiding Municipal Judge and Associate judges shall each year meet the annual continuing education requirements of the state Government Code. (2003 Code, Sec. 7.106)**

e) The Presiding Municipal Judge and Associate judges, prior to taking office, shall take the oath of office required by the state constitution and state laws.

f) There shall be a ~~court clerk~~ Court Administrator who may be appointed and removed by the city manager. The Court Administrator is responsible for the supervision and management of the court. The Court Administrator shall have the power to administer oaths and affidavits, make certificates, affix the seal of the court thereto, and otherwise perform any and all acts necessary in issuing process for such court and conducting the business thereof.

g) There shall be such deputy clerks of the Municipal Court as may be authorized by the city manager, who shall have the authority to act for and on behalf of the Court Administrator of the municipal court, and who shall be appointed by the Court Administrator of the municipal court.

h) All costs, fees, special expenses and fines imposed by the municipal court shall be paid into the city treasury for the use and benefit of the city, except as required by state law.