

Date: June 2, 2022

Honorable Mayor & City Council,

Municipal court continues to be an integral part of the City of Port Lavaca in which our citizens are provided a user-friendly avenue for payment on assessed fines or to challenge citations and complaints whether they are city ordinance related or Class C misdemeanors. Since my appointment, nothing can prepare one for the ever-changing state laws that governs and scrutinize the Municipal Courts across the state of Texas. The COVID-19 pandemic along new state legislative mandates has touched our municipal courts and judges statewide, consequently, our municipal staff team addressed these new challenges as they occurred. The past citywide cyber-attack is a prime example of our municipal court staff team successfully addressing unforeseen and difficult challenges.

During the past six years, as Municipal Court Judge along with the Municipal Court staff team, a strategic focus has been shared to the following four primary areas:

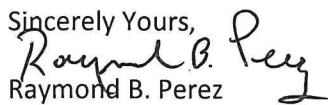
- ❖ ***First and foremost: Maintain a respectful and transparent environment that preserves the dignity of individuals that are present before our municipal court***
- ❖ *Ensured a nonbiased perception between Municipal Court Judge and law enforcement, city staff and the city appointed state prosecutor*
- ❖ *Ensured related court procedures are adhered, to preserve a comprehensive sound judgment*
- ❖ *Ensured alignment of the Municipal Court Judge's role as set forth in our city charter*

As for the next two years we will continue to maintain the four focus areas above, but will include the following areas:

- *Continue with the state mandate of Municipal Court Room Security Committee to:*
  - *Ensure court room security policies are aligned with state law*
  - *Court room security assessment is performed to provide adequate security*
  - *Assess Municipal court staff office to ensure security measures meet state law*
- *Continue to improve and maintain municipal court transparency utilizing the city website*
- *Continue to manage state legislative mandates that are continually changing*
- *Ensure that outstanding warrants are resolved according to state law*

Honorable Mayor and City Council, I consider this opportunity an honor and privilege to serve our city's Municipal Court as Presiding Judge. If we share alignment with these focus areas listed above, I would like to ask for your consideration for my reappointment request to continue fulfilling the role of Municipal Court Judge for the City of Port Lavaca, Texas at the next regular council meeting slated for June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please free feel to contact me if you have any concerns or questions about this reappointment request. I will always remain,

Sincerely Yours,



Raymond B. Perez  
Presiding Judge