



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 25-25 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I (“Government Code”), Chapter 130 (“Municipal Court”), Article 130-I (“Municipal Court General Provisions”), Sections 130.030 (“Selection Of Judge”), 130.040 (“Term Of Office”) and 130.050 (“Vacation Of Office”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.

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Issue Statement

To amend city code regarding appointment and term of office for Municipal Judges.

Discussion and/or Analysis

Section 130.030 proposed amendments seek to clarify that the Mayor's appointing authority with respect to a Presiding Judge is the same as his authority to appoint all of the City's Municipal Judges, and to remove the establishment of judicial salary by resolution, consistent with current practice.

Section 130.040 was revised to change the term of office to 1 year, at which the employment contract is reviewed, amended if needed, and renewed for an additional term. It also clarifies that the Mayor shall make an appointment to fill a vacancy within an active term with the consent and majority approval of Council.

Finally, the Section 130.050 proposed amendments specify some additional grounds requiring the vacation of office, including the termination of the judicial contract pursuant to the contract terms, as cross-referenced in Section 130.040.

Recommended Action

Staff requests approval.