



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 26-28 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending City Code § 130.040 to Provide a Minimum Two-Year Municipal-Judge Term; Approving and Authorizing the Reappointment of David Doran; and Approving an Agreement for Reappointment, Renewal, and Amendment.

Submitted By: Justin T. Rogers, City Attorney

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Issue Statement

To amend City Code § 130.040 to establish a minimum two-year term for municipal judges, approve David Doran's reappointment, authorize the Mayor to complete the reappointment of Doran as Presiding Municipal Court Judge, and approve the related agreement.

Discussion and/or Analysis

State law requires each municipal judge to be appointed for at least two years, but City Code § 130.040 provides a one-year term. The ordinance corrects the Code for appointments, reappointments, and successors.

The Charter authorizes the Mayor to appoint the Municipal Judge with the consent of a majority of the entire City Council. The ordinance gives that consent, authorizes the Mayor to reappoint Doran and designate him as Presiding Municipal Court Judge, and approves the agreement.

The agreement establishes a fixed two-year term, incorporates the prior agreement with limited amendments, and provides \$500 per docket, subject to 78 dockets and \$39,000 annually. The Mayor may approve non-material changes reviewed by the City Attorney; material changes require further Council approval.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.