

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.

WHEREAS, the City of Republic, Missouri (“City” or “Republic”) is a municipal corporation and charter city located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, City Charter § 4.4(g) and City Code § 130.030 authorize the Mayor, with the advice and consent of a majority of the entire City Council, to appoint the Municipal Judge, and City Code § 130.030 authorizes the Mayor to designate the Presiding Judge; and

WHEREAS, City Code § 130.040 provides a one-year term, but § 479.020.1, RSMo, requires each municipal judge to be selected for a term of at least two years; and

WHEREAS, David Doran’s reappointment as Municipal Judge and an Agreement for Reappointment, Renewal, and Amendment (“Agreement”) have been submitted to the City Council for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings of the City Council and are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

Section 2: City Code § 130.040 is amended to read as follows:

130.040 Term Of Office.

The Municipal Judge shall serve a term of not less than two (2) years under a written agreement, approved by a majority of the entire City Council and duly executed by the City and the Municipal Judge. At the conclusion of such term, the Mayor may appoint or reappoint a Municipal Judge for a new term of not less than two (2) years, subject to the consent and approval of a majority of the entire City Council. If for any reason the Municipal Judge vacates office during the term, a successor shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent and approval of a majority of the entire City Council, to serve a term of not less than two (2) years. The selection shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 130.030 of this Chapter.

Section 3: The City Council approves and gives its advice and consent to David Doran’s reappointment as Municipal Judge for the term stated in the Agreement. The Mayor is authorized to make the reappointment and designate Doran as Presiding Municipal Court Judge. The reappointment shall take effect on the Agreement’s Effective Date.

Section 4: The City Council approves the Agreement, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A, and authorizes the Mayor to finalize and execute it on behalf of the City with any non-material changes agreed to by Doran and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the City Attorney. Any material change requires further City Council approval.

- Section 5:** The City Council finds that Doran remained in office after July 15, 2026, by operation of § 105.010, RSMo. Approval of the reappointment and Agreement under this Ordinance is prospective only and does not create or alter contractual rights or obligations for services performed before the Agreement's Effective Date.
- Section 6:** The City Clerk is directed to cause the amendment to City Code § 130.040 set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance to be codified in the Municipal Code of the City of Republic. No other provisions of Title I, Chapter 130, or any other City Code provisions are amended by this Ordinance.
- Section 7:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed solely to the extent of such conflict and no further. This Ordinance shall not be construed to repeal any provision of the City Code except as expressly set forth in Section 2.
- Section 8:** If any clause, word, paragraph, section, or other portion of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section 9:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, including approval by operation of the Charter.

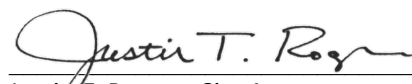
PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this 22nd day of September, 2026.

Eric Franklin, Mayor

Attest:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:


Justin T. Rogers, City Attorney 08/20/2026

Final Passage and Vote: