

Council Agenda Bill

AB Number

AB25-109

Agenda Bill Information

Title *

Appointment of Municipal Court Judge

Action *

Motion

Council Agenda Section

Committee Report

Council Meeting Date *

11/24/2025

Staff Member

Deana Dean

Department *

Administration

Committee

Finance and Administration

Committee Date

11/18/2025

Exhibits

Packet Attachments - If any

x1 Oath of Office - Judge Stewart 2022-2025.pdf

476.36KB

x2 Issaquah AB 9076.pdf

310.74KB

Summary

Introduction *

Brief summary.

This agenda bill requests City Council confirmation of the appointment of N. Scott Stewart as Judge of the Snoqualmie Municipal Court.

Proposed Motion

Move to confirm the appointment of Judge Stewart as Snoqualmie's Municipal Court Judge with appointment expiring December 31, 2029.

Background/Overview *

What was done (legislative history, previous actions, ability to hyperlink)

The City of Snoqualmie contracts with the City of Issaquah for Municipal Court Services. RCW 3.50.055 allows for appointment without an election as long as the position continues as less than full-time equivalent. Judge Stewart has served as Issaquah's Municipal Court Judge since 2007 and his current appointment expires December 31, 2025. The Issaquah City Council confirmed the next four year appointment at their regular meeting on October 20, 2025. Each agency that contracts for Issaquah Municipal Court Services is also required to confirm the appointment and administer an Oath of Office.

Snoqualmie has by Ordinance No. 999 created a municipal court pursuant to RCW 3.50. Per the current Interlocal Agreement for Court Services and Facilities, the Mayor of Snoqualmie appoints, and the Snoqualmie City Council confirms, the currently appointed judge of the Issaquah Municipal Court as judge of the Snoqualmie Municipal Court. The Snoqualmie Municipal Court has jurisdiction as provided in RCW 3.50.020. A case filed in Issaquah Municipal Court is a Snoqualmie Municipal Court case, notwithstanding its filing in the Issaquah Municipal Court.

Under the terms of the Interlocal Agreement for Court Services, Issaquah appoints a qualified judge (or judge pro tem) who presides over and hears Snoqualmie municipal cases. The Snoqualmie City Administrator may provide input to the Issaquah City Administrator in connection with the selection or reappointment of any municipal judge, provided, the final decision on appointment or reappointment is made by Issaquah. All personnel of the Issaquah Municipal Court, including the Judge, are employees of Issaquah.

Analysis *

Judge Stewart was previously confirmed by Snoqualmie City Council at the November 22, 2021 regular meeting and the Oath of Office was administered on December 28, 2021.

Following Council confirmation, the City Clerk will schedule an appointment with Judge Stewart prior to year end to administer the Oath.

Budgetary Status *

This action has no budgetary implications.

Budget Summary

The City's ILA with the City of Issaquah for court services establishes fees and requires that Snoqualmie's Mayor and City Council confirms judge appointments. The fees listed within the ILA, which expires December 31, 2026, are updated based on the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue CPI-W and not on judge compensation. The confirmation of Judge Stewart is not expected to affect City expenditures.