

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ANDREW T. BRADSHAW ,  
RAQUEL D. BROWN, LAURA E. GANOZA, SIMON C.  
GONZALEZ, MELANIE A. HOUSTON, THADDEUS A.  
IWUJI, KAREN B. WILLIAMS, CLAUDIA A. MARTINEZ,  
JOSEPH F. HENDERSON AND PATRICIA L. SUMMERS AS  
MUNICIPAL JUDGES FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM  
COMMENCING APRIL 1, 2026 AND ENDING MARCH 31,  
2028 OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS QUALIFIED AND  
APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW;  
PROVIDING THAT ALL PERSONS PRESENTLY  
HOLDING AN APPOINTED POSITION AS A MUNICIPAL  
JUDGE BUT WHO ARE NOT LISTED IN THE ORDINANCE  
ARE NOT REAPPOINTED; APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW  
T. BRADSHAW AS DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE;  
APPOINTMENT OF SIMON G. GONZALEZ AS CHIEF  
JUDGE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE  
CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE;  
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH,**

**TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.**

That, the following individuals are now appointed as Municipal Judges for a two-year term commencing April 1, 2026 and ending March 31, 2028, or until a successor is qualified and appointed in accordance with state law:

Municipal Court Judge Place 1:	Simon C. Gonzalez;
Municipal Court Judge Place 2:	Laura E. Ganoza;
Municipal Court Judge Place 3:	Patricia L. Summers;
Municipal Court Judge Place 4:	Andrew T. Bradshaw;
Municipal Court Judge Place 5:	Raquel D. Brown;
Municipal Court Judge Place 6:	Melanie A. Houston;
Municipal Court Judge Place 7:	Claudia A. Martinez;
Municipal Court Judge Place 8:	Joseph F. Henderson;

Municipal Court Judge Place 9: Karen B. Williams;  
Municipal Court Judge Place 10: Thaddeus A. Iwuji.

Any individual presently holding an appointed position as a judge, but who is not listed in this ordinance as being appointed to a place, is not reappointed to their office. Appointment to a place does not mean appointment to a specific court or division. Assignment to a court remains within the authority of the Chief Judge as authorized by Section 10-3 of Chapter 10, Courts of the Fort Worth City Code.

## **SECTION 2.**

That Simon C. Gonzalez be appointed as Chief Judge and that Andrew T. Bradshaw be appointed as Deputy Chief Judge.

## **SECTION 3.**

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the Code of the City of Fort Worth, Texas (2015), as amended, except where provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and Code, in which event such conflicting provisions of such ordinances and Code are hereby repealed.

## **SECTION 4.**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared void, ineffective or unconstitutional by the valid judgment or final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such ineffectiveness or unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without

the incorporation herein of any such void, ineffective or unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**SECTION 5.**

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gavin Midgley, Assistant City Attorney II

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_