

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****March 7, 2023**

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**SUBJECT: REAPPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE JUDGES**

The purpose of this Informal Report is to share with the Mayor and Council the recommendations of Chief Judge Danny Rodgers for the reappointment of Municipal Court Substitute Judges.

Fort Worth Municipal Court Substitute Judges are appointed to two-year terms with the current terms expiring on March 31, 2023.

- Chapter 30 of the Texas Government Code (the Uniform Municipal Courts of Record Act) sets out the requirements for appointment of judges for Municipal Courts of Record. Section 30.00008 of the Texas Government Code (the Uniform Municipal Courts of Record Act) states that the governing body of a municipality may appoint one or more qualified persons to be available to serve for a Municipal Judge who is temporarily absent due to illness, family death, continuing legal or judicial education programs or any other reason. The presiding judge shall select one of the qualified persons appointed by the governing body to serve during the absence of a Municipal Judge. The Substitute Judge, while serving as a Municipal Judge, has all the powers and shall discharge all the duties of a Municipal Judge.
- Section 10-3 of the City of Fort Worth Code of Ordinances provides in pertinent part that:
  - The appointment or reappointment of substitute judges shall be for a term of two years from the date of their appointment or reappointment and shall be initiated upon recommendations of the chief judge.

Chief Judge Danny Rodgers recommends the reappointment of Thelma Anderson, Meng-Chi Ballard, Kim Marie Catalano, Laura E. Ganoza, Faye R. Harden, Joseph Henderson, and Terry Reeves as Substitute Municipal Judges for a two-year term commencing April 1, 2023, and ending on March 31, 2025. Chief Judge Rodgers is also recommending that compensation for Substitute Municipal Judges be \$50.00 per hour worked.

Resumes for all of the recommended Substitute Municipal Judges are attached.

For questions regarding this information, please contact Chief Judge Danny Rodgers, at 817.392.6717.

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