

Item No. 36  
March 8, 2018

Initiated by: Council Judicial Committee

**ORDINANCE NO. 20180308-036**

**AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE PRESIDING JUDGE, ASSOCIATE JUDGES, INCLUDING THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT JUDGE, AND SUBSTITUTE JUDGES TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR THE TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021; ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** The council appoints Sherry Statman as the presiding judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Austin for the term beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2021.

**PART 2.** The council appoints the following individuals as associate judges of the Municipal Court of the City of Austin for the term beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2021:

Michael Coffey

Mitchell Solomon

Barbara Garcia

George Thomas

Alfred Jenkins

Steven Vigorito

Patrick McNelis

**PART 3.** The council appoints associate judge Michael Coffey to serve as the judge of the Downtown Austin Community Court.

**PART 4.** The council designates associate judge Patrick McNelis as the overnight magistrate judge at the Travis County Central Booking Facility.

**PART 5.** The council appoints the following individuals as substitute judges for the Municipal Court of the City of Austin for the term beginning January 1, 2018, and ending on December 31, 2021:

Ferdinand Clervi

Ronald Meyerson

Kelly Evans

Evelyn McKee

Belinda Herrera

Ryan Kellus Turner

Tanisa Jeffers

Kenneth Vitucci

Stanley Kerr

John Yeager

**PART 6.** For the term beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2021, the council does not appoint to the Municipal Court of the City of Austin any person not specifically named in this ordinance.

**PART 7.** Compensation for the presiding judge is [\$5,784.00] per pay period, annualized to [\$150,384.00] per year, paid in accord with normal city payroll practices.

**PART 8.** Compensation for an associate judge, including the judge of the Downtown Austin Community Court and the overnight magistrate for the Travis County Central Booking Facility, is [\$5,016.80] per pay period, annualized to [\$130,436.80] per year, paid in accord with normal city payroll practices.

**PART 9.** Compensation for a substitute judge is [\$60.13] per hour, paid in accord with normal city payroll practices. [Provided that compensation for substitute judge Evelyn McKee is \$66.73 per hour, and compensation for substitute judge Ronald Meyerson is \$62.71 per hour.]

**PART 10.** Compensation for the presiding judge, associate judges, and substitute judges during the term beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2021, is subject to adjustment as provided in Ordinance No. 20101028-047.

**PART 11.** The presiding judge and associate judges shall receive the following benefits:

- (A) Participation in the City of Austin Employees' Retirement System on terms applicable to full time, exempt City employees.
- (B) Participation in those group benefits plans and programs set forth in Chapter A, Section III.B of the City of Austin Personnel Policies under the terms and conditions applicable to full time, exempt employees of the City;

- (C) Accrual of 7.67 hours of paid vacation leave per period (24 pay periods per year) with a maximum accumulation of 400 hours;
- (D) If eligible, service incentive pay in the same amount and under the same conditions as full time, exempt employees of the city who are not covered under a state civil service system.

**PART 12.** The term "vacation leave" in Part 11 has the same meaning given to that term in Part A of the City of Austin Personnel Policies.

**PART 13.** Part 11 of this ordinance does not apply to substitute judges. Substitute judges may purchase medical and dental healthcare coverage through the city's group healthcare program. The city shall not subsidize medical or dental insurance premiums for substitute judges.

**PART 14.** A substitute judge shall serve only as scheduled by the presiding judge.

**PART 15.** The council finds that the need to appoint judges to the Municipal Court of the City of Austin constitutes an emergency. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

**PASSED AND APPROVED:**

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<u>March 8</u> , 2018	§	<u>Steve Adler</u> Mayor

**APPROVED:** Anne L. Morgan  
City Attorney

**ATTEST:** Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk