



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2399, **Agenda Item #:** 95.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance revising the compensation package for municipal court judges.

Lead Department

Municipal Court.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$40,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Municipal Court Department's Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

December 9, 2021 - Council approved Resolution No. 20211209-067 on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Fuentes' second on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

On April 24, 2023, Presiding Judge, Sherry Statman, briefed the Public Safety Committee requesting an increase of substitute judicial salaries to be equivalent to those of full-time associate judges. The substitute judges perform the same duties as associate judges and, historically, they have been compensated at the same rate. Judge Statman also requested a stipend for each hour worked as a magistrate at the Travis County Central Booking Facility due to the complexity of the work, location, and 24/7 staffing requirement. This item was sponsored by Mayor Kirk Watson and Council Member José "Chito" Vela.

The Municipal Court worked with the Law Department to amend the existing judicial appointment ordinance to include the new salary provisions.