

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance appointing certain persons as full-time and associate (part-time) municipal judges for a two-year term ending May 31, 2028; designating an administrative municipal judge; establishing the annual salaries for the administrative municipal judge, the municipal judges, and the associate municipal judges; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, Chapters 29 and 30 of the Texas Government Code and Chapter VII of the Dallas City Charter provide that the municipal court of record be presided over by municipal court judges; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas City Charter provides that the city council shall appoint the municipal court judges and designate the administrative judge biennially in May of each even-numbered year to serve a two-year term; and

WHEREAS, as required by Section 13-5.2(d) of the Dallas City Code, on May 12, 2026, the Judicial Nominating Commission recommended to the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee 15 nominees for 10 full-time municipal judge vacancies and 26 nominees for 18 associate (part-time) municipal judge vacancies; and

WHEREAS, as required by Section 13-5.2(g) of the Dallas City Code, on May 12, 2026, the Judicial Nominating Commission recommended to the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee three nominees for the administrative municipal judge vacancy; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2026, the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee met to discuss and finalize its list of nominees for the position of full-time and associate (part-time) municipal judge vacancies and administrative municipal judge vacancy to the city council for consideration at its May 27, 2026, meeting; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2026, the city council, at its regularly scheduled meeting, considered the full-time and associate (part-time) municipal judge nominees, and administrative municipal judge nominees; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the following 10 persons are appointed as full-time municipal judges for the City of Dallas municipal court of record for a two-year term ending May 31, 2028:

Demetrius Blacklock
Julie Clancy
Desmond Cooks
Tonya Goffney
Amy Gray
Kristen Kramer
Mark Murrell
Preston Robinson, Jr.
Amar Thakrar
Marcia Tillman

SECTION 2. That the following 16 persons are appointed as associate (part-time) municipal judges for the City of Dallas municipal court of record for the two-year term ending May 31, 2028:

Helen Arizo
Melodee Armstrong
Kevin Brooks
Lana Byrne
Ashlei Gradney
Christina Jump
Erane LaSusa
Erik McClalland
Daniel McDonald
Ashley Moreno

Stephanie Neal
Alan Rich
Lynn Richardson
Darice Shaw
Sandra White
Jamie Young

SECTION 3. That Preston Robinson, Jr. is hereby designated administrative municipal judge for the City of Dallas municipal court of record for the two-year term ending May 31, 2028.

SECTION 4. That the salary is \$164,759 per year for the administrative judge, \$148,814 for full-time municipal judges, \$70.26 per hour for associate municipal judges with two or more years of judicial experience, and \$58.76 per hour for associate municipal judges with less than two years of judicial experience, in each case the salary to include such adjustments in salaries and number of paid working days and furlough days as are designated by the City of Dallas as to its salaried non-uniformed employees generally.

SECTION 5. That it is the intent of the city council that the judicial appointments set forth in this ordinance are severable, and if any appointment is declared invalid by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining judicial appointments, since the same would have been approved by the city council without the invalid appointment.

SECTION 6. Any current municipal court judge who is not reappointed pursuant to this Ordinance shall no longer be a municipal court judge on the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. That this ordinance shall take effect on immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BERTRAM A. VANDENBERG, Interim City Attorney

By _____
Assistant City Attorney

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