



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Municipal Court Advisory Committee

DEPARTMENT: Municipal Courts

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Carla Obledo

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Municipal Court Presiding Judge Appointment Process

SUMMARY:

The Municipal Court Advisory Committee will meet to discuss and may take action on recommendation to reappoint the Municipal Court Presiding Judge.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The San Antonio Municipal Courts have jurisdiction over Class C misdemeanor criminal cases. There are ten municipal court judges and one presiding judge. The presiding judge is selected by the City Council from the existing judges, to serve a two-year term, ending April 30 of odd-numbered years. The judge must have United States citizenship, be a licensed attorney in good standing, with two or more years of experience practicing law in Texas, and have three or more years of residency in the City of San Antonio immediately preceding their appointment date.

The presiding judge is responsible for the administrative oversight of the Municipal Court Judges, establishes their work schedule and maintains a central docket for municipal court cases, in addition to other duties set out in the City Code Chapter 20, and Texas Government Code Chapter 30.

ISSUE:

The Presiding Judge of the San Antonio Municipal Courts is appointed by City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

ALTERNATIVES:

None. This item is for discussion and possible action on recommendation to reappoint the Municipal Court Presiding Judge

RECOMMENDATION:

Consideration and possible action on the reappointment of the Presiding Judge for the remainder of an unexpired term ending April 30, 2023.