



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Denton Municipal Judge's Office

DCM/ICM: C. Tyler Atkinson, Denton Municipal Judge

DATE: December 16, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, authorizing contracts setting the terms for each of the five Assistant Judges appointed on November 18, 2025, for the City of Denton Municipal Court of Record for a two (2) year term beginning December 31, 2025, and ending December 30, 2027; authorizing the Mayor to execute said contracts; authorizing the expenditure of funds; and declaring an effective date.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the Denton Code of Ordinances (Sec. 19-36), Assistant Judges are appointed in odd-numbered years for two (2) year terms while the Presiding Judge is appointed in even-numbered years.

Since February of 1996, Council has appointed Assistant Judges to assist the Presiding Judge with the weekly operations of the Court including coverage of any dockets and other judicial/ magisterial duties that must be performed in the absence or illness of the Presiding Judge. While Assistant Judges could be called upon to perform duties when necessary, Assistant Judges are not guaranteed any minimum number of hours.

Starting in October 2021, the Court implemented evening arraignments for individuals detained in the city's jail facility. Our Assistant Judges have the primary responsibility for conducting these arraignments. This expanded service has been implemented using existing budgeted funds.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Safe, Livable & Family-Friendly Community
Related Goal: 4.1 Enhance public safety in the community

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Ordinance

Exhibit 3 – Assistant Judges Contracts

Respectfully submitted:

C. Tyler Atkinson

Presiding Municipal Judge Denton Municipal Court