

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON, APPOINTING AN INTERIM MUNICIPAL JUDGE TO SERVE AS THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF DENTON FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT TERM ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; APPROVING AN AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIAL FORM SETTING THE COMPENSATION AND TERMS FOR THE INTERIM PRESIDING JUDGE WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MAY 18, 2026 AND ENDING DATE OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Municipal Presiding Judge Tyler Atkinson's last day of employment with the City of Denton is May 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appoint an interim Municipal Court Judge to serve as the Presiding Judge to take effect on May 18, 2026 at 12:01 a.m. with said interim term to end on September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Burkett, currently serves the City of Denton as an Assistant Judge at the City of Denton Municipal Court and requests consideration for appointment as the Interim Municipal Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this Ordinance is in the public interest; NOW, THEREFORE;

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Cynthia Burkett is hereby appointed Interim Municipal Judge of the City of Denton effective at 12:01 a.m. on May 18, 2026, and she will serve at the pleasure of the City Council for the remainder of the current term ending on September 30, 2026. During Cynthia Burkett's service as Interim Municipal Court Judge, she shall serve as an independent contractor and receive compensation based on an annualized salary of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars and no/100 (\$170,000.00) (which equates to approximately Three Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Nine Dollars and 00/100 (\$3269) per week), effective on the above-referenced date.

Section 3. This Ordinance upon its passage shall effectively terminate Cynthia Burkett's current employment contract with the City of Denton as an Assistant Judge.

Section 4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Denton the Municipal Court Interim Presiding Judge Compensation Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this Ordinance was made by [_____] and seconded by [_____].

This Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote [__ - __ - __]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Gerard Hudspeth:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brian Beck, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
INGRID REX, CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: _____