

## R E S O L U T I O N

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN AD HOC JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDING TO CITY COUNCIL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDING MUNICIPAL JUDGE.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Presiding Municipal Judge (Presiding Judge) of the Thornton Municipal Court is currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Section 14-1(b)(2), in the event of a vacancy in the office of Presiding Judge, City Council must appoint an ad hoc judicial nominating committee (Committee) consisting of at least an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado, a non-attorney residing within the City, and the Chief Judge of the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District or the Chief Judge's designee, which designee must be a judge presiding in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Committee shall be to review applications and references presented from applicants for the position of Presiding Judge, conduct oral interviews of qualified applicants, and submit to City Council the names of three qualified applicants, or if there are fewer than three qualified applicants, the name of each qualified applicant, along with their applications; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall promulgate necessary rules governing its procedure; and

WHEREAS, this resolution establishes the Committee, appoints the Committee's members, and sets forth the purpose and minimum duties of the Committee.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. City Council hereby establishes the ad hoc judicial nominating committee and appoints the following individuals to serve on the Committee:
  - a. The Honorable Donald S. Quick, Chief Judge of the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District;
  - b. Stephanie Sickler, Esq., an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado;
  - c. Todd Fredrickson, Esq., an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado;
  - d. Mary Payne, a resident of the City;
  - e. Rahem Mulatu, a resident of the City; and
  - f. Sandra Wolfe, a resident of the City.
2. The Committee shall fulfill the following minimum duties:
  - a. Review applications and references for the position of Presiding Judge;

- b. Conduct oral interviews of qualified candidates; and
  - c. Submit to City Council the names of three qualified applicants, or if there are fewer than three qualified applicants, the name of each qualified applicant, along with their applications.
3. The Committee may, but is not required to, take the following actions:
  - a. Designate an order of preference in the names of the qualified applicants submitted to City Council in accordance with Section 2(c) of this resolution; and
  - b. Submit a written communication to City Council to assist City Council in the selection process.
4. The Committee shall promulgate necessary rules governing its procedure, which shall include, at a minimum, rules governing the duties set forth in Section 2 of the resolution.
5. The City Manager shall provide any municipal facilities and City staff reasonably required to achieve the duties of the Committee.
6. The Committee shall remain in existence and serve City Council until such time as City Council determines that the Committee has completed its duties or that no further Committee review or recommendations are necessary.
7. The Committee shall serve only in the capacity of an advisory body to City Council, and nothing in this resolution is intended, nor shall it be construed, to abridge the authority possessed by City Council, which retains the sole discretion to appoint the Presiding Judge.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Thornton, Colorado, on September 28, 2021.

CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO

  
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Jan Kulmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kristen N. Rosenbaum, City Clerk