

## Staff Report

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**THROUGH:** Steve Powers, City Manager  
**FROM:** Jane Aiken, Municipal Court Judge

**SUBJECT:**

Reappointment of Noel Grefenson as Municipal Judge Pro Tempore

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

**ISSUE:**

Shall the City Council reappoint Noel Grefenson as a Municipal Judge Pro Tempore for the Salem Municipal Court for a two-year term?

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Reappoint Noel Grefenson as a Municipal Judge Pro Tempore for the Salem Municipal Court for a two-year term.

**SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:**

Jane Aiken, Municipal Judge, is recommending the reappointment of Noel Grefenson as a municipal judge pro tempore for a term of two years.

Chapter V, Section 24 (7), of the 1996 Salem Charter, authorizes the City Council, upon recommendation of the municipal judge, to appoint municipal judges pro tempore.

Salem Revised Code (SRC) 4.015(b) sets forth the qualifications of municipal judges pro tempore. SRC 4.015(b) states that no person shall be eligible for appointment as municipal judge pro tempore unless the person is at least 21 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and an active member in good standing of the Oregon State Bar.

SRC 4.020(b) provides for the term of office for a municipal judge pro tempore. It states that a

municipal judge pro tempore shall serve a term not to exceed two years and that the length of the term shall be recommended by the municipal judge and set by the City Council at the time of appointment.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

Noel Grefenson has served in the Salem Municipal Court as Pro Tempore Judge since 1996 and continues in that capacity to present day. The Honorable Noel Grefenson is experienced and meets the qualifications for a municipal judge pro tempore as set forth in the SRC. He is being recommended for appointment for a term of two years.

Deborah E. Ingledew  
Court Operations Division Manager

**Attachments:**

1. Noel Grefenson Resume

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