



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Kristin Retherford, Interim City Manager

FROM: Jane Aiken, Municipal Judge

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Eleanor Beatty as Municipal Judge Pro Tempore

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Safe Community

SUMMARY:

Judge Aiken, Municipal Judge is recommending the appointment of Eleanor Beatty as a municipal judge pro tempore for a term ending on, and including, January 2, 2023. Eleanor Beatty is experienced and meets the qualifications for municipal judge pro tempore in the Salem Revised Code. Council approval will appoint Eleanor Beatty as municipal judge pro tempore for a term ending on, and including, January 2, 2023.

ISSUE:

Shall the City Council appoint Eleanor Beatty as a municipal judge pro tempore for the Salem Municipal Court for a term ending on, and including, January 2, 2023?

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Eleanor Beatty as a municipal judge pro tempore for the Salem Municipal Court for a term ending on, and including, January 2, 2023.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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 the qualifications of municipal judges pro tempore. SRC 4.020(b) provides for the term of the office for a municipal judge pro tempore. 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 City Council for the time of the appointment.

Appointment of Eleanor Beatty will have no budgetary impact as the hours are already included in the Municipal Court budget.

BACKGROUND:

Eleanor Beatty has served as a Court Appointed Attorney in Salem Municipal Court since 2011. In May 2022, Ms. Beatty ran unopposed in the primary election and is the municipal judge nominee on the upcoming November 2022 ballot. It is anticipated that Ms. Beatty will be elected to the position of municipal judge for the Salem Municipal Court beginning her term January 3, 2023.

Deborah Ingledew
Court Administrator

Attachments:

1. Eleanor Beatty Resume