

1 **BILL NO. 2021-27**

2 **ORDINANCE NO. _____**

3 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LVMC CHAPTER 2.26 TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING
4 SENIOR MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

5 Sponsored by: Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman

Summary: Amends LVMC Chapter 2.26 to
6 establish provisions regarding senior municipal
7 court judges.

8 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS
9 FOLLOWS:

10 SECTION 1: Title 2, Chapter 26, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada,
11 1983 Edition, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section designated as Section 45, reading as
12 follows:

13 **2.26.045:** (A) Senior Municipal Court Judges may serve as judges in the Municipal Court. In order
14 to qualify for service as a Senior Municipal Court Judge, a judge must have demonstrated proficiency by
15 qualifying as a Senior Municipal Judge under Nevada Supreme Court Rule 12, which requires service for at
16 least four consecutive years as a municipal judge and approval to serve as a Senior Municipal Court Judge
17 by the Nevada Administrative Office of the Courts. Each such judge shall have the same powers and
18 responsibilities as a Municipal Court Judge and may serve or be utilized in any manner consistent with
19 Supreme Court Rule 12. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, one or more Senior
20 Municipal Court Judges may:

(1) Serve in the same manner as an Alternate Judge described in LVMC
21 2.26.040 when a sitting judge is sick, on vacation, or absent for any other reason and the sitting judge has
22 requested that a Senior Municipal Court Judge serve in the sitting judge's absence.

(2) Be appointed to fill a Municipal Court Judge position that has become
23 vacant, with the appointment to be in accordance with Section 1.160 of the City Charter.

(3) Serve as a Hearing Commissioner pursuant to Section 4.040 of the City
24 Charter.
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1 (4) Be appointed to perform judicial functions and duties in a time of temporary
2 necessity as an alternative to adding a new judicial department. Any such appointment may be full time or
3 part time and may extend for a period of up to two years, or as further extended based on necessity.

4 (B) Senior Municipal Court Judges serving under this Section shall receive
5 compensation in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 12(8).

6 (C) The Municipal Court may adopt such rules or enter such orders as deemed necessary
7 or appropriate in order to implement this Section.

8 SECTION 2: If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase
9 in this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by
10 any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the
11 remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council of the City of Las Vegas hereby
12 declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase
13 thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs,
14 sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective.

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1 SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases,
2 sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983
3 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

4 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

5 APPROVED:

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7 By _____
CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

8 ATTEST:

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10 LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC
City Clerk

11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

12 Val Steed 6-1-21
13 Val Steed, Date
Deputy City Attorney

1 The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the City Council on the ____ day
2 of _____, 2021, and referred to a committee for recommendation, the committee being
3 composed of the following members _____;
4 thereafter the said committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the ____ day of
5 _____, 2021, which was a _____ meeting of said Council; that at said
6 _____ meeting, the proposed ordinance was read by title to the City Council as first
7 introduced and adopted by the following vote:

8 VOTING "AYE": _____
9 VOTING "NAY": _____
10 ABSENT: _____

11 APPROVED:

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13 By _____
CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

14 ATTEST:
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City Clerk

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