



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Bien-Willner and Town Council Members

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DATE: October 24, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager

AGENDA TITLE:

Appointment of the Presiding Judge and Associate Judges of the Municipal Court

Council Goals or Statutory Requirements:

- Town Code Chapter 12, Section 12-2-1(A) - The Town Council shall appoint the Presiding Judge for a term of two years.
- Town Code Chapter 12, Section 12-2-2 - The Town Council shall appoint Associate Judges for a term of two years.

RECOMMENDATION:

Make the following appointments to the Paradise Valley Municipal Court for the term November 1, 2019 - October 31, 2021:

J. Tyrell Taber, Presiding Judge
John L. Auran, Associate Presiding Judge
Steven A. Cohen, Associate Judge
Jack Cunningham, Associate Judge
Charlene D. Jackson, Associate Judge
Stanley J. Marks, Associate Judge
Jeffrey R. Timbanard, Jr., Associate Judge
Terry A. Gould, Associate Judge
Karen Nagle, Associate Judge (New appointment)
Linda Lory, Associate Judge (New appointment)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Paradise Valley Municipal Court has jurisdiction to hear all criminal misdemeanors, civil traffic offenses, and Town Code violations occurring within the Town limits, as well as jurisdiction over orders of protection, harassment injunctions, and the issuance of summons and arrest warrants within Town limits.

The Court is made up of the Presiding Judge and nine Associate Judges who all serve on a volunteer

basis, accepting no compensation for their service. Each judge is a member of the Arizona Bar Association and has received judicial training.

On October 10, 2019, Presiding Judge J. Tyrell Taber met with the Town Council in executive session to discuss the selection of new judges and the performance evaluations and surveys for current judges. Based on the evaluation results, Judge Taber's recommendation is to reappoint the seven current Associate Judges and appoint two new Associate Judges for two-year terms.

Biographical information of the judges is attached.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no budget impact.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Profiles of Judges recommended for reappointment