

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 003**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, TEXAS; APPOINTING CARMEN LONG TO SERVE AS THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR: COMPENSATION, DUTIES, REPEAL OF CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, A SAVINGS CLAUSE, MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Clara, Texas is a Type A general law City incorporated and functioning as such under the provisions of Chapter 11, Title 28, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 29 of the Texas Government Code provides for the creation, jurisdiction and operation of a municipal court; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the City of Santa Clara, Texas created the Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, the City of Santa Clara, Texas re-appointed Darryl Becker to serve as the Municipal Court Judge for a second two year term beginning February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 22, 2024, Darryl Becker resigned from the office of the City of Santa Clara, Texas municipal court judge and Carmen Long was appointed to serve as the Municipal Court Judge for the unexpired term ending February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, TEXAS:**

### **SECTION 1. APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE.**

Carmen Long is hereby appointed to serve as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Santa Clara, Texas.

### **SECTION 2. TERM.**

The term of this appointment shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning February 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 and ending February 7<sup>th</sup> 2027.

### **SECTION 3. COMPENSATION.**

The total compensation for the Municipal Court Judge shall hereby be as established by the City of Santa Clara's budget for the position paid in no less than monthly installments according to the City of Santa Clara's payroll procedures, and the Municipal Court Judge shall hereby be eligible to participate, depending on the qualification requirements thereof, at all times for any applicable benefits available to other staff of the City.

#### **SECTION 4. DUTIES**

The Municipal Court Judge is hereby authorized and shall perform, or delegate as permitted by law, all of the Municipal Court Judge duties as established under Ordinance 2021-001 and additionally to manage:

- a. coordinate the Municipal Court Docket with the Municipal Court Prosecutor and Municipal Court Clerk; and
- b. the budget of the Court, including preparing and submitting the proposed budget each year no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and coordinating with the Mayor through the budget approval process for the following year;
- c. all budgeted funds allocated to the Municipal Court including performing expenditures for office supplies, materials, and software for the orderly and efficient operation of the Municipal Court.

#### **SECTION 5. CONFLICT.**

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

#### **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance or the application of any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision to any person or circumstance is adjudged to be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision or applications thereof which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

#### **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

This Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended or repealed.

#### **SECTION 8. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC.**

It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

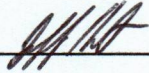
**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and approval.

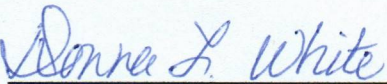
**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED ON the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.**

**Ayes 4 Nays 0 Abstain 0**



  
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**Jeff Hunt, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Donna L. White, City Secretary**