

CITY OF ESPANOLA ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ESPANOLA AMENDING SECTIONS 23-5 AND 23-6 OF THE ESPANOLA CITY CODE REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS AND SALARY OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND ACTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Espanola City Code sets forth minimum qualifications for individuals seeking election as Municipal Court Judge;

WHEREAS, the City of Espanola desires to amend the qualifications required for individuals seeking election as Municipal Court Judge to better serve the best interests of the City and its citizens;

WHEREAS, the current Espanola City Code provides that the Municipal Judge shall be paid a salary equal to a full-time state magistrate judge, as established from time to time by the State Legislature;

WHEREAS, the City of Espanola wishes to amend the current City Code and to set forth additional qualifications and make the salary of the Municipal Judge consistent with other municipalities of similar size and population to the City of Espanola, with such salary amendment to take effect after the March 2022 regular municipal election.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ESPANOLA, NEW MEXICO, that:

Section 1. The Espanola City Code, Section 23-5 is deleted in its entirety and is amended to read as follows:

Section 23-5. Qualifications.

The Municipal Judge:

- A. Must be a citizen of the United States;
- B. Shall be a resident of the State and a qualified elector therein;
- C. Shall be a resident of the City;
- D. Shall have obtained a minimum of 60 credit hours applicable toward a two-year or four-year degree at a college or university. This requirement shall take effect for candidates running in the next Municipal Judge Election that follows the March 22, 2022 Elections.

Section 2. The Espanola City Code, Section 23-6 is deleted in its entirety and amended to read as follows:

Section 23-6. Duties and Compensation.

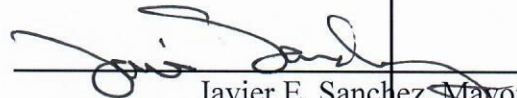
The Municipal Judge shall devote his or her full time to the duties of the office and shall not have other employment or occupation in conflict herewith. Beginning when the Municipal Judge takes office in the year 2022, the salary for Municipal Judge shall be based on the Municipal Judge's level of education, as follows:

- \$50,000: minimum of 60 credit hours applicable towards a two-year or four-year degree at a college or university
- \$60,000: Associates Degree
- \$70,000: Bachelor's Degree
- \$80,000: Graduate Degree


The Municipal Judge is entitled to vacation, sick leave, holidays, and all employee benefits granted other municipal employees.

Effective Date. The amendments set forth in this ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after the date of publication.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED the 26th day of October, 2021.



Javier E. Sanchez, Mayor



Angelica M. Serrano, City Clerk