

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS, APPOINTING J. ROXANE BLOUNT AS AN ALTERNATE JUDGE OF THE CITY OF ODESSA MUNICIPAL COURT; AUTHORIZING SUCH PERSON TO ACT IN THE ABSENCE OR DISABILITY OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE; ESTABLISHING A TERM; ESTABLISHING A SALARY; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED WAS NOTICED AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 30.00008 of the Texas Government Code and Sec. 7-1-3 of the Odessa City Code, the governing body of a municipality is authorized to appoint or reappoint alternate judge(s); and

WHEREAS, the City of Odessa has two (2) municipal courts of record known as Municipal Court No. 1 and Municipal Court No. 2; and

WHEREAS, there are currently two (2) Alternate Municipal Court Judges in order to assure the availability of an authorized person to act as judge of the City of Odessa Municipal Court at all times; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to appoint an additional Alternate Municipal Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, each alternate judge shall receive such salary as may be fixed by the city council in accordance with state law and shall perform such duties as are provided by law for a municipal judge in home rule cities; and

WHEREAS, funds have been budgeted for such purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS

Section 1. That J. Roxane Blount is hereby appointed as Alternate Judge of the City of Odessa Municipal Court for a term of two (2) years commencing June 1, 2024.

Section 2. That the Alternate Judge is authorized to act in the absence or disability of the Municipal Court Judge.

Section 3. That the Alternate Judge shall receive an hourly salary of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) with a two (2) hour minimum for her services.

Section 4. That should any section, clause or provision of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance or any other ordinance of the city as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 5. That this ordinance, since it does not impose any penalty or fine, shall go into effect following adoption on second approval as provided by City Charter Sections 61 and 65, without the need for publication.

The foregoing ordinance was first approved on the 14th day of May, A.D., 2024, by the following vote:

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| Mark Matta | AYE |
| Steven P. Thompson | AYE |
| Gilbert Vasquez | AYE |
| Greg Connell | AYE |
| Chris Hanie | AYE |
| Denise Swanner | AYE |
| Javier Joven | AYE |

The foregoing ordinance was adopted on second and final approval on the 28th day of May, A.D., 2024, by the following vote:

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| Mark Matta | AYE |
| Steven P. Thompson | AYE |
| Gilbert Vasquez | AYE |
| Greg Connell | AYE |
| Chris Hanie | AYE |
| Denise Swanner | AYE |
| Javier Joven | AYE |

Approved this the 28th day of May, A.D., 2024.

Javier Joven, Mayor

ATTEST:

Norma Aguilar, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel C. Jones, City Attorney