

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance appointing certain persons as full-time and associate (part-time) municipal judges for the remainder of the unexpired term ending May 31, 2026; establishing the annual salaries for the municipal judges; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, state law (Chapters 29 and 30, Texas Government Code) and Chapter VII of the Dallas City Charter provide that the municipal court of record be presided over by municipal court judges; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas City Charter provides that the city council shall appoint the municipal court judges and designate the administrative judge biennially in May of each even numbered year to serve a two-year term; and,

WHEREAS, as required by Section 13-5.2(d) of the Dallas City Code, on October 30, 2024, the Judicial Nominating Commission recommended to the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee two nominees for full-time and associate (part-time) municipal judge vacancies; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2024, the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee selected one nominee to be forwarded to the city council for consideration of appointment to the position of full-time municipal judge and one nominee to be forwarded to the city council for consideration of appointment to the position of associate (part-time) municipal judge; and,

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2024, the city council, at its regularly scheduled meeting, considered the full-time and associate (part-time) municipal judge nominees; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the following person is appointed as full-time municipal judge for the City of Dallas municipal court of record for the remainder of the unexpired term ending May 31, 2026:

Amar Thakrar

SECTION 2. That the following person is appointed as associate (part-time) municipal judge for the City of Dallas municipal court of record for the remainder of the unexpired term ending May 31, 2026:

Ashlei Gradney

SECTION 3. That the salary is \$144,200 per year for municipal judges and \$68.08 per hour for associate municipal judges with two or more years of judicial experience, and \$56.94 per hour for associate municipal judges with less than two years of judicial experience, in each case the salary to include such adjustments in salaries and number of paid working days and furlough days as are designated by the City of Dallas as to its salaried non-uniformed employees generally.

SECTION 4. That it is the intent of the city council that the judicial appointments set forth in this ordinance are severable, and if any appointment is declared invalid by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining judicial appointments, since the same would have been approved by the city council without the invalid appointment.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

TAMMY L. PALOMINO, City Attorney

By _____
Assistant City Attorney

Passed _____