



ORDINANCE NO. 3983

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF PRESIDING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AS A FULL-TIME CITY EMPLOYEE; APPOINTING A PRESIDING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE; SETTING COMPENSATION THROUGH THE CITY'S SALARY STRUCTURE; DEFINING DUTIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Farmers Branch operates a Municipal Court of Record pursuant to Chapter 30 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter authorizes the City Council to appoint municipal judges and to determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that restructuring the position of Presiding Municipal Court Judge as a full-time City employment position will best support the administration, accessibility, and operational needs of the Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that establishing a full-time judicial position is necessary to ensure continuous availability for judicial duties, including magistrate responsibilities, docket management, and coordination of alternate judges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appoint a qualified individual to serve as the full-time Presiding Municipal Court Judge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The position of Presiding Municipal Court Judge of the Farmers Branch Municipal Court of Record No. 1 is hereby established as a full-time, exempt City employee position, subject to applicable City personnel policies except where superseded by state law.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby appoints _____ to serve as Presiding Municipal Court Judge, effective January 20th, 2026, as a full-time City employee.

SECTION 3. The Presiding Municipal Court Judge shall perform all judicial functions authorized for municipal courts of record under state law, fulfill all magistrate responsibilities prescribed by the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, provide judicial and administrative leadership for the Municipal Court, establish standing orders and procedures consistent with law, oversee and coordinate the work of alternate and associate judges, collaborate with court staff, City departments, and external justice partners, and devote the time necessary to ensure the proper and efficient operation of the Municipal Court.

SECTION 4. The Presiding Municipal Court Judge shall be compensated at an annual salary of \$_____, payable in accordance with the City's regular payroll practices.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH,
TEXAS, ON THIS THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.**

APPROVED:

Terry Lynne, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin Flores, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Berman, City Attorney