



ORDINANCE NO. 3962

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE JUDGE FOR THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD NO. 1 FOR THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS; DETERMINING COMPENSATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Farmers Branch City Charter and Code of Ordinances require the City Council to appoint a presiding municipal court judge and may appoint such alternate judges as it deems necessary, and that all such judges shall serve for a term of two years and receive compensation that the City Council may amend from time to time; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 30 of the Texas Government Code relating to municipal courts of record provides that any judge of a municipal court of record shall be appointed by the City Council by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the qualified person named herein satisfies state law requirements for qualification of judges of municipal courts of record, and that such person should be appointed to serve as an alternate judge of the Farmers Branch Municipal Court of Record No. 1, for a term of two (2) years with an effective date of September 16, 2025.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby appoints **Donna Winfield** to serve as an alternate judge of the Farmers Branch Municipal Court of Record No. 1, for a term of two (2) years commencing September 16, 2025 and ending on September 15, 2027.

SECTION 2. The alternate municipal court judge shall be compensated on a flat, daily rate basis for services provided, which shall be in the amount of \$612.50 per day for designated court days, and \$150.00 per day for all other days. Additionally, services rendered outside the normal and customary hours, defined as the regular operating hours that the court is open for business to the public, and/or due to emergency circumstances, may be reimbursed at an additional rate of \$104.60, once per 24-hour period.

SECTION 3. The alternate judge appointed herein shall have and exercise all the powers, authority, duties, and responsibilities of a municipal judge of a court of record and a magistrate of the State of Texas and shall devote as much time as may be necessary for the proper and efficient functioning of the Court.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

**DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH,
TEXAS, ON THE 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Erin Flores, City Secretary

Terry Lynne, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicole Hamilton Corr, City Attorney
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