



CITY of POOLER
GEORGIA

STATE OF GEORGIA }
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COUNTY OF CHATHAM }

ORDINANCE O2024-12.A

Municipal Court Judge

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF POOLER CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 38: COURTS, TO PROVIDE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Pooler that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pooler, Georgia are hereby amended as follows:

I

That Chapter 38, Section 38-1 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Pooler, Georgia be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 38-1: Term of Office for Municipal Court Judge

(a) No person shall be qualified or eligible to serve as a judge of the municipal court unless he or she shall be in compliance with the requirements of state law on qualifications to serve in such office.

(b) All judges of the municipal court for the Municipal Court of Pooler shall be appointed by resolution of the city council and shall serve a minimum term of two year(s). The compensation of the judge shall be fixed by the city council by adoption of a resolution or written agreement.

The position of judge created in this article shall not be a full-time position, and the person serving in said position may engage in the private practice of law; provided, however, a judge may not appear and represent a client before the court.

(c) Before entering on duties of his or her office, the appointed judges shall take an oath before an officer duly authorized to administer oaths in this state declaring that he or she will truly, honestly, and faithfully discharge the duties of his or her office to the best of his or her ability without fear, favor, or partiality. The oath shall be entered upon the minutes of the city council.

(d) A judge of the municipal court shall serve for the designated term but may be removed from the position by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the city council or upon action taken by the State Judicial Qualifications Commission for:

- (1) Willful misconduct in office;
- (2) Willful and persistent failure to perform duties;
- (3) Habitual intemperance;
- (4) Conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice which brings the judicial office into disrepute; or
- (5) Disability seriously interfering with the performance of duties, which is, or is likely to become, of a permanent character.

II

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the ordinance are hereby repealed.

III

If any section, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

IV

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of Pooler, Georgia.

FIRST READING: 2ND day of DEC, 2024

SECOND READING: 16TH day of DEC, 2024

ADOPTED: 16TH day of DEC, 2024

CITY OF POOLER, GEORGIA



Karen L. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council

