



City of Killeen

Legislation Text

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Consider an ordinance establishing the Municipal Court as a Department of the City and establishing the supervisory authority and responsibilities of the Presiding Municipal Judge.

DATE: May 9, 2023

TO: Kent Cagle, City Manager

FROM: Holli Clements, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Establish the Municipal Court as a Department and establish the Presiding Municipal Judge as Department Head

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In 2002, the City of Killeen established the Municipal Court as a Court of Record. Since then, the City has reorganized several times and the Municipal Court of Record is currently a division of the Finance Department.

During the recent evaluation of the Municipal Judge, supervisory authority and responsibilities of the Municipal Judge were discussed. The Presiding Municipal Court Judge requests that the Municipal Court be established as a department and the Municipal Judge be established as the department head of the Municipal Court.

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The alternatives are:

1. Approve the ordinance establishing the Municipal Court as a Department of the City and establishing the Presiding Municipal Judge as Department Head;
2. Do not approve the ordinance establishing the Municipal Court as a Department of the City and establishing the Presiding Municipal Judge as Department Head.

Which alternative is recommended? Why?

Based on Council discussion, it is recommended that City Council approve the ordinance establishing the Municipal Court as a Department of the City and establishing the Presiding Municipal Judge as Department Head.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This action conforms to City policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

N/A

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

N/A

Is this expenditure budgeted?

N/A

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on Council discussion, it is recommended that City Council approve the ordinance establishing the Municipal Court as a Department of the City and establishing the Presiding Municipal Judge as Department Head.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal
City Manager

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance