

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE CONTRACT RENEWAL AND AMENDMENTS

DATE: January 5, 2022

### Background

The Municipal Court Judge contract is for one-year terms expiring on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year. The Judge provided his annual report to the Council on September 13, 2021, and Council held an Executive Session to evaluate the Judge on December 13, 2021.

Judge Fisher has provided the attached memo to the City Council requesting an increase in compensation for consideration during the contract renewal process. The last adjustment the Council approved to Judge Fisher's compensation was July 1, 2017.

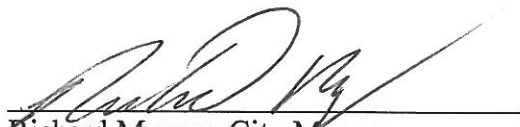
Also attached is a Municipal Court Judge Contract Renewal and Amendment that has been prepared to extend this contract to December 31, 2022 and incorporate the Judge's requested compensation adjustment for Council consideration. All amendments would be effective January 1, 2022.

### Recommendation

That: 1) the City Council consider the request from Judge Fisher; and 2) if the request is acceptable, the Council, by motion, approve the renewal and amendments to the Municipal Court Judge Contract and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract amendments.

### Cost

The annual compensation cost would be \$30,000, an increase of \$4,800 over current compensation.

  
Richard Meyers, City Manager

**COTTAGE GROVE  
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE CONTRACT  
Renewal and Amendment of the Contract between  
the City of Cottage Grove and Martin M. Fisher**

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022 by and between the City of Cottage Grove, Oregon, a Municipal Corporation, hereinafter called "City", and Martin M. Fisher, hereinafter called "Municipal Judge".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, City and Municipal Judge entered into a contract for services dated April 22, 2013 (Contract); and

WHEREAS, City and Municipal Judge renewed and amended the Contract on February 9, 2015; March 13, 2017; December 11, 2017; January 14, 2019; December 9, 2019; January 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Cottage Grove City Council to ratify prior performance under the Contract between the City and the Municipal Judge and extend its term; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amend provisions of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Judge accepts the following amendments to the Contract.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following:

1. The first sentence in Section 1 of the Contract is hereby amended to read as follows:

This Contract will commence January 1, 2022, and shall continue through December 31, 2022.

2. Section 12 of the Contract is hereby amended to read as follows:

The City agrees to pay a fee of \$2,500 per month (\$30,000 a year) for Municipal Court Services. Compensation will be paid on a date agreed on between the Municipal Judge and City Finance Director.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Cottage Grove has caused this contract amendment to be signed and executed on its behalf by its Mayor, and duly attested by its City Recorder, and the Municipal Judge has signed and executed this agreement, both in duplicate, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

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Martin M. Fisher

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Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mindy Roberts, City Recorder

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council; City Manager

FROM: Martin Fisher, Municipal Court Judge

SUBJECT: 2022 Municipal Judge Contract

DATE: December 15, 2021

I am writing to request an increase in the 2022 contract for municipal judge services to \$2,500 per month (\$30,000/year), effective January 1, 2022. For historical reference, the contract amount was \$1,950 (\$23,400/year) from April 22, 2013 through July 1, 2017, at which point it was increased to the current amount of \$2,100 (\$25,200/year).

For the sake of comparison, the most recent approved budget for Junction City, whose court handles a comparable docket size and variety, is \$34,800.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin M. Fisher', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Martin M. Fisher, Municipal Court Judge