Ordinance No. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND AMENDING OLYMPIA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.14.030.

WHEREAS, RCW 43.08.250(2) provides for contributions from the State of Washington (State) general fund to the salaries of qualifying elected municipal court judges; and

WHEREAS, under State law, full-time municipal court judge positions must be filled by election; and

WHEREAS, under State law, the salary for municipal court judges must be established by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the salary for the Olympia Municipal Court Judge was established by Ordinance No. 6146; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for the contribution to a municipal court judge's salary, RCW 2.56.030(22)(b) provides that a city must compensate its municipal court judge at a rate equivalent to at least ninety-five percent (95%) of a district court judge salary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 43.30 RCW, the salary of a district court judge is set by the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials (the Commission) for a two-year term, which is typically effective September 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, for the two-year term of 2019-2020, the Commission increased the base salary of the Judicial Branch positions to move towards "parity" with the Federal Bench; and

WHEREAS, to correct disproportionate lags in compensation in previous years, the Commission changed the effective date of the salary schedule to July 1 for the years 2019 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Commission set the salary for district court judges to $181,846 effective July 1, 2019 and $190,120 effective July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City to automatically adjust the Municipal Court Judge's Salary to reflect any future adjustments on the effective date set by the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. <u>Amendment of OMC 2.14.030</u> Olympia Municipal Code Section 2.14.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.14.030 Olympia Municipal Court Judge's salary

A.   ~~Effective January 1, 2008,~~ Tthe salary for the Olympia Municipal Court Judge position shall be set at 95% of a district court judge's annual salary.

B. ~~Commencing September 1, 2008, and thereafter on the first day of September of each successive year,~~ ~~the salary paid t~~The Olympia Municipal Court Judge's salary shall automatically be adjusted on the same date and to an amount equal to 95% of the salary of district court judges as set by the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials, which was established pursuant to the authority granted in Article 28 of the Washington State Constitution, RCW 43.03.300, RCW 43.03.305, and RCW 43.03.310.

Section 2. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected.

Section 4. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after publication, as provided by law.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED:

APPROVED:

PUBLISHED: