

TITLE 3**MUNICIPAL COURT¹****CHAPTER****1. TOWN JUDGE.****CHAPTER 1****TOWN JUDGE****SECTION****3-101. Town judge.**

3-101. Town judge. (1) There shall be appointed a judge of the municipal court heretofore referred to as the city judge or municipal judge who shall hereafter be known and referred to as the municipal judge.

(2) In event the municipal judge is unavailable, temporarily, to preside over municipal court for any reason, then the General Session Judge of Unicoi County shall sit in the municipal judge's place. If the general session judge is unavailable then an attorney, meeting the same qualifications as a general session judge shall sit temporarily.

(3) In the event there is a vacancy in office or disability of the municipal court judge the mayor or the Town of Unicoi shall designate an attorney possessing the qualifications set out below to serve as municipal court judge pending appointment of a successor municipal court judge by the board of mayor and aldermen.

(4) The qualifications to serve as municipal judge shall be as follows:

(a) The municipal judge shall be thirty (30) or more years of age.

(b) The municipal judge shall be licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee and shall have graduated from an accredited, post-graduate, three (3) year law school program.

(c) The municipal judge shall be a resident of the Town of Unicoi. In the event no person, acceptable to the board of mayor and aldermen, to serve as municipal judge, and meeting the qualifications set out above resides in the Town of Unicoi the municipal judge shall be a resident of Unicoi County.

(5) The compensation of the municipal judge shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per month or such other amount as the board of mayor and aldermen may from fiscal year to year set as the monthly compensation of the

¹Charter references

City judge--city court: § 6-4-301.

municipal judge, which fixing of compensation shall be by budget enactment and shall not require amendment of this chapter.

(6) The term of office of the municipal judge shall be from designation or appointment until a successor shall have been designated or appointed, as set forth herein, and the successor municipal judge has taken the oath of office.

(7) Municipal court costs shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation, charge and/or citation. (Ord. #2019-267, Dec. 2019, as amended by Ord. #2021-295, July 2021)