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MUNICIPAL COURT¹

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TOWN JUDGE

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3-101. Qualifications. The town judge for the Town of Thompson's Station shall be at least twenty-five (25) years of age, licensed in the State of Tennessee to practice law, and shall be a resident of Williamson County. (Ord. #07-005, June 2005, modified)

3-102. Appointments; vacancy; temporary absence. (1) The town judge shall be appointed by, and serve at the will and pleasure of, the governing body.

(2) Vacancies in the office of city judge shall be filled by the governing body.

(3) During the absence or disability of the town judge, the governing body may appoint a town judge pro tem to serve until the town judge returns to his duties. The judge pro tem shall have all the qualifications required of the town judge under this chapter, and shall have all the authorities and powers of the town judge. (Ord. #07-005, June 2005)

3-103. Court schedule; compensation. The town judge shall hold court every three (3) months and his or her compensation shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per court session. (Ord. #07-005, June 2005)

¹Charter references

City Judge--City Court: § 6-4-301.

3-104. Jurisdiction. The town judge is an appointed judge and shall have jurisdiction only over violations of municipal ordinances. (Ord. #07-005, June 2005)

CHAPTER 2**CODE ENFORCEMENT IF NO JUDGE APPOINTED****SECTION**

3-201. Enforcement by Williamson County Sheriff.

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3-201. Enforcement by Williamson County Sheriff. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 8-8-201(34) the Williamson County Sheriff's Department has the authority to enforce the ordinances of the town, provided the town has adopted an ordinance expressing its intent to have the sheriff enforce its ordinances. A certified copy of all ordinances of a penal nature shall be provided to the Williamson County Sheriff's Department and the General Sessions Court Clerk. (Ord. #08-004, April 2008)

3-202. Prosecution in General Sessions Court for Williamson County. Any ordinance violations may be prosecuted in the General Sessions Court for Williamson County pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 16-15-501, until such time as the town appoints a town judge. (Ord. #08-004, April 2008)

CHAPTER 3

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

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3-301. Creation of administrative hearing officer; number.

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3-301. Creation of administrative hearing officer; number.

(1) Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-1001 et seq., there is created the office of administrative hearing officer to hear building and property maintenance violations.

(2) The administrative hearing officer of the town shall be appointed for a four (4) year term but shall serve at the pleasure of the board of mayor and aldermen. Administrative hearing officers shall be qualified according to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-1006 and receive training required by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-1007. In addition, the town may also contract with the State Administrative Procedures Division to employ an administrative law judge on a temporary basis to serve as administrative hearing officer. (as added by Ord. #11-010, Jan. 2012)

3-302. Jurisdiction. The administrative hearing officer shall have the authority to hear cases involving violations of all municipal ordinances regulating building and property maintenance, including the International Residential Code of 2003 and the International Building Code of 2003 now or hereafter adopted by board of mayor and aldermen. In addition, the violation of any building and property maintenance ordinances, or other ordinances regulating any subject matter commonly found in the above mentioned codes, including such ordinances adopted by the town after the effective date of this chapter, may also be heard by the hearing officer. (as added by Ord. #11-010, Jan. 2012)

3-303. Citations; procedures. Upon the issuance of a citation for violation of a municipal ordinance referenced herein, the issuing officer and administrative hearing officer shall follow the procedures and notice requirements set forth Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-1001 et seq. as maybe amended. A copy of the statute is of record in the office of the city recorder. (as added by Ord. #11-010, Jan. 2012)