

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS APPOINTING THE JUDGE AND ASSOCIATE JUDGES OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD IN THE CITY OF SAGINAW; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Saginaw, Texas, is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to article XI, section 5 of the Texas Constitution and chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has created a municipal court of record pursuant to Chapter 30 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 30 of the Texas Government Code relating to municipal courts of record provides that the judge of the municipal court of record shall be appointed by the City Council by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the workload of the Saginaw Municipal Court is not large enough to support a full time Municipal Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, it is of great benefit to the City of Saginaw to have an experienced municipal court judge sit on the bench of the municipal court of the City of Saginaw; and

WHEREAS, Section 574.001, Texas Government Code requires that a finding be made to the effect that a person who serves as an officer in more than one appointed position obtain a finding from the governing body that such officer has satisfied Article XVI, Section 40, of the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, there is no conflict between the office of municipal judge of the City of Saginaw and the office of municipal court judge in any other municipality in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appoint Lorraine Irby as municipal judge and Wendy Cooper, Stewart Bass, and Bonnie Wolf as associate judges for the Municipal Court of Record in the City of Saginaw.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

It is hereby found that the office of municipal court judge of the City of Saginaw is of benefit to the State of Texas and to the City of Saginaw and that there is no conflict between the office of municipal judge of Saginaw and the office of municipal judge in any other city.

SECTION 2.

Lorraine Irby is hereby appointed as the Municipal Judge of the municipal court of record in the City of Saginaw, Texas for a one year term beginning February 1, 2026. At the expiration of said term, in accordance with Article 16, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution, Judge Irby shall continue to serve until her successor shall be duly qualified.

SECTION 3.

Wendy Cooper, Stewart Bass, and Bonnie Wolf are hereby appointed as the associate judges to serve when the Municipal Judge is temporarily absent or unable to serve.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Saginaw, Texas, as amended, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

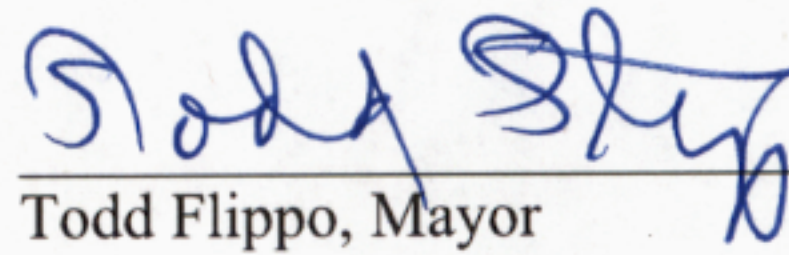
SECTION 5.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 6.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 20th day of January 2026 at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Saginaw, Texas.



Todd Flippo, Mayor

ATTEST:



Vicky Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Bryn Meredith, City Attorney

