

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS RE-APPOINTMENT OF BLAS COY, JR. AS PRESIDING MUNICIPAL JUDGE AND APPROVING A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SERVICES, ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A.; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; REPEALING CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 30.00006 of the Texas Government Code provides that the term of office for municipal judges “must be for a definite term of two or four years.”

WHEREAS, Section 5.02 of the City of Bastrop Home Rule Charter states that the Judge of the Municipal Court “shall be nominated by the Mayor and appointed by the Council”; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.01.003(a) of the Bastrop City Code provides that the presiding municipal judge “shall be appointed by the City Council for a term of two (2) years and shall be entitled to a salary set by the City Council.”

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge of the Municipal Courts term expires on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop needs a Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, Blas Coy, Jr., has served as Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court for the last two years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has the power to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Bastrop and for the orderly operation of the City of Bastrop Municipal Court to re-appoint Blas Coy, Jr. as Presiding Judge of the Bastrop Municipal Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS:

Section 1. The City hereby re-appoints, under the authority of Section 5.02 of the City of Bastrop Home Rule Charter and Section 7.01.003 of the Bastrop City Code, Blas Coy, Jr., to the position of Municipal Court Presiding Judge for a term of two (2) years.

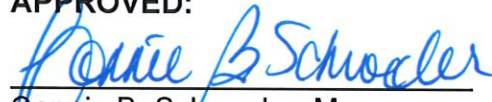
Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract for Presiding Municipal Judge Services between the City of Bastrop, Texas and Blas Coy, Jr., attached as Exhibit A, as well as all other necessary documents related to this contract.

Section 3. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is so resolved


DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas this 9th day of March 2021.

APPROVED:



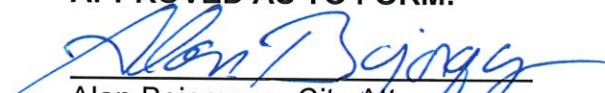
Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BASTROP

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BASTROP
AND
BLAS J. COY, JR.

This agreement is effective the 9th day of March 2021, between the City of Bastrop, acting through its duly elected City Council of the City of Bastrop and Blas J. Coy, Jr. as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the City Council through **The City Charter** and the laws of the State of Texas, the City Council of the City of Bastrop has appointed Blas J. Coy, Jr. as Presiding Municipal Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into a written agreement setting forth all terms, conditions, and obligations of the parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises, the parties agree as follows:

I. TERM

- 1.1 The term of this Agreement shall be for two years to run for the portion of such unexpired term as may remain at the time of the appointment, unless sooner terminated as provided by the terms of this Agreement.

2. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- 2.1 The purpose of this Agreement is to engage Blas J. Coy, Jr. for the express purpose of serving the City of Bastrop, Texas, as the City's Presiding Municipal Court Judge.
- 2.2 Blas J. Coy, Jr. shall perform all duties of the Municipal Court Judge of the City of Bastrop, Texas, as set forth in the current or revised **Charter of the City of Bastrop** as required by **The Code of the City of Bastrop, as amended**, by applicable State law, as it now exists or may be amended in the future, and the **Texas Code of Judicial Conduct**.
- 2.3 These duties include but are not limited to:
- Preside over Municipal Court for all criminal class C Misdemeanors, criminal jury and nonjury trials, pre-trial conferences, juvenile warnings and other cases appropriately tried in Municipal Court
 - Preside over civil truant conduct hearings/trials.

- Maintain a central docket of all cases filed in the City of Bastrop.
- Establish and maintain Court Security panel.
- Review and/or deny requests for continuances.
- Determine innocence or culpability (when hearing cases without a jury) and levies fine commensurate with the violation in such manner to preserve equity and uniformity in the application of existing laws and ordinances.
- Supervise the administration of juror notification and direct jurors in trial cases on their role in the interpretation and application of law.
- Be available, or have adequate associate judge expertise available, on a 24/7 basis, to review and/or sign complaints, summons, subpoenas, affidavits for search and arrest warrants, appeal bonds, etc.
- Support court activities with Municipal Court Clerk and City Prosecutor and other city departments.
- Review legislation and current case law affecting offenses and the criminal justice system and implement procedures to ensure compliance. Perform legal research as needed and determine fine amounts.
- Conduct hearings (including property, emergency protective order, code enforcement, dangerous dog, etc.).
- Daily jail magistrations – rights warnings, set bonds
- Juvenile hearings.
- Indigent hearings.
- Approve/Deny Personal Recognizance (PR) Bond requests.
- Issue warrants (search, arrest, mental health), summons, magistrate warnings, etc.
- Primarily responsible for the review and signing of all paperwork prepared by court clerks.

- 2.4 The City of Bastrop's regular Municipal Court shall be held at Bastrop Municipal Court located at 104 Grady Tuck Lane, Bastrop, Texas 78602. However, the City of Bastrop reserves the right to designate days of the week, hours, and alternate locations where the Municipal Court may be held in the event that facility should not be available.
- 2.5 The City Council shall have the power to create and establish additional Municipal Courts, with the same or separate jurisdictions, and to appoint an additional Magistrate for each Court so established.
- 2.6 Blas J. Coy, Jr. agrees to provide prompt, courteous, efficient, and professional services in the performance of his duties.
- 2.7 Blas J. Coy, Jr. shall deal with the administrative services of Municipal Court solely through the Municipal Court Clerk or the City Manager.
- 2.8 In the event Blas J. Coy, Jr. is unable to act for any reason, the Council may appoint an Alternate Municipal Court Judge to act in the Judge's place.

2.9 Blas J. Coy, Jr. shall meet with the City Attorney, City Manager, Director of Planning and Community Development, City Prosecutor, and the Chief of Police, or such officials' respective designees, on request, to discuss procedures within the Municipal Court.

3. SALARY AND BENEFITS

3.1 Blas J. Coy, Jr. shall be deemed an independent contractor of the City.

3.2 The City agrees to pay Blas J. Coy, Jr. annually at ~~\$53,000~~ ^{\$53,004}, paid monthly in the amount of \$4,417 for all the duties sited in section 2.3, which equate to approximately 1,000 hours annually. *BC EA*

3.3 Blas J. Coy, Jr. shall pay all applicable local, state, federal taxes, including income tax, withholding tax, social security tax, and pension contributions, if any.

3.4 The City agrees to pay Blas J. Coy, Jr. travel and expenses to attend the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center ("TMCEC") judges training, up to a maximum of three (3) days annually. Blas J. Coy, Jr. is required to attend the TMCEC judges training each year during the term of this contract.

4. TERMINATION

4.1 Blas J. Coy, Jr. may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without notice.

4.2 Blas J. Coy, Jr. shall waive all claims for compensation if not claimed within thirty (30) days for the date of the termination of this Agreement.

5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

5.1 If any provision of this Agreement shall, for any reason, be held to violate of any applicable law, the invalidity of such a specific provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed to invalidate any other provisions of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect unless removal of the invalid provisions destroy the legitimate purposes of this Agreement, in which event the parties shall deem this Agreement canceled.

5.2 The paragraph headings used in this Agreement are descriptive only and shall have no legal force or effect.

- 5.3 This Agreement represents the entire agreement by and between the parties, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, and it may not be changed except by written amendment duly executed by all parties.
- 5.4 This Agreement shall be subject to and governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Any and all obligations or payments are due and payable in the City of Bastrop, Bastrop County, Texas.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City of Bastrop, by and through the Mayor, has caused this Agreement to be executed and that upon execution thereof, it shall be deemed the act and deed of the City of Bastrop.

[SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON PAGE 4]

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS

BY: 
Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager

BY: 
Blas J. Coy, Jr., Presiding Municipal Court Judge

ATTEST: 
Ann Franklin, City Secretary