

# Council Business Meeting

August 6, 2019

<b>Agenda Item</b>	Appointment of James Wickre and Laurence Parker as Ashland Municipal Court Judge Pro tempore	
<b>From</b>	John Stromberg	Mayor
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## **SUMMARY**

The Council is being asked to confirm the appointment of James Wickre and Laurence Parker as Ashland Municipal Court Judge Pro tempore. This position will serve as Municipal Judge in the absence of the elected Municipal Judge. These appointments were recommended by the elected Municipal Court Judge as Barbara Jarvis, one of the current Judge Pro tempore, is retiring. Previously appointed Judge Pro tempore, Damian Idiart will continue to serve. These three appointed Judge Pro tempore will guarantee availability when a Judge Pro tempore is needed.

## **POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED**

Maintain Essential Services: Public Safety

## **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

None

## **BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

According to Ashland Municipal Code (AMC) Section 2.28.200 Municipal Judge – Pro tempore, “the Mayor, with confirmation by the City Council, shall appoint a Municipal Judge Pro tempore, who shall serve as Municipal Judge in the absence from the City of the elected Municipal Judge, or due to the inability of said elected Judge to serve”. The elected Municipal Judge has the right to submit recommendations for the appointment to the Mayor.

## **FISCAL IMPACTS**

The Municipal Judge Pro tempore will be employed at the expense of the City as decided by the Council or City Administrator. This expense is accounted for in the Municipal Court’s budget.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend approval of appointments for Judge Pro tempore.

## **ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

I move to approve the appointment of James Wickre and Laurence Parker as Ashland Municipal Court Judge Pro tempore.

## **REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Recommendation Letter from Ashland Municipal Court Judge Pamela Turner

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July 15, 2019

Dear Mayor Stromberg,

Pursuant to Ashland City Charter section 2.28.200, I would like to recommend that attorneys James Wickre and Laurence Parker each be appointed Ashland Municipal Court Judge Pro tempore.

Mr. Wickre served as the Talent/Phoenix Municipal Court Judge for many years, and currently serves as a Pro tempore Judge in the Medford Municipal Court.

Mr. Parker is a longstanding member of the Rogue Valley legal community who is experienced in courtroom work and criminal law including serving as Ashland Municipal Court's court appointed attorney in the past.

Barbara Jarvis will be retiring by the end of the year. Damian Idiart will continue to serve.

All three of these highly qualified attorneys have law practices in Medford. Having three people willing to serve ensures availability when a Judge Pro tempore is needed.

Very Truly Yours,



Pamela B Turner  
Ashland Municipal Court Judge

**Section 2.28.200      Municipal Judge--Pro tempore.**

The Mayor, with confirmation by the City Council, shall appoint a Municipal Judge Pro tempore, who shall serve as Municipal Judge in the absence from the City of the elected Municipal Judge, or due to the inability of said elected Judge to serve. The Municipal Judge shall have a right to submit recommendations as to the appointment or dismissal of the Municipal Judge Pro tempore, however, this shall not limit the Mayor's power to appoint or dismiss. The Municipal Judge Pro tempore shall be employed at the expense of the City upon such terms as are prescribed by the Council or City Administrator. (Ord. 1399 S19, 1965; Ord. 2266 S5, 1983; Ord. 2268, 1983)