

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Texas Government Code section 29.007 authorizes a home-rule municipality, by charter or ordinance, to divide its Municipal Court into divisions, one of which is presided over by the presiding judge, and the divisions by associate judges with the same powers of the presiding judge; and

**WHEREAS**, City Code Section 2.44.010(B) authorizes the City Council to establish, by resolution, a temporary division of the presiding judges to provide efficient adjudication of a large number of pending cases caused by unforeseen circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a significantly large number of pending cases caused by closures, and safe distancing requirements at the Municipal Courts due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a temporary division of the current presiding Judge's designated court, Municipal Court Number Five for one year, will allow for a more expeditious adjudication of these pending cases and disposition of the business of the Courts.

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That the City Council hereby authorizes a temporary municipal court, to be known as Court 5T, in accordance with City Code 2.44.010(B) for one year, beginning on October 1, 2022 and ending on September 30, 2023 in order to assist with a large number of pending cases caused by the closures, and safe distancing requirements in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Court 5 T shall operate as directed by the Presiding Municipal Judge, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 30.00128(f). This division of the Court may be in concurrent and continuous session, either day or night or full time or part time, at the discretion of the Presiding Judge.

The Presiding Judge shall assign the various Substitute Associate Municipal Court Judges to Court 5 T in accordance with applicable law.

*(signatures appear on the following page)*

**ADOPTED** this 16 day of August, 2022.

**CITY OF EL PASO**

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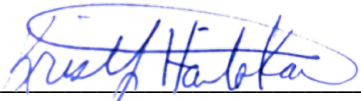
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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk


**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Senior Assistant City Attorney

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