

CITY OF VINELAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2013- 43

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2001-34, CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, CREATING TWO POSITIONS OF PART TIME MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND MUNICIPAL COURT.

WHEREAS, presently the Municipal Court of the City of Vineland is presided over by one Judge who serves in a prime time capacity limiting said Judge in his ability to practice law; and

WHEREAS, it appears that having two part time Judges serve in lieu of one prime time Judge will be a cost savings to the City, provide an efficient method to dispense justice and allow a larger pool of qualified individuals from which to choose to serve the Vineland Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined to be in the best interest of the City of Vineland to appoint two part time Judges, one which shall be the Chief Judge; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Georgia Curio, Assignment Judge for the vicinage in which Vineland is located, has approved the creation of two judges to serve the Vineland Municipal Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that Ordinance No. 2001-34, Chapter 24 of the Code of the City of Vineland be amended as follows:

§24-2 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

§24-2. The Vineland Municipal Court shall be presided over by two Judges one of which shall be designated as the Chief Judge Municipal Court of Vineland. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 2B:12-4, the two Judges shall be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the Council and each shall serve for a term of three (3) years from the date of appointment and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The Chief Judge shall be designated by the mayor with the advice and consent of the Council.

§24-3 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

§24-3. Qualifications of Chief Judge and Judge. (together referred to as "judges")

The qualifications of the individuals considered for the position of Judge and Chief Judge of the Municipal Court of Vineland shall be as provided for in N.J.S.A. 2B:12-7. The Chief Judge shall be based upon the extent of his/her experience as a Jurist and attorney in the State of New Jersey as well as the extent of the qualifications set forth in the aforementioned Statute.

§24-4 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

§24-4. Salary of Judge; Part Time Position.

A. The Judges of the Municipal Court shall receive such salary as may be fixed by the Council in the compensation schedules heretofore adopted or hereafter to be adopted Schedule of Classified/Unclassified Positions and Applicable Salary Ranges in the Civil Service of the City of Vineland. The Municipal Court Judge and Chief Judge of the Vineland Municipal Court shall be part-time. The Vineland Municipal Court Judge and Chief Judge shall be available to perform their duties and shall sit on such days and evenings and for such period as the disposition of matters before them shall require in accordance with the rules, regulations and directives of the New Jersey Supreme Court, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Assignment Judge of Cumberland County. The

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Vineland Municipal Court Judge and Chief Judge may engage in private practice or serve in other legal capacities which shall not interfere or supersede their duties as Judge and Chief Judge of the Vineland Municipal Court.

§24-5 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

§24-5. Powers and Duties.

- A. The Municipal Court Judge and Chief Judge of the Vineland Municipal Court shall possess and exercise all of the functions, powers, duties and jurisdiction conferred by New Jersey Law.
- B. The Chief Judge of the Vineland Municipal Court shall be responsible to designate the time and place of Court and assign cases among Judges of the Vineland Municipal Court pursuant to the Rules of Court. The Chief Judge shall have the authority to designate Acting Court Administrator or Deputy Administrator to serve temporarily in the event of the absence of the Administrator or Deputy Administrator who shall be paid at a rate established by the Chief Judge but not exceeding that which has been established for the Administrator or Deputy Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any and all portions of Ordinance No. 2001-34, Chapter 24 of the Code of the City of Vineland not so amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Passed first reading:

Passed final reading:

President of Council

Approved by the Mayor:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk